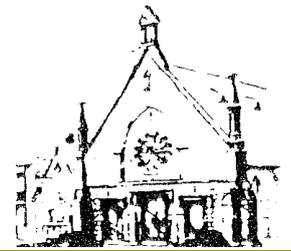




ST. BEDE'S AND ST. JAMES'



Third Sunday of Advent A Sunday 11th December 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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Detrimental Impact of NSW Govt changes to the Education Act

For many years, parishes have been able to provide tax deductibility to parishioners who contribute to the parish through the planned giving envelopes or direct deposits. Some parishes have been able to offer 100% deductibility while others have offered a lesser percentage depending on the proportion of the contributions that were deposited into parish's School Building Fund (SBF).

The funds in the parish SBF can only be used for educational purposes. For most parishes that included loan interest payments, repayments of principal on school loans and the insurance premiums directly related to the school buildings.

Parents of children who attend the parish primary school are required to pay a School Building Levy (called in the past a Parish Levy). The school collects those funds and in the past the funds raised by levy have been paid to the parish.

The parish has been able to retain in the parish that portion of the levy payment that equalled the funds paid from the parish SBF for educational purposes. If the proceeds of the school levies were greater than the amount paid by the parish, the difference was transferred to the Sydney Catholic Schools Office. In short, the parish never profited from the payment of school building levies rather it provided the opportunity to provide tax deductibility on the planned giving contributions deposited into the SBF.

The Archbishop recently received legal advice stating that due to changes to the Education Act, school building levies can no longer be paid to the parish and accordingly he has informed all parish priests that levies will no longer be remitted to parishes.

Monies received from levies will now be retained by the Sydney Catholic Schools Office who will assume responsibility for the payments previously met from the parish School Building

Fund.

As a consequence, from 1 January 2017 it will no longer be viable for many parishes to maintain the Parish School Building Fund and therefore the parishes will no longer be able to provide tax deductible receipts for the planned giving envelopes or direct deposits for the School Building Fund. However, a tax deductible receipt for the current nominated percentage will be provided for any contributions to the Parish Planned Giving made for the period 1 July to 31 December 2016.

We sincerely thank all who contribute to the financial support of our parish mission through your contributions to the parish second collection. For some parishioners the tax deduction they receive for their Planned Giving contributions is significant while for others it is not important. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to offer a tax deduction for those contributions to the School Building Fund in the future.

Tax deductibility will still be available for contribution to the Charitable Works Fund appeals during the year. I sincerely apologise for the short notice but I am sure you will agree that it is unavoidable and it is essential that we remain fully compliant with any and all legislative requirements.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

NB. The planned giving envelope collection at St. James and St. Bede's currently is remitted to the Charitable Works Fund and so will continue to receive 100% tax deductibility. Only a small number of parishioners at St. James and St. Bede's will be impacted by this change and will be contacted individually in the coming week.

Fr. Anthony

NOTICES

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closed from Saturday 24th December 2016 and will reopen on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.

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.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer to deliver Vinnies Hampers on Saturday 17 December between 8am and noon, please contact Gemma Avon on 0416 058 020 if you are interested in assisting.

SYDNEY CATHOLIC SYSTEMIC SECONDARY SCHOOL INFORMATION

From 2017, all Sydney Catholic Systemic Secondary schools will be enrolling students for Year 7 two years before their intended start date. This means that, for students in Year 5 in 2017, enrolment applications, interviews and offers of places will be conducted at Sydney Catholic Secondary schools over the course of 2017. The earlier enrolment timing will give parents greater assurance of securing a place so that they can follow a continuous Catholic education pathway from Kindergarten to Year 12. For more information, please contact the Principal at your child's Sydney Catholic School.

800th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Thursday 22nd December marks the 800th Anniversary of the proclamation of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans). To mark this event there will be a celebration. There will be a Mass at 6pm followed by a supper at St. James' School Hall. Please bring a plate. RSVP to Brooke in the Parish Office.

DO YOU LOVE AN ALCOHOLIC?

Alcoholism, alcohol abuse, or problem drinking affects thousands of families in Australia and worldwide. If you are concerned about someone else's drinking, we encourage you to look into Al-Anon. Whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not, Al-Anon offers hope and recovery to people affected by the alcoholism of a relative or friend. You can find more information on the web-site below, or join us at our regular Glebe meeting. The Glebe Al-Anon meeting is held very Saturday, 4-5pm, Glebe Library Benledi Room, 186 Glebe Pt Rd, Glebe. For more information about Al-Anon visit: <http://www.al-anon.org.au/>

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & CREMATORIA – Annual Christmas Remembrance Service.

Sunday, **18 December** commencing at 7.30pm, St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. You and your family are warmly invited to a service to remember family and friends who are no longer with us with music by Artes Christi. For further information please contact **1300 114 997** or events@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & CREMATORIA – Family Twilight Carols.

Thursday, **15 December** from 7.00 – 8.00pm. Mausoleum of the Resurrection Chapel, Barnet Ave, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery. All welcome and invited to bring a plate to share after the service. A 'special guest' will also make an appearance for the children. For further information please contact **1300 114 997** or events@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

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.

