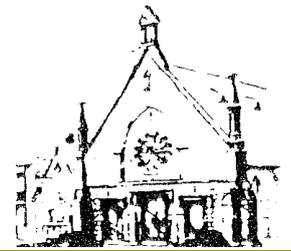




ST. BEDE'S AND ST. JAMES'



Fourth Sunday of Lent — Year A Sunday 26th 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)

Confirmation: 7pm, Friday 10th November

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Scripture Commentary

The search for the new king and the choice and anointing of David open a new chapter in the story of the Israel. Each step of the way is determined by God, making the history of Israel a history of salvation. David was considered too young or unimportant to be considered. Yet he is the one selected. Once again, God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the strong. David's anointing was a solemn action that ceremonially sealed God's election. Following the ritual, the spirit of the Lord, the principle of dynamic divine action, rushed upon David. God's saving power would be brought to the community through the agency of this particular individual.

This responsorial psalm is one of the most familiar and best loved psalms of the entire psalter. It paints vivid pictures of a carefree existence, peaceful rest and abundant fruitfulness. Although 'shepherd' suggests a flock rather than merely one sheep, here the focus is on the individual. To characterise the Lord as a shepherd is to trust that God will lead, guard and protect the flock. In addition to this image, God is characterised as a host, who supervises a banquet and within whose house the psalmist ultimately dwells. This banquet is a public witness to God's high regard for the psalmist, who will continue to enjoy God's favour in God's house.

The move from darkness to light is the principal metaphor used by the author to describe the radical change that has

taken place in the lives of the Christians as a result of their commitment to Christ. The three qualities that are produced by the light – goodness, righteousness, truth – are merely symbolic of the complete transformation of character that this light can effect. The passage ends three phrases closely associated with Christian initiation that describe the transition from inertia or restriction to vibrancy. From sleep to wakefulness; from death to new life; from darkness to illumination. Christians have entered into a new state of being, which will require of them a new way of living.

The healing of the blind man is not a restoration, for the man was born blind. By means of the water that washed away his blindness, he is made a new creation. He progresses from knowing the name of the one who cured him, to professing that Jesus is a prophet, to proclaiming that he comes from God. The struggle between darkness and light, between blindness and sight runs throughout this account. Jesus is the light of the world. The man, who is gradually brought from physical blindness to sight, also progressively moves from spiritual blindness to religious insight. The Pharisees were blind to the truth that the newly cured man saw so clearly. The one who was blind sees, and those who can see are blind.

Dianne Bergant CSS

Welcome to the Christian Community

LILIVAHA CHRISTINE POLITONI,

daughter of Anthony Politoni and Memeoifi Fifita.
Baptised at St James, Forest Lodge



EMMA LANGLEY,

daughter of Richard Langley and Jin Wenjie.
Baptised at St James, Forest Lodge

COHEN JACOB TAYLOR,

son of Andrew and Helen Taylor, brother to Macy.
Baptised at St Bede's Pymont.



NOTICES

NEW READERS ROSTER: are now available at the back of the church

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD.

The Annual Day of the Unborn Child procession this year is on **Sunday, 26 March**. 12.00 midday after the 10.30am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral and ends at 1.30pm with Benediction. This year it will be **led by the Archbishop of Sydney**, The Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP. "We seek mercy for the unborn child, his mother and father and all who participate in the evil of abortion." **Info: Family Life Int. 9519 9111 www.fli.org.au.**

POSITION VACANT – ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY.

Applications are being considered for the position of Director, Communications & News Media. For further information please visit www.catholicjobsonline.com.au or by contacting Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, on **0402 210 055**. Applications close **Friday, 7 April 2017**.

ST ANTHONY'S CLOVELLY - CENTENARY MASS.

St Anthony's Parish was formed in 1917, and St Anthony's School opened in 1918. Past parishioners, students and friends are cordially invited to the Centenary Mass on **Sunday, 21 May 2017** at 10.00am, at which Archbishop Anthony Fisher will be Principal Celebrant. Refreshments will follow in the parish grounds. For more information or to indicate attendance email: centenary@stanthonyclovelly.org.au, Facebook: St Anthony's Clovelly Centenary.

XT3 LENT CALENDAR WEBSITE AND FREE APP.

What will you give up or take up during Lent? Xt3 can help you journey through the season with the Xt3 Lent Calendar. The calendar is both a website and a FREE App with fresh content daily, including Catholic videos, audio reflections, interviews and blogs. The Lent calendar also includes the Gospel readings of the day and daily challenges focussed on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Give God a moment this Lent visit: www.xt3.com/lent.

FATHERS ON TAP.

