



## ST. BEDE'S AND ST. JAMES'



### Third Sunday of Advent —Year B Sunday 17th December 2017

#### St James' Church.

2 Woolley Street,  
Glebe

#### Weekday Masses

Wednesday &  
Friday: 9am  
Sat: 8.30am

#### Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5pm  
Sunday: 9.30am  
(Tongan Choir: 4th Sunday)

#### Confession (Reconciliation)

Saturday at 4pm (St. James)

#### Baptisms

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

#### St Bede's Church

43 Pyrmont Street,  
Pyrmont

#### Sunday Mass Times

8am and 11am

#### Baptisms

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



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas and nowhere more so than at **St Mary's Cathedral** in the CBD.

From Wednesday December 6 until Christmas, the grand cathedral will be transformed with a free light and sound show that combines technology with creativity to capture the imaginations of visitors young and old.

Expect vividly-coloured animations projected onto the cathedral's 75-metre façade that tell Christmas-themed stories in full colour, backed by sweeping songs. Now in its eighth year, the event continues to draw strong crowds, so arrive early with a picnic rug to get a close-up view of the action. The show kicks off at 7.30pm every evening with a choir performance on the steps before the lights get switched on from 8.30pm until midnight.

**Where:** St Mary's Cathedral, St Mary's Rd, Sydney

**When:** 6 - 25 December 2017

**Cost:** FREE

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## **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL**

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival has been an outstanding success. There were more than 20,000 registrations and the young people participated with joy and enthusiasm in the prayers, workshops, plenaries and general activities. The Closing Mass was very well attended by festival participants and by parishioners of Sydney. It was a beautiful celebration with the Archbishop of Sydney, 29 Bishops of Australia, 200 priests and 15,000 in the congregation. The Festival was an extraordinary achievement for our Archdiocese and the support of the priests and parishioners is greatly appreciated. Thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who gave up their time on Thursday, Friday and Saturday to make it such a special event. Go to [www.xt3.com/live](http://www.xt3.com/live) and watch "on demand" the major events including the Closing Mass. Thank you for your support!

## **CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – 17 DECEMBER 2017 AT 7:30PM**

All are welcome to join in St Mary's Cathedral as we remember and pray for all those who have died and whose memory we cherish over the Christmas season.

## **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.

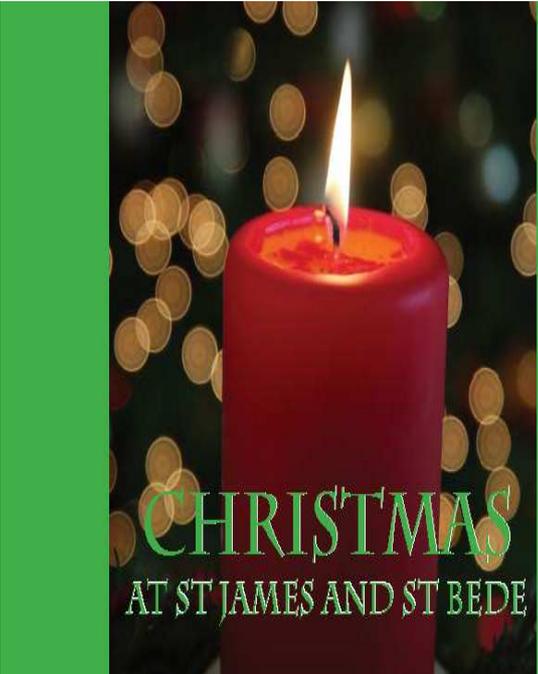
Visit: [www.unicatholics.org.au](http://www.unicatholics.org.au) to find out what is happening on your campus.

## **CATHOLICCARE'S NDIS THERAPY TEAM**

We help children 0-18 years living with a disability to access the therapy they need to reach their potential. We offer speech therapy, occupational therapy and physiotherapy at locations across Sydney.

For more information, contact our friendly CCareline team on **13 18 19**.

