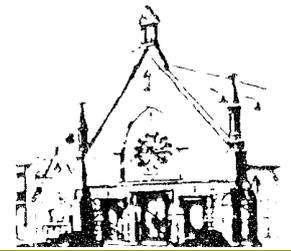




ST. BEDE'S AND ST. JAMES'



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time C Sunday 30th October 2016

St James' Church,

2 Woolley Street,
Glebe

Weekday Masses

Wednesday &
Friday: 9am
Sat: 8.30am

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6pm
5pm (Standard Time)
Sunday: 9.30am
(Tongan Choir: 4th Sunday)

Confession (Reconciliation)

Saturday at 5pm (St. James)

St Bede's Church

43 Pymont Street,
Pymont

Sunday Mass Times

8am and 11am



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Become Yourself in Christ

On the feast of all saints, we celebrate the great multitude of holy men and women, those whom the Church has recognised and the vastly greater number whose names we do not know. The number of canonised saints seems to be increasing dramatically. Isn't this all a bit exaggerated? Isn't sanctity becoming a bit too thinly spread? As in Gilbert and Sullivan's *Gondoliers*: "when everyone is somebody, then no-one's anybody".

No, because sanctity is not a common feature that is shared by lots of people, like being right handed or ginger haired. In the third Eucharistic Prayer we say, 'You give life to all things and make them holy.' Holiness is being fully alive, as God created each thing uniquely to be. There are as many ways of being a saint as there are human beings.

This can sound like the common mantra of today: Just be yourself. Even the Girl Guides have changed their promise. They now promise 'to be true to myself.' Embrace the inner slob! But here we come across a paradox which is central to the Christian understanding of holiness. We can only really be ourselves, most authentically who we uniquely are, by conforming to Christ. St Paul said 'it is no longer I who live but it is Christ who lives in me.' (Galatians 2.20). This does not mean that St Paul's individuality has been extinguished but that in Christ it comes to complete fruition.

Thomas Merton said to his novices at Gethsemane Abbey: 'What you came here for is to become yourself, to discover your complete identity, to be you. But the catch is that of course our full identity as monks and Christians is Christ. It is Christ in each of us... I've got to become me in such a way that I am the Christ that can only be the Christ in me. There is a Louis Christ [Louis was his name as a monk] that must be brought into existence and hasn't matured yet. It has a long way to go.' We need

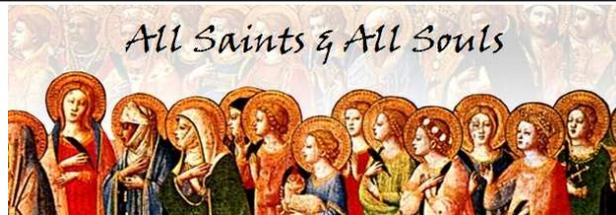
the courage to let go of what might look as if it makes our special – a superiority based on our looks, or intelligence, or amazing skill in Scrabble or whatever – to attain that unique identity in Christ, which is beyond all rivalry and competition.

This is wonderful news for a society in which many people have insecure identities, and for whom celebrities seem to be the only real people. We see them on the TV and so they must be real! If only we could wear what they wear, eat the same food and have the same hair, then we would be real too, perhaps. But these pseudo-identities of the market place, off the peg self images, are illusory.

The film *Of gods and men* tells the story of a small community of Trappist monks living in Algeria in the 1990s. Slowly they find themselves caught up in the rising tide of violence, caught between the Islamacist terrorists and the military. They struggle, together and individually, to discern whether they should stay with the villagers or find safety back home in France. Finally, their separate mental journeys converge in a common decision to stay and share the lot of their Muslim neighbours. When the Prior describes this process shortly before they are murdered, he sees it as a journey towards sanctity, each monk becoming the person he was created to be. He says: 'I think that each of us discovered that to which Jesus Christ beckons us. It's to be born. Our identities as men go from one birth to another. And from each birth to birth we'll end up bringing to the world the child of God that we are. The Incarnation, for us, is to allow the filial reality of Jesus to embody itself in our humanity. The mystery of the Incarnation remains what we are going to live.'

