



ST. BEDE'S AND ST. JAMES'



Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time –Year A Sunday 17th September 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)

Baptisms

2nd Sunday of the month at
12.15pm. Bookings required.

St Bede's Church

43 Pymont Street,
Pymont

Sunday Mass Times

8am and 11am

Baptisms

3rd Sunday of the month at
12.00 noon. Bookings required.

Sacramental Dates for 2017:

Confirmation: 7pm, Friday 10th November

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I don't like the phrase: 'Forgive and forget'. Remembering can be an important part of healing. Forgiving is about giving up the desire 'to get even', making sure that the 'punishment fits the crime'. It is that sort of forgiveness which we dare to ask of God for ourselves. But here's the catch: it is that sort of forgiveness which we must practise towards others.

When we don't, we are like the principal debtor in Jesus' story. In harshly dealing with a minor debtor, he refused to share his king's quality of forgiveness. If we don't pass on this aspect of God's life to others, then we are warned that we will end up in a hellish situation unable to share in the fullness of Divine life.

It is easy to talk 'Big Picture' forgiveness. It is much harder within the family or circle of acquaintances. It seems impossible to simply will it. But we have to ask for the grace to do it.

We could pause for a moment to pray:

'Our Father who art in Heaven . . . forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'



WELCOME TO THE
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Pauline Quitaro
daughter of John Quitaro and Angelina de Guzman

Matias Naum
son of Alfredo (Fede) Naum and Maria (Victoria) Brusasca



Baptised at St Bede's Pymont



Vigil Mass Time St James Forest Lodge

Dear friends,

I've made a decision to keep the vigil Mass at 5pm all year round, rather than changing it during daylight saving. I've had a number people talking to me about this since I arrived. So I would like to try it this summer and see how we go. Fr Dom

NOTICES

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS—30 SEPTEMBER 2017

On Saturday 30th September 2017 at 10am, there will be a Blessing of the Animals in the school car park, behind St James Church. (If raining, this will be undercover behind the Priory). Please make sure ALL animals are restrained.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

St James school is collecting Earn & Learn stickers, we would gratefully appreciate any stickers. An Earn & Learn sticker box is located in the church foyer for your convenience.

MARRIAGE PLEBISCITE

As survey forms begin arriving in letterboxes across Australia, it is important that we are fully equipped with information about the consequences of changing the definition of marriage and the impacts this will have on individuals, families, education and churches. The Coalition for Marriage has released a comprehensive guide to some of the key consequences and questions around this important conversation. Go to www.coalitionformarriage.com.au/handbook to download your free copy.

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING BILL NSW:

This assisted suicide bill will be tabled in the NSW Legislative Council on September 14. Please act now to inform MPs in both the Upper house (Legislative Council) and the Lower House (Legislative Assembly) of your views. Please write letters to your local MLA and to some of the MLCs. For MP contact details and points to use in letters go to: www.no euthanasia.org.au

DIRECT EMPLOYMENT

Having a job builds a person's dignity and wellbeing. It is empowering being in the workforce and contributing to society but for some people there are barriers. Direct Employment is a fee-free recruitment agency, helping people with disabilities overcome these barriers to find meaningful and sustainable work. It is the not-for-profit disability employment agency of the Archdiocese. Employers are only introduced to candidates who have the right availability, skills and ambitions. Candidates like Direct Employment because employment opportunities are tailored to each person's skills, individual goals and the needs of employers. Call us on 13 18 19 for more information.

FREE PUBLIC LECTURE: FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER, 6.30-8PM

St Paul's College, University of Sydney, 9 City Road, Camperdown

"Violence gives rise to religion: And why popular culture has this back to front..." with Dr James Alison

Abstract: Much popular culture and academic literature identifies religion as the cause of violence. In contrast, what if the opposite is the case: that violence gives rise to religion? James Alison will show that religion is actually an answer to the problem of human violence, which develops as a fundamental issue in human evolution and hominization.

