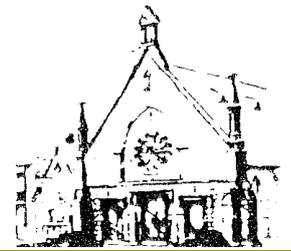




# ST. BEDE'S AND ST. JAMES'



## Fourth Sunday of Advent A Sunday 18th 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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## The Advent 'O' Antiphons

The liturgy of the Church changes remarkably in season of Advent on 17th December. This marks the beginning of the novena (nine days of prayer) for Christmas. During the first seven days (17th– 23rd December) the antiphons at Evening Prayer (Vespers) for the Gospel Canticle of Mary's Song of Praise—the Magnificat—Lk.1:46-55 are unique. These antiphons date from the earliest times of the Church and they are derived from the Old Testament Hebrew Scriptures. They capture in a special way the longing that the people of Israel had for the coming of the Saviour. Our Advent hymn "O come, O come, Emmanuel" is a reworking in each verse of these antiphons. Each of these antiphons teach us something about Christ and included below each are scripture references you may wish to look up.

#### 17th December *O Sapientia*

O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High. You fill the universe and hold all things together in a strong yet gentle manner. O come to teach us the way of truth.  
(Proverbs 1:20; 8:9. 1Corinthians1:30)

#### 18th December *O Adonai*

O Adonai and leader of Israel, you appeared to Moses in a burning bush and you gave him the Law on Sinai. O come and save us with your mighty power.  
(Exodus 3. Micah 5:2, Matthew 2:6)

#### 19th December *O Radix Jesse*

O Stock of Jesse, you stand as a signal for the nations; kings fall silent before you whom the peoples acclaim. O come to deliver us, and do not delay.  
(Isaiah 11:10 Romans 15:12 Revelation 5:5)

#### 20th December *O Clavis David*

O key of David and sceptre of Israel, what you open no one else can close again; what you close, no one can open. O come and lead the captive from prison; free those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.  
(Isaiah 22:22 Revelation 3:7)

#### 21st December *O Oriens*

O Rising Sun, you are the splendour of eternal light and the sun of justice. O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.  
(Luke 1:78-79 Malachi 4:2)

#### 22nd December *O Rex Gentium*

O King whom all the peoples desire, you are the cornerstone which makes all one. O come and save man, whom you made from clay.  
(Revelation 15:3, Psalm 118:22, Isaiah 28:16, Matthew 21:42, Mark 12:10, Luke20:17, Acts 4:11, Ephesians 2:20, 1 Peter 2:6)

#### 23rd December *O Emmanuel*

O Immanuel, you are our king and our judge, the One whom the peoples await and their Saviour. O come and save us, Lord our God.  
(Isaiah 7:14, 8:8, Matthew 1:23, Haggai 2:7)

Using the Latin versions of each of the titles of the Messiah (*Sapientia*—wisdom, *Adonai*— Lord, *Radix*—Root, *Clavis*—Key, *Oriens*—Dawn, *Rex*— King and *Emmanuel*) the first letter of each word spells out in reverse EROCRAS, which is taken as *ero cras*. This means "I will be there tomorrow".

As you tick off your shopping list for Christmas make sure that you are going through your spiritual checklist!!

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.

### **CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM ST JAMES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

On behalf of St James school community we would like to thank the Parishes of St James' & St Bede's for their support throughout the year.

Christmas is the hope for the world it begins in God's heart and it's complete when it reaches the heart of man with love and understanding. May you all experience the beauty, holiness and purity that is the Christmas season.

### **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.

### **CATHOLIC CARE: SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF SYDNEY FOR 75 YEARS.**

CatholicCare services assist people to live and thrive at every age. We provide disability services, counselling and support for children, young people and families and deliver ageing services in the home. We can assist you to navigate the new world of the NDIS and My Aged Care. To find out more call **13 18 19**, email [connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org) or visit [www.catholiccare.org](http://www.catholiccare.org).