	<p><b>NOVEMBER</b> <b>AVAILABLE</b> <b>TO PURCHASE</b></p>	
<h3>Christmas Office Closure</h3> <p>The parish office will be closed from <b>Saturday 23rd December 2017</b> and will re-open on <b>Tuesday 9th January 2018</b>. We would like to wish you and your family a very happy Christmas and New Year.</p>	<p><b>\$10 each.</b> <b>Please put money in the St Vincent de Paul box.</b></p>	<p>2018 Columban Art Calendar</p>

 <h2>CHRISTMAS AT ST JAMES AND ST BEDE</h2>	<p><b>ST BEDE</b> 43 Pyrmont St, Pyrmont</p> <p><b>Christmas Midnight Mass</b> Carols from 11.30pm</p> <p><b>Christmas Day Masses</b> 8am &amp; 11am (with carols)</p> <p><b>ST JAMES</b> 2 Woolley St, Glebe</p> <p><b>Christmas Eve Mass 5pm</b> celebrated with a Tongan Choir <i>Children are invited to wear angel and shepherd costumes to participate in a Nativity pageant</i></p> <p><b>Christmas Day Mass 9.30am</b></p> <p><small>Catholic Parishes of St James, Glebe &amp; St Bede, Pyrmont <a href="http://www.stjames-stbede.org.au">www.stjames-stbede.org.au</a></small></p>
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<p><u>WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY</u></p> <p><b>JAIME VITO GONZALEZ,</b> son of Adolfo and Sara Gonzalez</p> <p>Baptised at St Bede's Pyrmont.</p>  <h2>Holy Baptism</h2>
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Readers for next Sunday, 24th December 2017

	St. James' 5pm	St. Bede's 8am	St. James' 9:30am	St. Bede's 11am
<b>First Reader</b>	Alday Family	Gus & Kathy Loo	Politoni Family	Rommel Tacadena
<b>Second Reader</b>	Alday Family	Gus & Kathy Loo	Politoni Family	Renata Tacadena

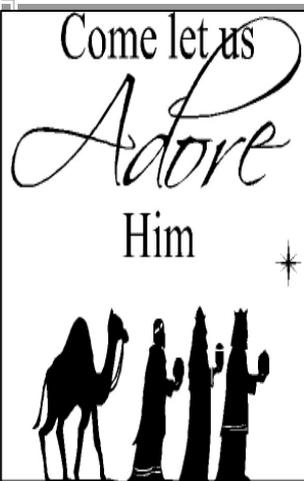
Please pray for the sick:

Elizabeth Fletcher, Neave Mackey, Anne Owens, Patricia O'Leary, John Jones, Gillian Ellis, John & 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 deceased:

Eileen Casey, Allan White, Georgia Hoad, Hazel O'Connor, Peter Walsh, Sam Tinman, Maria Lo, Sean & Pat Flanagan, Frank & Melina Galluzo, O'Connor family members & all the faithful departed Parishioners.

*If you would like to add names to the "pray for the sick" or "pray for the deceased" lists, please contact the office. Please note that any names added for an anniversary to the pray for the deceased will remain for 4 weeks.*



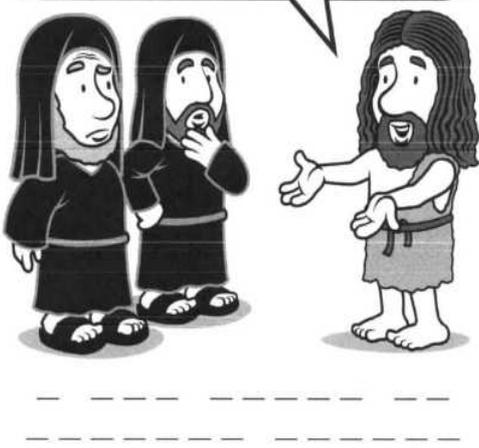
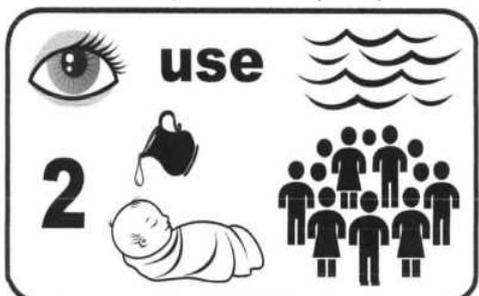
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Decipher the message that John the Baptist gave to the priests and temple helpers



**St 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 Ingoldstadt, 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.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**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 see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. 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**

**Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

My soul rejoices in my God.

**SECOND READING**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

**John 1:6-8. 19-28**

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?'

So John said,

'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

**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**

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.

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**

Say to the faint of heart:

Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come,

and he will save us.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts.

Through Christ our Lord.

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