We celebrate the vast throng of saints today, each utterly different; each themselves by being one in Christ.

Timothy Radcliffe OP



All Saints Day Masses:

St. James'—9am
St. Bede's—7pm

All Souls Day Masses:

St. James' - 9am
St. Bede's—7pm

November Masses: Please find envelopes for November Masses for the deceased in the narthex (entrance foyer) of both Churches

NOTICES

ST BEDE PYRMONT SESQUICENTENARY (150 YEARS)

The St Bede sesquicentenary committee are planning celebrations for 2017. The dates are to be confirmed but celebrations will include Fr Colin Fowler's book launch on the history of St Bedes Pyrmont, a parish picnic, concert, luncheon and a blessing of the church. If you have any photos (historical or current) or newspaper clippings that you would like to share, please email them to Brooke at the parish office on info@stjames-stbede.org.au or drop them into the office.

WALKING THE CAMINO in FRANCE & SPAIN.

Waverley Saturday 5th November. Mary Immaculate Parish Hall, 45a Victoria Street. Attend one or both audio-visual presentations by Peter Kearney, who has walked these ancient pilgrimage routes to Santiago. Live commentary by Peter. Photographs and music from a large screen television. 1. Camino in France 11.00am &/Or 2. Camino in Spain 2.00pm. \$10 at door. **Advance registration essential.** Email Peter: camino@peterkearneysongs.com.au or SMS 0425 328 185. Please specify 'France' or 'Spain' or 'Both'. Also, state 'Waverley' & number of seats needed.

WELCOMING

The Parish Pastoral Council is currently looking to arrange a team of welcomers and would like to hear from you if you wish to be involved. Let us know through Brooke in the Parish Office.

ONE MONTH LEFT OF THE YEAR OF MERCY. Pilgrimage Of Mercy – St Mary's Cathedral Holy Door.

"The practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life". Pope Francis. Throughout this Year of Mercy, you are invited to come to St Mary's Cathedral and make a Pilgrimage of Mercy. Walk through the Holy Door and make a pilgrimage along the Way of Mercy - six different Mercy Stations throughout the Cathedral where you can stop, reflect and pray. For more information see www.sydneycatholic.org/yearofmercy.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL.

The parish will be holding the appeal next weekend – it will be the final for this year, and we ask you to kindly consider giving a donation. Funds raised will be used to support the Sydney Archdiocese' social, training and advocacy programs. Thank you.

A PUBLIC FORUM WITH FR SEAN MCDONAGH. Bringing Laudato Si' to Life.

Come along to this event with Irish Columban missionary priest, Fr Sean McDonagh and a panel of expert respondents. Fr McDonagh was one of the consultants in drafting Pope Francis' recent encyclical, Laudato Si' and is well-placed to navigate this very interesting topic. It promises to be an insightful and entertaining evening. Light Supper Provided. Thursday, **10 November 2016.** 6.00pm (for a 6.30pm start)-8.30pm Gleeson Auditorium, Australian Catholic University, 25 Barker Rd, Strathfield NSW 2135. Please RSVP to Columban Mission Institute, Phone: (02) **9352 8000** or email: cmi@columban.org.au

ADVENT WOMEN'S RETREAT AT NOTRE DAME SYDNEY.

On Tuesday, **29 November** from 9.00am-4.30pm, all women are invited to spend a day listening to inspiring talks centred around the theme of "Christ the Healer." There will be Mass and opportunities for Confession. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided. The retreat is taking place at the Broadway Campus of the University of Notre Dame Australia. It is free, but **registration is essential: 02 8204 4189** or online: www.trybooking.com/NMHG.

FATHERS ON TAP.

