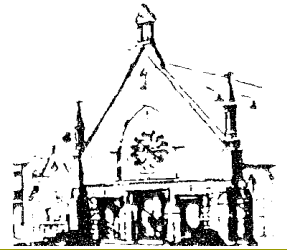




ST. BEDE'S AND ST. JAMES'



First Sunday of Lent – Year A Sunday 5th March 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

Sacramental Dates for 2017:

First Confession: Friday, 31st March

(Catechesis sessions: Sundays after 9:30am

Mass in School Hall on 3 preceding Sundays)

First Holy Communion: Sunday 18th

June

(Catechesis sessions: Sundays after 9:30am

Mass in School Hall on 4 preceding Sundays)

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Speaking the truth in love

28 February 2017

On Friday last the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse concluded its hearings into the Catholic Church. It has been a harrowing experience for the Commissioners, for those called to give evidence, for the wider community that has witnessed these proceedings through the media, but above all for the survivors and their families.

In between the formal sessions I met several times with victims of child sexual abuse, as I have over the last few years. Some had long wanted to be heard by the Catholic community or at least by its leaders, so that we might understand their suffering and they might receive the apology and assistance they deserve.

Some have bravely shared with me things they have told few others. Some are understandably still very angry, their hurt still very raw. Others are still not at the stage of being able to talk much or at all about what happened to them. Some have come to some measure of peace and are now devoting themselves to seeking justice and healing for others.

Gruelling as it has been, this was a Royal Commission we had to have. We needed such external scrutiny and advice to help us deal properly with this problem and recover public confidence. This is why the Church has cooperated so fully with the Royal Commission process. Over the past few weeks alone, more than 70 Church leaders and professionals have appeared before the Commission.

In addition to the stories of wicked perpetrators and innocent sufferers, we have now been presented with aggregated statistics that suggest there was a systemic or cultural problem in the Church, especially in the 1950s, '60s and '70s when abuse rates were so high and many leaders responded so poorly to allegations. We are grateful to the survivors, witnesses, experts and Commissioners for helping us to understand what went so wrong and exploring with us how to ensure such things are never repeated. Understandably, the failure of leadership has caused many to question the validity of our Catholic faith if such crimes can be committed by those acting in the name of the Church. Many have lost their trust in God, the most fundamental trust a human being needs.

People have raised questions about many aspects of Church life, including: the discernment and formation of vocations; continuing support and supervision for clergy, religious and lay-workers; ensuring a clerical culture of service and avoiding an unhealthy clericalism; the role of women in the Church; the theology and canon law of Catholic practices such as celibacy and confession; and so on.

It is fitting that the Royal Commission's investigations of the Catholic Church have come to their denouement just as Lent begins. In ancient times people put on sackcloth and ashes as symbols of mourning and repentance. The discomfort of the course material and the desolation of the embers told something of how people felt inside.

We Catholics put ashes on our foreheads at the beginning of Lent and embrace practices such as confession, fasting and other penances, extra prayer and almsgiving, as signs of contrition for our own failures and remorse for our collective failures. Our Scriptures and liturgy speak very directly to us about the need for conversion at this time.

Recently Pope Francis said that "the Catholic Church weeps bitterly for this sin: the sin of what happened [to the victims of child abuse], the sin of failing to help, the sin of covering up and denial, the sin of abuse of power." He expressed the Church's profound shame and sorrow for the suffering caused to the victims. He insisted that the Church must not only preach of but demonstrate by its life reverence for every young person. We must identify child abuse as criminal and evil, repent where there have been institutional failures, ensure victims receive compassion and care, and "commit ourselves completely to making sure such atrocities never again take place in our midst".

I make these words my own. I know the Catholic community of Sydney takes them to heart also. But the survivors of abuse understandably say that words are not enough. They demand action from us to ensure that our practice matches our talk.

There are many good stories to be told about what we are doing to ensure that this does not happen again; that children and the vulnerable can be safe within our church community and that we all have a greater understanding regarding our responsibilities to those in our care. I'm grateful to those working for this and the significant work they have done so far. Most by far of our priests and religious lead lives of generous service to the young and not-so-young, and are appalled by any harm done to those entrusted to their care. Our lay people, too, care deeply about the young and innocent and are helping us improve our structures and culture. I have great confidence in our priests and people, and above all in our God. Through this process of humiliation and purification I believe we will emerge a humbler, holier, more compassionate Church. But we must never be complacent.