### **ST PETER CHANEL & ST JOSEPH, BERALA - Position Vacant.**

The parish is looking to fill the position of Pastoral Co-ordinator. This part time position (24 hours/week with flexible schedule), requires superior communication skills, demonstrated administrative and collaboration skills to co-ordinate and manage the pastoral activities of the parish, a demonstrated commitment to the ethos and values of the Catholic Church and sound skills with the use of Microsoft software. For further information please visit [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au) or Fr Thomas Kurunthanam on [pp@stpeter-stjospeh.org.au](mailto:pp@stpeter-stjospeh.org.au). Applications close on Thursday, 22 December 2016.

### **PARISH LIFE FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITY**

Storytellers wanted! Have you or someone you care about ever lived, or are currently living, with a disability of any kind? The Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Office is doing a research project exploring people's experiences of living with disability in our parishes. It will explore the stories of people with disability, their families, carers, friends, pastors and fellow parishioners. We are looking for people who want to share their stories so that we can listen deeply to how our people are travelling in their journeys and how our parish communities are walking alongside them. Participation simply involves telling your story and having it recorded and used for research publications anonymously. This is a wonderful opportunity to help us reflect on our strengths and weaknesses and learn how we can grow together into more hopeful, connected and love-filled communities. For more information or to participate please call or email Dr Kimberley Doyle. **02 9307 8461**; [kimberley.doyle@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:kimberley.doyle@sydneycatholic.org).

### **SYDNEY CATHOLIC SYSTEMIC SECONDARY SCHOOL INFORMATION**

From 2017, all Sydney Catholic Secondary Systemic 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.

### **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](mailto: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*  
[www.stjames-stbede.org.au](http://www.stjames-stbede.org.au)



Readers for next Sunday, 24th December 2016

<b>St. James'</b>	<b>St. Bede's</b>	<b>St. James'</b>	<b>St. Bede's</b>
<b>6pm</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>11am</b>

**First Reader**

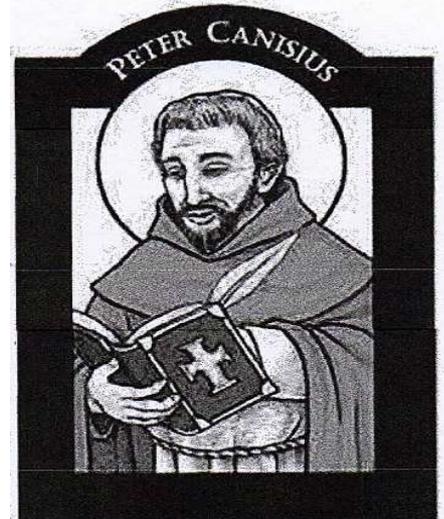
**Second Reader**

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.



**S**t Peter Canisius was born in Holland in 1521. He studied canon law at Louvain, but later came to the conclusion that a legal career and marriage, as arranged by his father, were not to his liking. He joined the Jesuits and spent his time in prayer, study, teaching and care of the sick. St Peter was a prominent preacher and he attended the Council of Trent, then later taught at the first Jesuit school at Messina. He was later called to Rome to work with St Ignatius; the founder of the Jesuit order. After posts as rector and vice-chancellor of the University of Ingolstadt, he was sent to Vienna, which was in need of reform. In 1555, his famous Catechism was published and eventually translated into 15 languages during his lifetime. Considered one of the most influential theologians and writers of his time, St Peter Canisius was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1925.

**WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

**Matilda James Polchleb,**  
daughter of Scott Polchleb and Alana Tamsin Saphin.  
**Jacob William Lawler,**  
son of Benjamin Lawler and Lyn Saber.  
**Kingston Malek Khoury-Lopez,**  
son of John Khoury and Jaqueline Lopez.  
**Qianyi (Sunny) Li,**  
Son of Maurizio Latin and Haiyan Lu, brother to Stephanie.  
Baptised at St Bede's Pymont.



Follow the branch that extends from King David to the birth of Jesus.