Biographical information: Dr. James Alison is an internationally acclaimed Catholic theologian, and author of numerous books, including *The Joy of Being Wrong*, *Raising Abel*, *Knowing Jesus*, *Faith Beyond Resentment*, *Undergoing God*, and *Jesus the Forgiving Victim*. For more information, please go to: <http://jamesalison.co.uk/> Details: info@australiangirardseminar.org

DAY SEMINAR: SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER, 9AM-5PM

St Paul's College, University of Sydney, 9 City Road, Camperdown

Girard's Mimetic Theory: A Short Guide with Dr James Alison

This seminar provides an introduction to the French-Catholic theorist, René Girard (former professor of Stanford University and member of Académie française), whose theories on desire, violence, religion and Christianity have been ground-breaking.

The seminar will cater for beginners and for those who are more advanced. The seminar will be interactive, with workshops and groups led by Dr James Alison, Rev. Prof. Scott Cowdell (Charles Sturt University), Assoc. Prof. Chris Fleming (Western Sydney University), Dr Carly Osborn (University of Adelaide) and Dr Joel Hodge (Australian Catholic University).

Cost: \$100 (waged), \$70 (concession), free for students. Book at www.trybooking.com/RBNT

Details: info@australiangirardseminar.org

CALLING ALL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!

Are you a student (or do you know a student) studying at University? Each University has a Catholic Society that offers daily Mass, social gatherings and avenues to deepen your faith on campus.

Visit: www.unicatholics.org.au to find out what is happening on your campus.

GRIEF TO GRACE

Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griefftograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griefftograce.org

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL - DAY REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN.

Visit www.acyf.org.au for all the information of the Festival. Encourage your young people to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity in Sydney 7 – 9 December 2017

SAVE THE DATE—5TH NOVEMBER 2017—FUNDRAISING CONCERT AT ST BEDES

There will be a *fundraising concert* for the Cana community, at St Bedes for the sesquicentenary. More details to follow soon.

Cana Communities is mostly run by volunteers, and is solely reliant on donations from the community.

Cana Communities receives no government funding, and is grateful for your support. Cana runs crisis shelters and offers hospitality to those on the streets, those recently released from prison and those feeling lonely and forgotten. It coordinates a farm at Orchard Hills which is a centre for training people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

ST JAMES STORYTIME

We would like to invite any interested parishioners with young children to our StoryTime. StoryTime will be held every Tuesday morning at 9.00am in the school library. Preschool children of all ages are invited to attend. We look forward to welcoming you to your parish school.

THE 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.

Readers for next Sunday, 1st October 2017

	St. James'	St. Bede's	St. James'	St. Bede's
	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am
First Reader	Michael & Sue McAlister	Gus & Kathy Loo	Sr Agnes Farrugia	Gianna Swadling
Second Reader	Michael & Sue McAlister	Gus & Kathy Loo	Kerry Dealy	Brenda Aquilar

Please pray for the sick:

Anne Owens, Susan McCarthy, Patricia O'Leary, John Jones, Gillian Ellis, June Ebert, Debbie Julius, Archbishop Anthony, Fran Campisi, Irene Malin, Fr. Michael Walsh, Bp Geoffrey Robinson, Kate Mara, Leslee Hoad-Mara, Lee Tillam, Noreen Hayes, Kay White, family members, parishioners, friends.