Come and meet like-minded Catholic men! All welcome. Wednesday, **30 November**, 5.30pm Mass, 6pm Dinner, 7pm Talk. Fr. Daniel McCaughan speaks on: **Fathers fostering their child's vocation**; their special and unique role. Held at The Two Wolves Cantina, 202 Broadway, Chippendale. **RSVP to David 0437 679 865.**

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH DACEYVILLE (KINGSFORD)

Has a 1-bedroom unit available in their Self-Care Retirement Village. For terms and conditions, please contact **Joe De Andrade** on **0438 696 396** or the **Parish Office** on **02 9349 1292.**

PALMS AUSTRALIA—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For 55 years the Catholic mission service, Palms Australia, has been preparing, sending and supporting those who answer the call to mission in overseas dioceses, schools, clinics and other vital community organisations. Since the beginning this international mission has relied on the vital contribution of volunteers in the Palms Office. Palms is now looking two part-time office volunteers in their **Petersham** office: one with good organisational and administrative skills and another with advanced written and oral English. An ability to use Microsoft Office programs and a professional phone etiquette would also be helpful! If you want to find out more, please contact Roger on 02 9560 5333 or email Joey at joey@palms.org.au

SYDNEY MALE CHOIR COMES TO ROCKDALE -A Date for your Diaries.

On Sunday, **06 November 2016** at 2pm, the fabulous Sydney Male Choir will be coming to St Joseph's Church, Walz Street, Rockdale to present a wonderful afternoon of song. All proceeds from the concert will go towards the refurbishment of the Arncliffe Church bell and the purchase of new bells for Bexley and Rockdale Churches to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the establishment in 1892 of St Joseph's Church and School in Rockdale. Tickets available at the door or by calling 0432 390 217. **Cost:** Adult - \$25 Pensioner/Concession - \$20 Primary School-aged Children - FREE.

ST VINCENT'S WESTMEAD OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION REUNION.

Members of the St. Vincent's Westmead Old Boys Association are invited to the Annual Mass and Reunion on Sunday, **27 November 2016** at 11.00am. **Venue:** Sacred Heart Church, 14 Ralph Street Westmead. BBQ lunch @ 12.00pm. Please contact **Christine McGee – 0400 881 779** for enquiries.

Readers for next Sunday, 6th November 2016

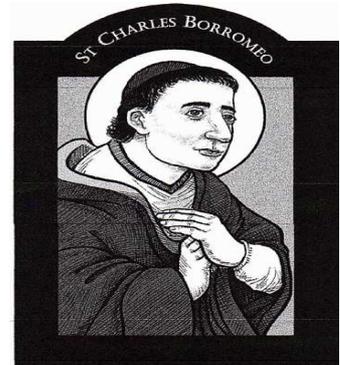
	St. James'	St. Bede's	St. James'	St. Bede's
	6pm	8am	9:30am	11am
First Reader	Moria Kelly	John O'Meally	Margaret Cody	Sr Mary Leahy
Second Reader	Rosemary Chamagne	Robert Gavagna	Sr Bernice McDonnell	Ann-Marie Swann

Please pray for the sick:

June Ebert, Debbie Julius, Hazel Spratt, Archbishop Anthony, Fran Campisi, Irene Malin, Meryl Tapsell, Fr. Michael Walsh, Allan Hoad, Aziz Latif, Bp Geoffrey Robinson, Kate Mara, Leslee Hoad-Mara, Lee Tillam, Noreen Hayes, , Kay White, family members, parishioners, friends.

Please pray for the deceased:

Martin Keane, Barry Lynam, Aida Cabal San Buenaventura, Noelene Reddie, Barry Sonter, Fr. Frank Furfaro, Mary Loh, Hazel O'Connor, Ken Owens, Pam Mara, Geof Gale, Bill Donnelly, Peter Walsh, Terrie McCabe, Adife Cetin, Graeme Blackburn, Sam Tinman, Georgia Hoad, Maria Lo, Rosie White, Petra Seranilla, Benedicto Zamora, Dr Lucy Landia, Eric Russell-Smith, Betty Rowswell, Laurie Zammit, Tom Gibbons, Mick Kennedy, Allan White, Phil Garde, Sean & Pat Flanagan, Frank & Melina Galluzo, O'Connor family members & all the faithful departed Parishioners.