**CROSSWORD**

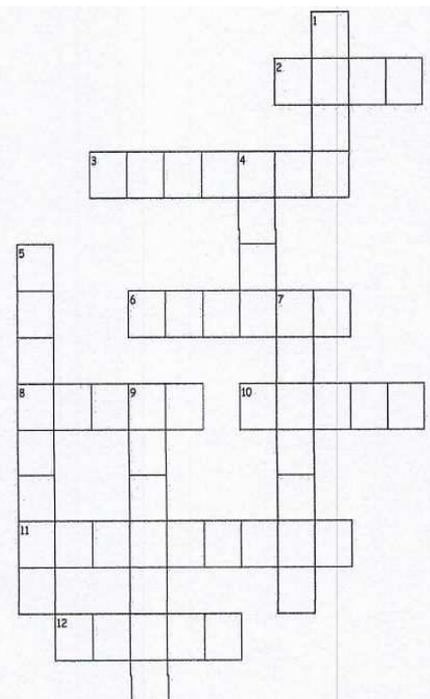


**Across**

- 2: Jesus' mother
- 3: with little or no noise
- 6: he was engaged to Mary
- 8: a special messenger of God
- 10: not old
- 11: to make someone feel uncomfortable or self-conscious
- 12: the angel appeared to Joseph in a ...

**Down**

- 1: a newborn
- 4: the opposite of false
- 5: this name means 'God is with us'
- 7: to give someone your word
- 9: betrothed, to be married



## **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Drop down dew from above,  
you heavens, and let the clouds rain  
down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth  
a Saviour.

## **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, al-  
mighty 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**

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,  
your grace into our hearts,  
that we, to whom the Incarnation of  
Christ your Son was made known by  
the message of an Angel, may by his  
Passion and Cross be brought to the  
glory of his Resurrection.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

## **FIRST READING**

### ***Isaiah 7:10-14***

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask  
the Lord your God for a sign for your-  
self coming either from the depths of  
Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No',  
Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord  
to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:  
are you not satisfied with trying the  
patience of men without trying the  
patience of my God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore,  
will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child  
and will soon give birth to a son  
whom she will call Immanuel,  
a name which means "God-is-with-  
us".'

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

## **SECOND READING**

### ***Romans 1:1-7***

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who  
has been called to be an apostle, and  
specially chosen to preach the Good  
News that God promised long ago  
through his prophets in the scriptures.  
This news is about the Son of God, who,  
according to the human nature he took,  
was a descendant of David: it is about  
Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order  
of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that  
was in him, was proclaimed Son of God  
in all his power through his resurrection  
from the dead. Through him we received  
grace and our apostolic mission to  
preach the obedience of faith to all pa-  
gan nations in honour of his name. You  
are one of these nations, and by his call  
belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then,  
who are God's beloved in Rome, called  
to be saints, may God our Father and  
the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and  
peace.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;  
his name will be Emmanuel:

God is with us.

Alleluia!

## **GOSPEL**

### ***Matthew 1:18-24***

This is how Jesus Christ came to be  
born. His mother Mary was betrothed to  
Joseph; but before they came to live  
together she was found to be with child  
through the Holy Spirit. Her husband  
Joseph, being a man of honour and  
wanting to spare her publicity, decided  
to divorce her informally. He had made  
up his mind to do this when the angel of  
the Lord appeared to him in a dream  
and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not  
be afraid to take Mary home as your  
wife, because she has conceived what is  
in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give  
birth to a son and you must name him  
Jesus, because he is the one who is to  
save his people from their sins.' Now all  
this took place to fulfil the words spoken  
by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give  
birth to a son  
and they will call him Em-  
manuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

When Joseph woke up he did what the  
angel of the Lord had told him to do: he  
took his wife to his home.

## **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 Fa-  
ther. 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 proph-  
ets. I believe in one, holy, catholic  
and apostolic Church. I confess one

Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrec-  
tion of the dead and the life of the  
world to come. Amen.

## **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord,  
sanctify these gifts laid upon your  
altar,  
just as he filled with his power the  
womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:**

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

## **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and  
bear a son;  
and his name will be called Em-  
manuel.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Having received this pledge of eter-  
nal redemption,  
we pray, almighty God,  
that, as the feast day of our salva-  
tion draws ever nearer,  
so we may press forward all the  
more eagerly  
to the worthy celebration of the  
mystery of your Son's Nativity.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and  
ever.

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