Wednesday, **29 March** 5.30pm Mass, 6.00pm Dinner, 7.00pm Talk: Bishop Richard Umbers speaks on: "*Social Media: Friend or Foe? How do we re-evangelise the fathers?*" @ The Two Wolves Cantina, 202 Broadway, Chippendale. **RSVP to David 0437 679 865.**

SINGERS NEEDED FOR HOLY THURSDAY LITURGY ON APRIL 13TH AT 7PM.

If you wish to be part of a choir for this ceremony please email Meryl Tapsell on merylt@exemail.com.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

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>>

A MASS & BLESSING FOR PEOPLE WITH AUTISM

In celebration of Autism Awareness Month and to honour and pray for all those in our community with autism, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites you to the annual Mass and Blessing for People with Autism, to be celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo. WHERE: St Benedict's Church, Broadway. WHEN: Sunday 2nd April 2017, 2:00pm. For inquiries or to RSVP by Tuesday 28th March please contact LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org or phone (02) 9307 8404

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

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

CATHOLICARE provides services for people managing mental health issues that promote confidence and independence and help connect people to their community. Our 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.



Valuing dignity
Strengthening families
Connecting communities



For Gladys, volunteering brings her immense satisfaction whilst bringing joy to the ageing clients she visits weekly.

Readers for next Sunday, 2nd April 2017

	St. James'	St. Bede's	St. James'	St. Bede's
	6pm	8am	9:30am	11am
First Reader	Michelle Renshaw	Joanne Giannini	Sr Agnes Farrugia	Judy Fitzpatrick
Second Reader	James Price	Drew Morrow	Paul Bizannes	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:

Joan Lovegrove, Edward Pearce, Catalina De'Veira, Richard Van Kirk, 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.



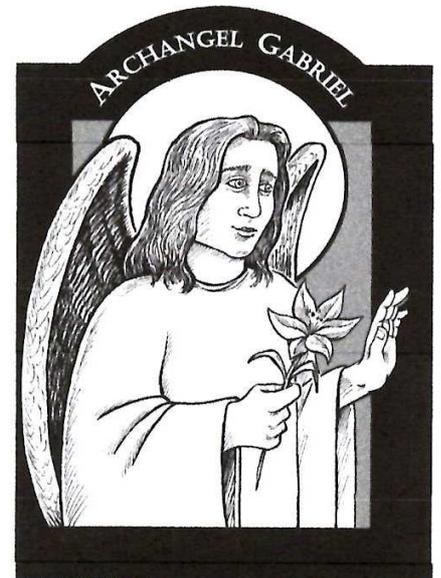
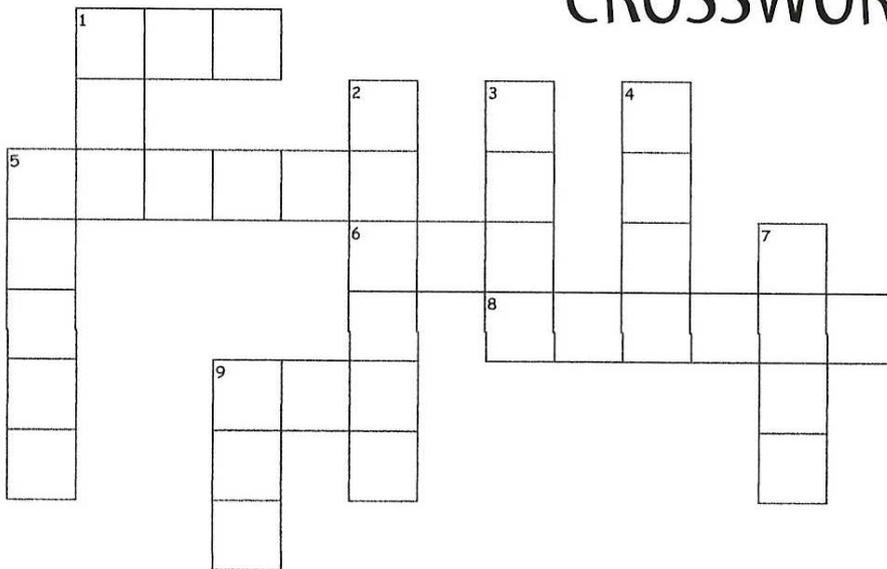
Across

- 1: mother is to daughter as father is to ____
- 5: someone who begs
- 6: singular
- 8: Jesus told the blind man to wash off the mud at _____ Pool
- 9: an adult male human

