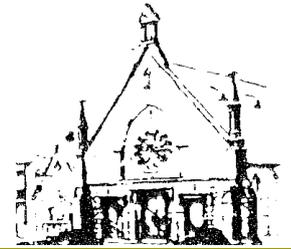




ST. BEDE'S AND ST. JAMES'



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Sunday 1st January 2017

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



Parish Priest:

Father Anthony Walsh OP

Email: anthony.walsh@sydneycatholic.org

Phone: 9660 9839 ext 21

St James: 2 Woolley Street, Glebe

St Bede: 43 Pymont Street, Pymont

Phone: 9660 1407

Email: info@stjames-stbede.org.au

Web: www.stjames-stbede.org.au

Mail: PO Box 22, Glebe 2037

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am–3pm

Parish Secretary: Ms Brooke Foye

Email: info@stjames-stbede.org.au

Phone: 9660 1407

St James School Principal

Mrs Enrica Bova

Email: enrica.bova@syd.catholic.edu.au

Phone: 9692 0870

Theotokos

An inner-city Church once had graffiti sprayed on its wall reading: “Catholics, God has no mother.”

We firmly believe as Catholics in the incarnation of our Lord—which we celebrate at Christmas. Mary conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and through her, Jesus Christ, the second person of the Holy Trinity, consubstantial with the Father, true God from true God, entered this world, taking on human

flesh and a human soul. So Mary did not create the divine person of Jesus, who existed from all eternity.

Mary was given, however, the title of Mother of God in the early history of the Church.

There were objections, most particularly by a fellow called Nestorius who stated that Mary gave birth to Jesus

Christ, a regular human person. To this human per-

son was united the Word of God. The union was accidental. So when Christ died on the cross it was his human body dying, not the

divine person. Which undermines the effectiveness of Christ's Death and Resurrection.

In response to this the Council of Ephesus in 431 convened to settle these questions and proclaimed that “If anyone does not confess that the Emmanuel is truly God and therefore that the holy Virgin is the Mother of God (*Theotokos*—since she begot according to the flesh the Word of God made flesh), *anathema*

sit.

So the Council recognised that Jesus is one person, with two natures—human and divine—united in a true union. It also affirmed that our Blessed Mother can rightfully be called the Mother of God.

The Incarnation is indeed a profound mystery. The Church uses very precise, philosophical language to prevent confusion and

error. As we celebrate the season of Christmas, we ponder this great mystery of how our divine Saviour entered this world, taking on our human flesh, to free us from sin.



St. Bede's Sesquicentenary Celebrations

The book launch of Fr. Colin Fowler's *The Catholic Community of Saint Bede (1867-2017)* will be held at St. Bede's Church on Sunday, 5th February at 3pm.

Historian Edmund Campion will be launching Fr. Colin's book as the opening event of the 150th anniversary celebrations of St. Bede's.

All Parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

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.

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 or visit www.catholiccare.org.

A PALMS ENCOUNTER WITH OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES IN EAST TIMOR

A last minute gift that will deliver the real message of Christmas and be remembered forever. Palms long-term volunteers guide this intimate, immersive, inter cultural experience providing insights that challenge perceptions and deepen understanding. **Get a Christmas gift voucher** for any 2017 Encounter. Register now for our **2 – 14 April Encounter** and receive **\$400 off a 2nd ticket**. Call Roger on **02 9560 5333** or go to www.palms.org.au/Encounters for more.

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.

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.

CHARISMATIC RETREAT 27 TO 29 JANUARY 2017 – "LIVING IN THE FULLNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."

Have we ever experienced the fullness of the inner transformation and empowerment that the Holy Spirit has available for us? Perhaps our walk, once strong has become jaded and we need renewal. Perhaps we simply know that there is always something to learn about the ways of the Spirit. This retreat could be the answer. COME AND SEE! Your prompt booking by **13 January 2017** would be appreciated. The CCR Service Team for New South Wales will be there to welcome you. Please refer to the attached flyer for more details or visit www.ccrnsw.org.au.

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 refer to the flyer attached or contact Bereavement Support Ph 02 9646 6908 / bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

BURSARIES – 2017 AND 2018

St Aloysius' College is an Independent Catholic School for boys in Years 3 to 12 conducted by the Society of Jesus and located at Milsons Point. The St Aloysius' College Bursary Program aims to make a Jesuit education accessible by providing financial support to eligible boys and their families. St Aloysius' College seeks to graduate 'men for others' who are faithful and committed, integrating a deep spirituality with a passion for justice and academic excellence. Apply now for means-tested bursaries in Years 7 and 11 for 2017 and Year 7 for 2018. Information may be obtained from the College Website: www.stalloysius.nsw.edu.au **02 9936 5535** or email: registrar@stalloysius.nsw.edu.au.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY APP

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney had released a Smartphone App (for iPhones and Androids only) for parishioners in the Archdiocese, featuring parish Mass times, the latest news from the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Catholic Church in Australia, information about upcoming Archdiocese events, as well as announcements from the Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney. The App is available to download for free – search for "Archdiocese of Sydney" in the Google Play and App stores.