So I ask you to consider dedicating each Friday this Lent to participating in Confession and Mass, abstaining from meat, reading Holy Scripture, and/or in other ways praying for the victims of abuse and their families. You might, for instance, think of the victims and the Church passing through this 'vale of tears' when you pray the Hail Holy Queen. The wounds in the Body of Christ can truly be healed by our cooperation with God's grace in acts such as these.

Please join me in praying daily this Lent for justice and healing of victims; for wisdom and compassion for leaders and carers; for repentance by perpetrators; for grace for those tempted to lose faith or hope; for safety for all young people; and for consolation for all those affected.

Yours faithfully in Christ

Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP
Archbishop of Sydney

NOTICES

ST JAMES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Parishioners with children aged 1-5 years are invited to our open day on Thursday 9th March. The school will be open from 8.00 am-10.00 am. Families will be given a guided tour and enrolment pack during these hours. If you are unable to attend our open day, please call or email our school office for an appointment:- phone:96920870, info@stjglebe.catholic.edu.au

ST JAMES PLAYGROUP

St James Catholic Primary will be commencing a playgroup for our youngest parishioners and school preschool siblings from mid April. We are looking for a few parents (no training required) who would like to commit to facilitating the playgroup. We will be given guidance and help from a playgroup provider. If you are interested please email or call our school office email: info@stjglebe.catholic.edu.au; phone: 96920870

PARISH OFFICE—ANOTHER CHANGE

The parish office hours will now be Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.15am -2.45pm

ST SCHOLASTIC'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY—SUNDAY 12TH MARCH 11AM TO 3PM

Open day is more than just an opportunity to see the College grounds and facilities. Through our staff and students, Open Day provides a glimpse into life at St Scholastica's College—it's academic program; cultural life; sporting and other extra-curricular and co-curricular programs; peer support programs; and the rich pastoral care offered by the College.

The Principal will present two addresses, the first at 12 noon and again at 2pm. It's a time to be briefly immersed in the Good Samaritan charism and dynamic and caring community that is "Schols". Please come and join students, staff and parents for this celebration of St Scholastica's College.

URGENT CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO TEACH THE CATHOLIC FAITH AT LOCAL PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS!!

With the start of the new year, we need new and fabulous volunteer catechists. All training and materials will be provided.

Volunteers needed at three local public schools:

Glebe Primary Public School: Monday 2.30pm -3pm Ultimo Primary Public School: Thursday 2pm -2.45pm Forest Lodge Primary Public School: Friday 11.30am -12.00pm or 12.00-12.30pm For more info please email Rita at

rita.azzi@sydneycatholic.org<<mailto:rita.azzi@sydneycatholic.org>

BOOK BY FATHER COLIN FOWLER OP - 150 YEARS ON PYRMONT PENINSULA

If you would like to purchase a copy of Father Colin's book, (price of \$35) 150 Years on Pyrmont Peninsula, The Catholic Community of Saint Bede 1867-2017 please contact Brooke at the office on 9660 1407 or info@stjames-stbede.org.au

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - FLORAL ARRANGEMENT CLASS

If anyone is interested in a 2 hour lesson on floral arrangement, please contact Brooke at the office on 9660 1407 or email info@stjames-stbede.org.au with your name, and contact details. A date will be set on an upcoming Saturday from 10am-12 noon once we have an idea of who is interested.

MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE. Lenten Reflection Day

Seeking God who Keeps Looking for Us. Lent calls us to renew and deepen our Christian call to the faithful seeking of God. We seek God because God has first sought us. On this day of reflection we will explore biblical passages to discover more about God's desire for us and our response. The format of the day will include input, conversation and quiet reflection. **Date:** Saturday, 11 March 10.00-3.00pm. **Facilitator:** Catherine McCahill sgs, **Cost:** \$30.00, Morning Tea provided; BYO lunch. **Bookings by:** Monday, 6 March. **Email:** mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au. **Phone:** 9484 6208. **Where:** 449D Pennant Hills Rd. Entrance off Hull Road.

DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG -VACANT POSITION Administrative Assistant.

The Office of the Bishop is seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant to provide administrative support to senior personnel and executive administrative staff. Applications must include a resume outlining qualifications, skills and experience, and demonstrating a personal commitment to the ethos and values of the Catholic Church. The names and contact details of at least two referees should be provided. The position description is available at www.jobs.dow.org.au. Applications should be addressed to Diocesan Executive Officer, Office of the Bishop, PO Box 1239 Wollongong NSW 2500 or emailed to mary.hiscox@dow.org.au. Any enquiries should be directed to **Mary Hiscox 4222 2468**. Applications close **17 March 17**.