Down

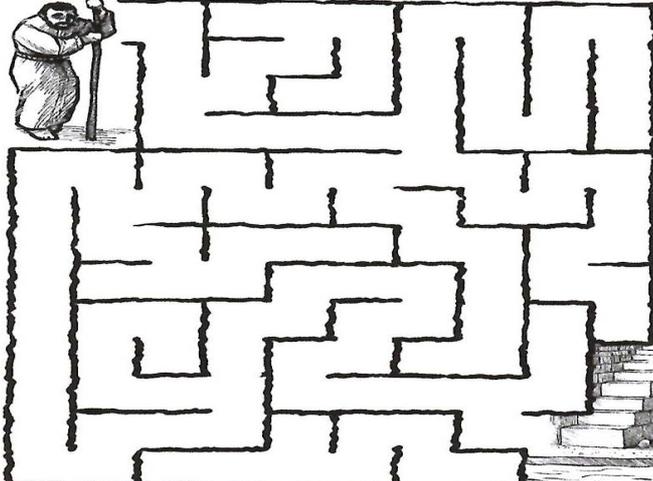
- 1: look
- 2: grass grows out of the _____
- 3: we see through these
- 4: a place where you can swim
- 5: not able to see
- 7: to clean with water
- 9: dirt mixed with water

CROSSWORD



The Archangel Gabriel is one of God's special messengers. He appeared to the prophet Daniel and helped him to understand the visions in his dreams, and was sent to tell Zechariah of the birth of his son, John the Baptist. He left Zechariah without the ability to speak for his disbelief of the message. Gabriel is best known as the angel who sent Mary tidings of the future birth of Jesus - the Annunciation of the Lord. His feast was traditionally associated with the Annunciation, but his feast day is now shared with the other archangels, Michael and Raphael, on the 29th of September. He is the patron saint of many communications industries and workers such as post, telephone, radio and television

Help the blind man find Siloam Pool



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling
breast.

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 glo-
rify 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 your Word
reconcile the human race to yourself in a
wonderful way, grant, we pray,
that with prompt devotion and eager faith
the Christian people may hasten
toward the solemn celebrations to come.
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**1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13**

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn
with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse
of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a
king among his sons.' When Samuel ar-
rived, he caught sight of Eliab and
thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one
stands there before him,' but the Lord
said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his
appearance or his height for I have re-
jected him; God does not see as man
sees; man looks at appearances but the
Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented
his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel
said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen
these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all
the sons you have?' He answered, 'There
is still one left, the youngest; he is out
looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel
said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not
sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had
him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion,
with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The
Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is
the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of
oil and anointed him where he stood with
his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord
seized on David and stayed with him from
that day on.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing
I shall want.

SECOND READING**Ephesians 5:8-14**

You were darkness once, but now you are
light in the Lord; be like children of light,
for the effects of the light are seen in
complete goodness and right living and
truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants
of you, having nothing to do with the fu-
tile works of darkness but exposing them
by contrast. The things which are done in
secret are things that people are ashamed
even to speak of; but anything exposed
by the light will be illuminated and any-
thing illuminated turns into light. That is
why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the
light of life.

Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL**John 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38**

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who
had been blind from birth. He spat on the
ground, made a paste with the spittle, put
this over the eyes of the blind man and
said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of
Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So
the blind man went off and washed him-
self, and came away with his sight re-
stored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had
seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man
who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes,
it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he
only looks like him.' The man himself said,
'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind
to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath
day when Jesus made the paste and
opened the man's eyes, so when the
Pharisees asked him how he had come to
see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes,
and I washed, and I can see.' Then some
of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be
from God: he does not keep the sabbath.'
Others said, 'How could a sinner produce
signs like this?' And there was disagree-
ment among them. So they spoke to the
blind man again, 'What have you to say
about him yourself, now that he has
opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' re-
plied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied
'and you a sinner through and through,
since you were born!' And they drove him
away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away,
and when he found him he said to him,
'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,'
the man replied 'tell me who he is so that
I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are
looking at him; he is speaking to you.'
The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and wor-
shipped him. *what we do know; for salva-
tion comes from the Jews.*

GOSPEL CONT...

*But the hour will come – in fact it is
here already – when true worshippers
will worship the Father in spirit and
truth: that is the kind of worshipper
the Father wants. God is spirit,
and those who worship must worship
in spirit and truth.'* The woman said to
him, 'I know that Messiah – that is,
Christ – is coming; and when he
comes he will tell us everything.' 'I
who am speaking to you,' said Jesus
'I am he.'

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I believe in one God, the Father al-
mighty, maker of heaven & earth, of
all things visible and invisible. I be-
lieve 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, con-
substantial 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 suf-
fered 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 pro-
ceeds 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

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrifi-
cial offerings, and grant that we who
beseech pardon for our own sins, may
take care to forgive our neighbour.
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

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I
washed,
I saw and I believed in God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who enlighten everyone who
comes into this world,
illuminate our hearts, we pray,
with the splendour of your grace,
that we may always ponder what is
worthy and pleasing to your majesty
and love you in all sincerity.
Through Christ our Lord.