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 Bede's 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, 8th January 2017

	St. James' 6pm	St. Bede's 8am	St. James' 9:30am	St. Bede's 11am
First Reader	Michael & Sue McAlister	Gus & Kathy Loo	Margaret Cody	Katlen Pinheiro
Second Reader	Michael & Sue McAlister	Gus & Kathy Loo	Kerry Dealy	Finola McMahon

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.

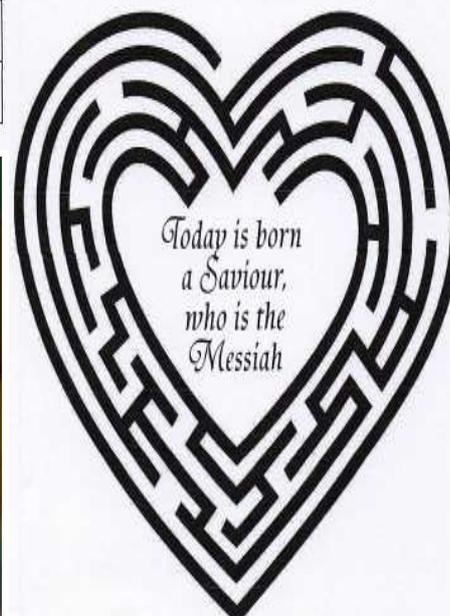
Please pray for the deceased:

Fr. Peter Lucas OP, Catalina De'Vea, 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.



Mary, Mother of God. This day has been celebrated as part of the Octave (eight days) of Christmas since around the sixth century. It is a feast which talks about both Jesus and Mary. It is a celebration of the fact that Jesus was truly God and truly human. Because this is true of Jesus, it is also true that Mary is the "God-Bearer" – the Mother of God.

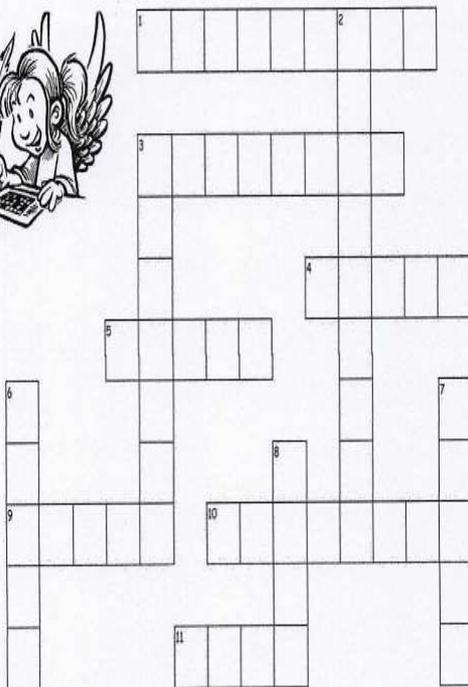
Follow the maze into the centre of Mary's heart



CROSSWORD

Across

- 1: not expecting something
- 3: to have given someone your word
- 4: animals that produce wool
- 5: the Son of God
- 9: Old testament prophet who received the commandments
- 10: giving praise
- 11: the mother of God



Down

- 2: people who look after sheep
- 3: mothers and fathers
- 6: given a name
- 7: a special messenger sent by God
- 8: infant



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Hail, Holy Mother,
who gave birth to the King,
who rules heaven and earth for ever.

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 through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, 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

Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

May God bless us in his mercy.

SECOND READING

Galatians 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
now he speaks to us through his Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

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

O God, who in your kindness begin all good things
and bring them to fulfilment,
grant to us, who find joy in the Solemnity of the holy Mother of God,
that, just as we glory in the beginnings of your grace,
so one day we may rejoice in its completion.
Through Christ our Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,
today, and for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have received this heavenly Sacrament with joy, O Lord:
grant, we pray,
that it may lead us to eternal life,
for we rejoice to proclaim the blessed ever-Virgin Mary
Mother of your Son and Mother of the Church.
Through Christ our Lord.



The psalm responses are from the English Translation of the Lectionary for the Mass ©1981 International Committee on English in the Liturgy Inc.(ICEL). All rights reserved. The psalm texts, from *The Psalms, A New Translation*, ©1963 by The Grail, England and used by permission of the publishers. The scriptural quotations are taken from the *Jerusalem Bible*, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers.

© Creative Ministry Resources Pty Ltd

All use must be in accordance with your user licensing agreement.