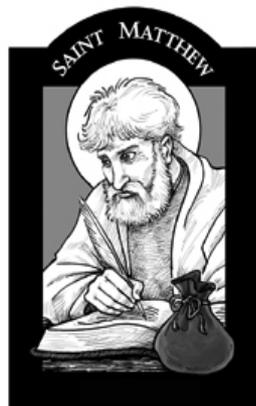
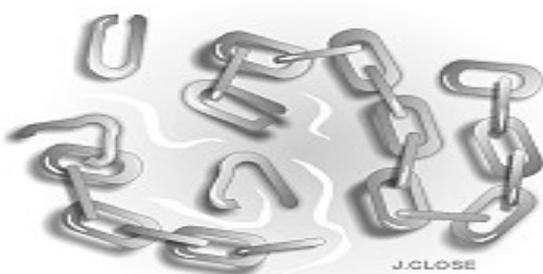
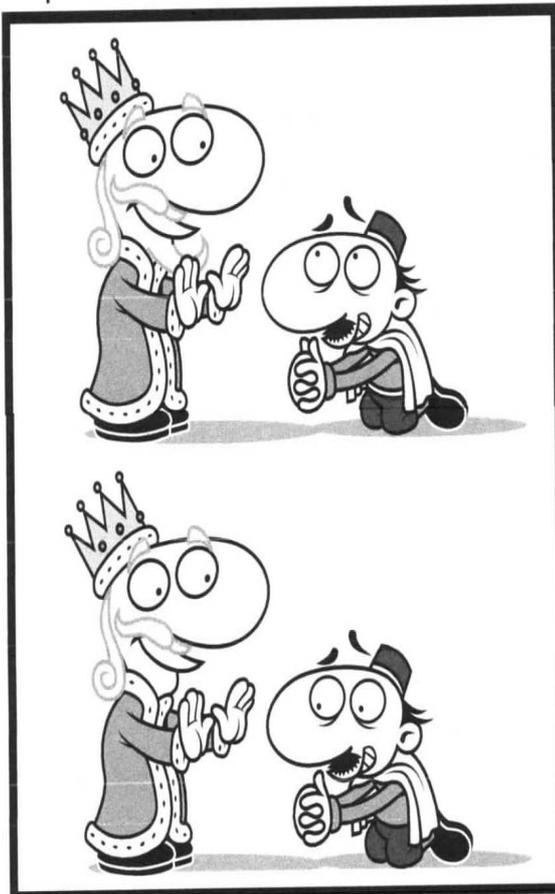
Please pray for the newly deceased:

Meryl Tapsell, Leonardo Tuifua, Noel Prosser

Please pray for the deceased:

Atu Sakopo, Helena Solo, Allan White, Georgia Hoad, Renie Donnelly, Bill Donnelly, Edward Pearce, Fr. Frank Furfaro, Mary Loh, Hazel O'Connor, Peter Walsh, Sam Tinman, Maria Lo, Sean & Pat Flanagan, Frank & Melina Galluzo, O'Connor family members & all the faithful departed Parishioners.

Spot the 7 differences between these pictures



St Matthew was originally a tax collector for the Roman Government at Capernaum, before Jesus called him to become an apostle. Jesus' contemporaries were surprised to see him associating with someone like Matthew, but Jesus explained that he had come 'not to call the just, but the sinners'. In the Gospels of Mark and Luke, Matthew is called Levi and it is thought that he may have had both names. The first Gospel was believed to have been written by Matthew. His account of Christ's life was written for his fellow Jews to convince them that their anticipated Messiah had indeed come in the person of Jesus.

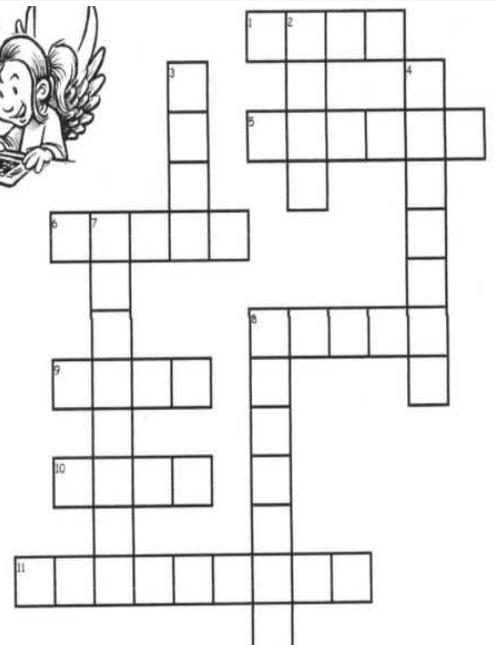
CROSSWORD

Across

- 1: exchanged for money
- 5: to have asked for charity or mercy
- 6: we use this to buy what we need
- 8: forgive the Lord's followers with all your h _ _ _ t
- 9: a male monarch
- 10: feeling sorry for someone
- 11: people who follow

Down

- 2: to have people in debt to you
- 3: released
- 4: Jesus told Peter to forgive not just seven times, but _____-seven times
- 7: the _____ owed the king fifty million silver coins
- 8: the man owed the official this many silver coins



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

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

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. 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

Ecclesiasticus 27:30 – 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. Through Christ our Lord.