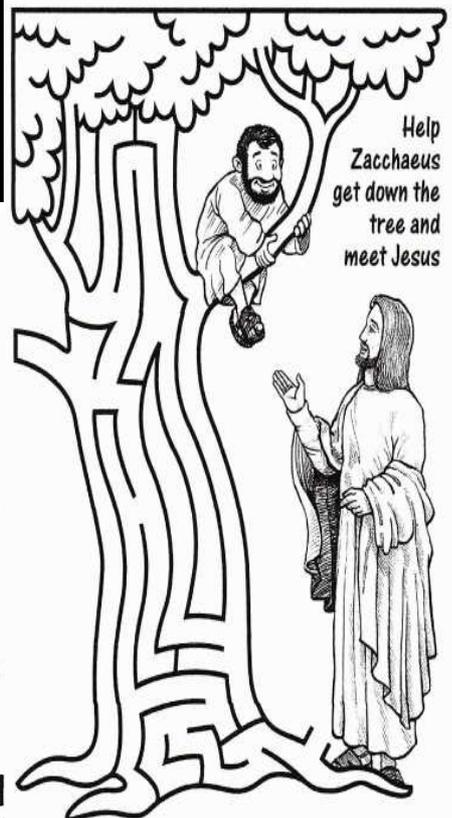


St Charles Borromeo was born in 1538 to a wealthy Italian family and was the nephew of Pope Pius IV. At the age of twenty two, he was summoned to Rome and made cardinal and administrator of the Papal states and the archdiocese of Milan. Despite his personal wealth, St Charles lived a simple, ascetic life and was a strong supporter of church reform. In 1564 he was ordained a priest and consecrated as bishop. He founded seminaries and instituted the teaching of doctrine to children in Sunday schools. Never one to ask of another something he was not prepared to do himself, St Charles worked tirelessly to help those in need.

The practice of praying for the dead is rooted first in Christian belief in the everlasting life promised in Jesus' teachings and foreshadowed by his disciple's experience that God had raised him from the dead. After death, even though separated from our earthly body, we yet continue a personal existence. It is as living persons that God invites us into a relationship whose life transcends death.

Praying for the dead has further origins in our belief in the communion of saints. Members of this community who are living often assist each other in faith by prayers and other forms of spiritual support. Christians who have died continue to be members of the communion of saints. We believe that we can assist them by our prayers, and they can assist us by theirs.

Our prayers for the dead begin at the moment of death. Often family members will gather in prayer around the bedside of the person who has died. The Order of Christian Funerals includes a Vigil Service for the deceased, which can be held in the home, in the church, or in a funeral home chapel, the funeral Mass and the Rite of Committal (which generally takes place at the burial site). The prayers express hope that God will free the person who has died from any burden of sin and prepare a place for him or her in heaven. Death remains a mystery for us—a great unknown. Yet Christian language evokes a hopeful imagination in the presence of death, an assurance that our love, linked to Christ's love, can help bridge whatever barriers might keep those whom we love from fully enjoying the presence of a loving and life-giving God.



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FINISH

Complete the Text Maze:

"The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost."

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God,
by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service,
grant, we pray,
that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

Wisdom 11:22 – 12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.
Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things
and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.
Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence,
for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.
And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist,
how be conserved if not called forth by you?
You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life,
you whose imperishable spirit is in all.
Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend,
you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned,
so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise your name for ever, my king
and my God.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 1:11 – 2:2

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him:
'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven & earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May these sacrificial offerings,
O Lord,
become for you a pure oblation,
and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
O Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of your power, O Lord,
increase in us, we pray,
so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments,
we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they promise.
Through Christ our Lord.