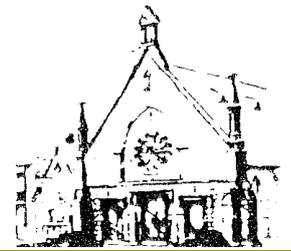




ST. BEDE'S AND ST. JAMES'



First Sunday of Advent A Sunday 27th November 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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Preparing for the Arrival of the Lord

Among some evangelical protestant groups the concept of the "Rapture" is often referred to. The idea is that at some point of time some people, the elect, will be carried off to heaven while others remain for a period of tribulation before the final part of the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time. The idea has gained a lot of currency, even among younger Catholics, as orthodox Christian belief.

Of course strange ideas about the end of time are nothing new. They are generally referred to as "millenarianism". This refers to the idea that Jesus will establish a throne on earth for 1000 years, which is the Hebrew way of indicating an indefinite long period.

We believe that Jesus already reigns in eternity and that in this world his reign, established as a seed, is found already in the Church. In this sense the long period between Christ's ascension and his eventual Second Coming is the age of the Church.

The notion that Jesus will come, reign and then depart, so that the devil can trick the world again, is incompatible with the incomprehensible dignity of the Lord and his love for his people. Jesus' Coming at the end of time will be definitive, triumphant and ever-lasting, not temporal and limited.

The Catechism (673-677) provides us with a general order of events at the end.

1. the full number of the Gentiles come into the Church
2. The "full inclusion of the Jews in the Messiah's salvation, in the wake of the full number of the Gentiles.
3. A final trial of the Church "in the form of a religious deception offering people an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth." The supreme deception is that of the Antichrist.
4. Christ's victory over this final unleashing of evil through a cosmic

upheaval of this passing world and the Last Judgement.

Of course we don't relish thinking about these matters concerned with the end times. Yet we can't avoid them. On the one hand we need not live in absolute fear and dread of it, but on the other hand we should not ignore these realities.

Our beliefs are about living a life of faith in the joy and love of the Lord. Preparing for his return is best done in this way. Paul reminds the Romans in the second reading that we should live as though we live in the light and not under the cover of darkness. This is life lived in the love and truth of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

When people are travelling we nearly always ask where there destination is. The destination is important because it shapes the journey. Our destination is with Lord in glory and our journey is the pilgrim way of Christian life in the here and now. No doubt there are hardships on this way. This is the reality of the way of following a crucified saviour.

The pilgrims to Santiago de Compostela in the 12th century prayed this prayer for their journey. It is useful for us as we make our pilgrim way as we journey to our Lord who will come in glory:

God, You called your servant Abraham from Ur in Chaldea, watching over him in all his wanderings, and guided the Hebrew people as they crossed the desert. Guard these your children who, for love of your Name, make a pilgrimage. Be their companion on the way, their guide at the crossroads, their strength in weariness, their defence in dangers, their shelter on the path, their shade in the heat, their light in darkness, their comfort in discouragement, and the firmness of their intentions, that through your guidance they may arrive safely at the end of their journey and, enriched with grace and virtue, may return to their homes filled with salutary and lasting joy.

Fr. Anthony

Parish 2020: Next Sunday there will be a short presentation video by Archbishop Anthony concerning the restructuring of parishes in the Archdiocese of Sydney. There will also be flyers to provide further information and prayer cards.

NOTICES

MORNING TEA AT ST BEDE'S—4TH DECEMBER

There will be a morning tea after the 8am mass on Sunday 4th December at St Bede's. Everyone is welcome and could please bring a plate of food to share.

PARISH 2020' LAUNCH NEXT WEEKEND.

Next weekend Parishes, Chaplaincies and communities across the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney will be presented with a Pastoral Letter and DVD from Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, announcing the launch of a new pastoral project for the Archdiocese called 'Parish 2020'. The launch of this project marks the commencement of an exciting new chapter as we plan for the future of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

ST MARK'S PARISH, DRUMMOYNE- Position Vacant.

The parish is looking to fill the position of Parish Secretary. This part time position (Tues, Wed, Thurs and Fri from 9am to 3pm with a view to possibly extending hours), requires sound skills with the use of Microsoft software, with a knowledge of PACS desirable. Able to cover holiday periods. For further information please visit www.catholicjobsonline.com.au or Fr Michael McLean on pp@stmarksdrummoyne.org.au. Applications close at 5pm on 09 December 2016.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT REFLECTIONS MORNINGS.

Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please contact Bereavement Support Ph 02 9646 6908 / bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2016

Parishioners of St James and St Bede are invited to prepare Christmas Hampers for needy households in our area. Numbered cards with family profile – varying from single pensioner to families with children – are available in the foyer today. You are invited to take a card and prepare a hamper for that specific household. Two or three parishioners may wish to cooperate in preparing a hamper for one large family. The following suggestions may help you to put your hamper together:

- Hampers should be made up in one sturdy cardboard box; please help yourself to those provided
- Your hamper should not be too heavy for one person to lift comfortably and carry (up several stairs in many cases)
- Do not include any perishables or chocolates. The hampers are stored in a room which is not air-conditioned
- Food items such as tinned fruit/vegies are appreciated
- Festive treats are also well received eg fruitcake, chips, sweets, shortbread, soft drink.
- Please DO NOT include cigarettes or alcohol

Please return your clearly numbered hamper to either St Bede's or St James' by Sunday 4 December 2016

CHRISTMAS IN PYRMONT—SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER.

This year, Christmas in Pyrmont will be held on Sunday 27th November in JOHN STREET, JOHN STREET SQUARE and PYRMONT COMMUNITY CENTRE from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm.