ST BEDE

43 Pyrmont St, Pyrmont

Christmas Midnight Mass

Carols from 11.30pm

Christmas Day Masses

8am & 11am (with carols)

ST JAMES

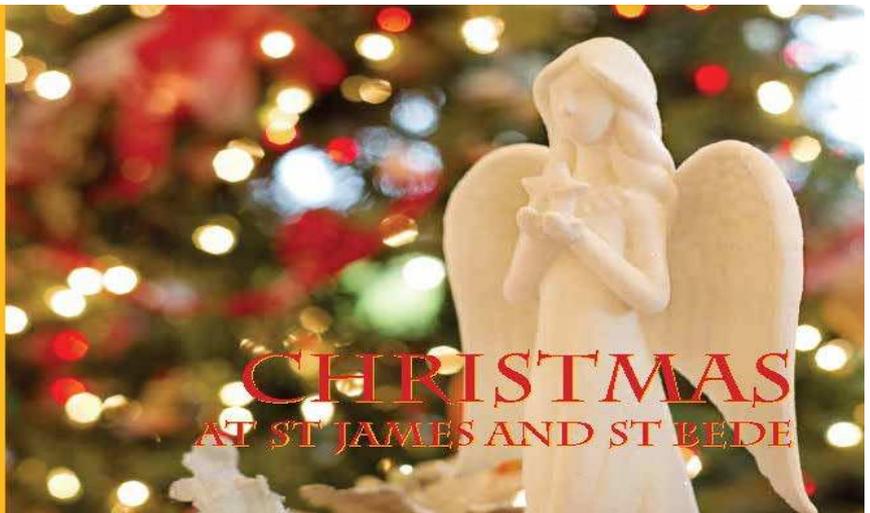
2 Woolley St, Glebe

Christmas Eve Mass 6pm

celebrated with a Tongan Choir
Children are invited to wear angel and shepherd costumes to participate in a Nativity pageant

Christmas Day Mass 9.30am

Catholic Parishes of St James, Glebe & St Bede, Pyrmont
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Readers for next Sunday, 18th December 2016

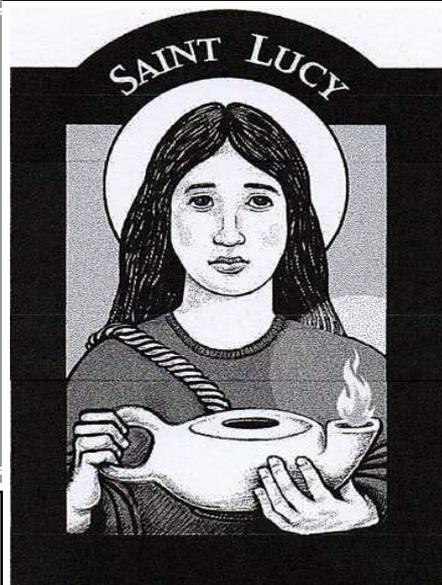
	St. James'	St. Bede's	St. James'	St. Bede's
	6pm	8am	9:30am	11am
First Reader	Guido & Margaret Gianni	Tony & Julie Adamo	Margaret Cody	Monique M Ras
Second Reader	Guido & Margaret Gianni	Tony & Julie Adamo	Kerry Dealy	Jane Hill

Please pray for the sick:

Gillian Ellis, 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:

Fr. Peter Lucas OP, 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 Lucy was a young woman from a wealthy Sicilian family who lived during the early fourth century. It is believed that her mother arranged for her to be married, but Lucy refused as she wanted to devote her life to serving Christ. She offered prayers at the tomb of St Agatha and her mother's illness was miraculously cured. She was eventually martyred during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian, but even in the face of death she showed great courage and faith in God. The name Lucy means 'light' and St Lucy is called upon as the patron saint of the blind.

WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Samuel Shah and Amali Shah, children of Sanjiv and Rebecca Shah.
Elizabeth Rose Vartuli, daughter of Joseph and Lisa Vartuli.
 Baptised at St James, Forest Lodge



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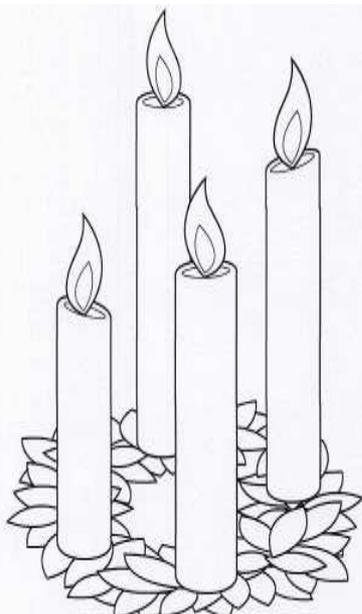


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*Advent
 Wreath*

Each Sunday during the season of Advent, we light a candle on the Advent Wreath. The candle which is lit on the third Sunday of Advent is pink. All the other candles are purple. Colour in the Advent Wreath.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

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

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. 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 35:1-6, 10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy.
The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord,
the splendour of our God.
Strengthen all weary hands,
steady all trembling knees
and say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy,
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.
They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
everlasting joy on their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, come and save us.

SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

**NICENE CREED**

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 the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,
be offered to you unceasingly,
to complete what was begun in sacred mystery
and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.
Through Christ our Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We implore your mercy, Lord,
that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults
and prepare us for the coming feasts.

Through Christ our Lord.

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