GLEBE COMMUNITY SINGERS

If you are a lover of music and song it's time for you to join the Glebe Community Singers. Not only does singing make you feel happy, singing is relaxing and exercises major muscle groups in the upper body.

We meet each Thursday during the school term in the Hall at Glebe Public School in Derwent Street.

Our teacher, Elizabeth Lecoanet, is a talented singer and musician. The group meets from 5:30pm to 6:30pm and costs just \$5 per week. Beginners and experienced singers are welcome. No audition is required and you can join the group on any Thursday night. Come along, bring a friend and sing, sing, sing!

Contact: Vicki Pogulis, Principal, Glebe Public School by phone on 9660 4549.

POSITION VACANT - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ADMINISTRATOR.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking applications for the role of Accounts Payable Administrator. Further details about this position is available at www.catholicjobsonline.com.au. Applications close **Friday, 10 March 2017**.

SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR IS RETURNING TO CITY RECITAL HALL ON FRIDAY, 30 JUNE 7PM

For an evening of seraphic singing accompanied by the Orchestra of the Antipodes. With a programme featuring J.S. Bach's *Magnificat*, Benjamin Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* and Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, the Choir's ethereal sound will offer a musical experience to carry you through time and space. The crystal-clear acoustic of City Recital Hall offers concertgoers an opportunity to hear the Choir's technical and musical proficiency with a crispness which can't be experienced at home in the Cathedral. This one-night concert is sure to sell quickly, so make sure you book in advance. Tickets range from \$130-\$30 and can be purchased from www.cityrecitalhall.com.

CHILDRENS LITURGY—ST JAMES

Children's Liturgy during 9:30 am Mass on the third Sunday of the month. Father will send those wishing to attend to the back of the Church at the beginning of Mass. Organised by the Lay Dominican Pro-Chapter of St Martin de Porres. For further information please email: LDchapterofstmartindeporres@gmail.com

Readers for next Sunday, 12th March 2017

	St. James'	St. Bede's	St. James'	St. Bede's
	6pm	8am	9:30am	11am
First Reader	Michael & Sue McAlister	Dominic Maunsell	Margaret Cody	Liz Yambao
Second Reader	Michael & Sue McAlister	Tony Greene	Kerry Dealy	Robert Pak

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:

Natividad Yambao, 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.



St John of God was originally a soldier who fought for Spain against the French and the Turks. Around the age of forty, he repented his former life and converted to a life of service to God. In 1539 he bought a house and gave shelter and care to the sick and needy. After his death, John's followers formed a Religious Order of hospitalers, the Brothers of St John of God. He is the patron saint of nurses, hospitals and the sick.

READERS NEEDED!

Please contact Brooke at the office on 9660 1407 or email info@stjames-stbede.org.au if you would like to be on the next readers roster for April to July. (approx)

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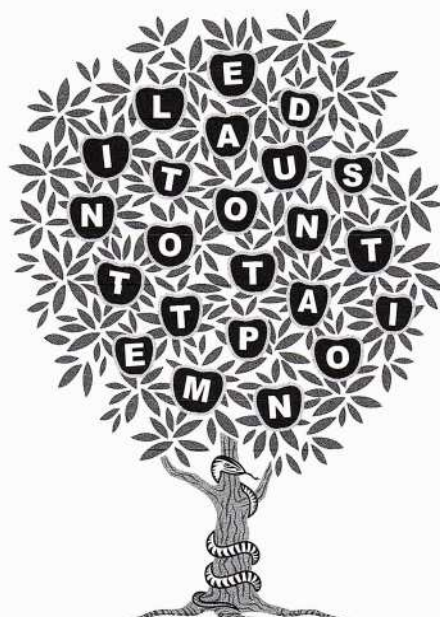
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Join up the fruit to complete the text maze: "Lead us not into temptation."



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me,
I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

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, almighty God,
through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.
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

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels'
charge,
and they will support you on their
hands in case you hurt your foot
against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:
You must not put the Lord your
God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your
God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray,
to make these offerings,
for with them we celebrate the beginning
of this venerable and sacred time.
Through Christ our Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed now with heavenly bread,
by which faith is nourished, hope
increased,
and charity strengthened,
we pray, O Lord,
that we may learn to hunger for
Christ,
the true and living Bread,
and strive to live by every word
which proceeds from your mouth.
Through Christ our Lord.