The aim of Christmas in Pyrmont is to bring the community together, support local charities and promote local businesses. There will be street stalls, continuous entertainment and activities for all the family especially the children. Santa Claus will be there, and there will be Crafts and Face Painting, a Jumping Castle and a Chinese Lion Dance, Australian Animals and much more. This year the Charities we are supporting are Barnardos Australia, the Harris Community Centre with Uniting Mustard Seed, and Detour House. Please come and have a wonderful day.

READERS ROSTER

The new readers roster for 27 November through to 25th March 2017. Please collect the roster from the back of the church.

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 on 9660 1407.

RESTORATION OF ST BENEDICT'S

The restoration of the historic St Benedict's Church, Broadway, is complete, and will be celebrated with a Mass and Blessing at 10.30am on **Sunday, 04 December 2016**, led by the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers. St Benedict's, the country's oldest consecrated Catholic church, is located on The University of Notre Dame Australia's Sydney Campus at 104 Broadway. Parishioners and those who have had a connection with St Benedict's Parish and the schools that were once on its grounds are particularly welcome, as well as current and past staff and students from Notre Dame.

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION – 16 DEC 2016

Join with the St Mary's Cathedral Choir and the Orchestra of the Antipodes in a concert for Christmas featuring some of your favourite carols and Christmas reflections. Tickets are on sale now for this special event which will be sure to get you in the season. For all information, please visit www.achristmascelebration.com.au.

LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS 8 Dec-25 Dec

Once again, St Mary's Cathedral will light up this Christmas with inspiring and reflective projections of the Christmas season. FREE EVENT! St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt 8-25 Dec each night from 7.30pm-12.00am www.lightsofchristmas.com.au.

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.

Readers for next Sunday, 4th December 2016

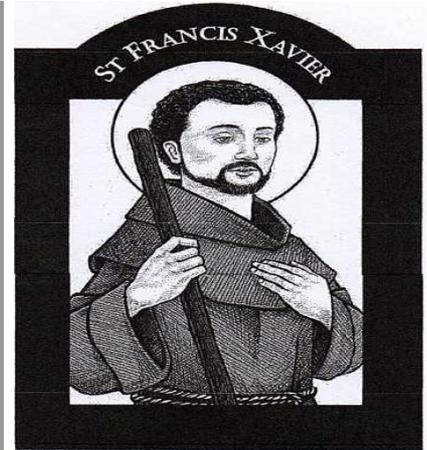
	St. James'	St. Bede's	St. James'	St. Bede's
	6pm	8am	9:30am	11am
First Reader	Michael & Sue McAlister	Karen Pederson	Mary Flanagan	Peter Kelaher
Second Reader	Michael & Sue McAlister	Mary Pederson	Sally Read	Kate O'Brien

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:

Catalina De'Veira, 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 Francis Xavier was born in Spain in 1506 and studied at the University of Paris. He met St Ignatius of Loyola and joined his group of disciples who would found a new religious order; the Jesuits. Preaching in foreign missions became a fundamental aim of the Jesuits and in 1541, he sailed to Goa in India. He worked and lived with the poor people in every place he visited; from India and Ceylon to Japan and the Malay peninsula. During his ten years as a missionary, he is believed to have converted many thousands to Christianity. He is recognised as the patron saint of foreign missions.

From the Catechism:

680 Christ the Lord already reigns through the Church, but all the things of this world are not yet subjected to him. The triumph of Christ's kingdom will not come about without one last assault by the powers of evil.

681 On Judgment Day at the end of the world, Christ will come in glory to achieve the definitive triumph of good over evil which, like the wheat and the tares, have grown up together in the course of history.

682 When he comes at the end of time to judge the living and the dead, the glorious Christ will reveal the secret disposition of hearts and will render to each man according to his works, and according to his acceptance or refusal of grace.

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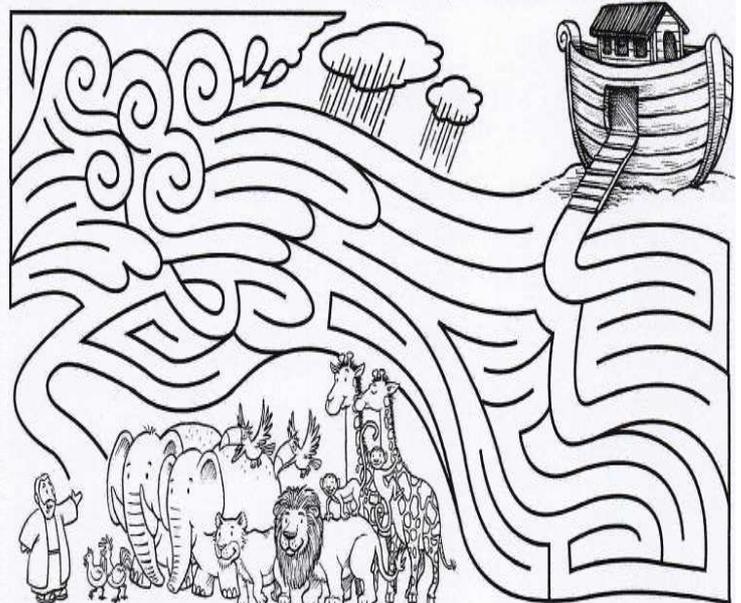
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Help Noah and the animals find their way onto the ark so they can be ready for the flood when it comes.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.
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

Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'
He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.
O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.
'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'



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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

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,
gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray,
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,
you teach us by them to love the things of heaven
and hold fast to what endures.
Through Christ our Lord.