



ST. BEDE'S AND ST. JAMES'



Fourth Sunday of Advent —Year B Sunday 24th 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 Pymont Street,
Pymont

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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NOTICES, NOTICES, NOTICES, NOTICES, NOTICES, NOTICES, NOTICES.....

ST VINCENT'S COLLEGE POTTS POINT 160TH ANNIVERSARY

St Vincent's College Potts Point will be celebrating their 160th Anniversary in 2018. A calendar of events will be published on the website www.stvincents.nsw.edu.au. The College, Ex-Students' Union and the Foundation are working together to document their rich history and conduct the Vinnies' Census of Alumnae and Community. All former students, staff and families are invited and encouraged to participate and spread the word. www.vinniescensus.nsw.edu.au

POSITIONS VACANT

Manager, Mission & Outreach. Permanent full-time position. Lewisham-based.
Please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. Applications close 26 January 2018.

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 and watch "on demand" the major events including the Closing Mass. Thank you for your support!

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.

CATHOLIC CARE'S NDIS THERAPY TEAM

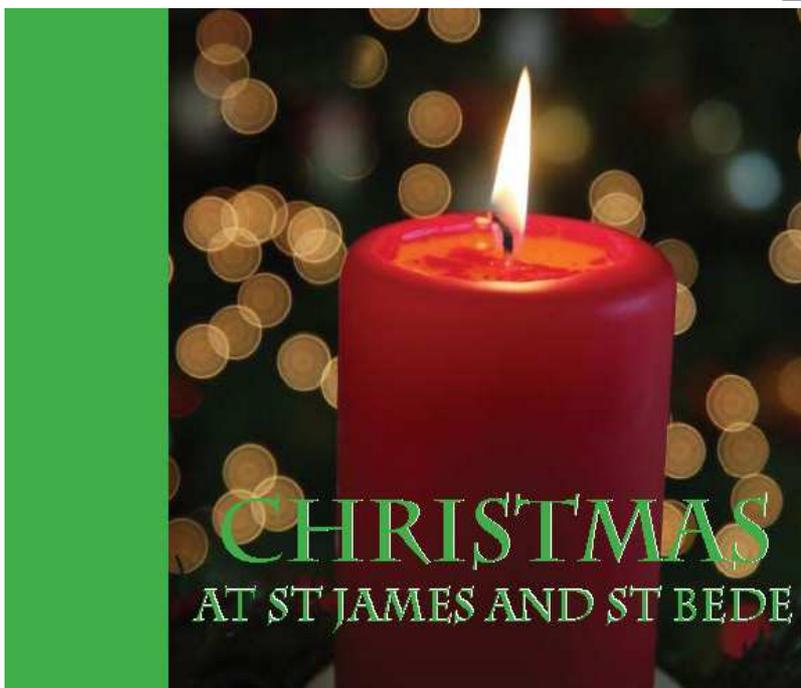
We help children 0-18 years living with a disability to access the therapy they need to reach their potential. We offer speech therapy, occupational therapy and physiotherapy at locations across Sydney.
For more information, contact our friendly CCareline team on **13 18 19**.



Christmas Office Closure

The parish office will be closed from **Saturday 23rd December 2017** and will re-open on **Tuesday 9th January 2018**.
We would like to wish you and your family a very happy Christmas and New Year.

NOVEMBER
AVAILABLE
TO PURCHASE
\$10 each.
Please put
money in the
St Vincent de
Paul box.



CHRISTMAS **AT ST JAMES AND ST BEDE**

ST BEDE

43 Pyrmont St, Pyrmont

Christmas Midnight Mass

Carols from 11.30pm

Christmas Day Masses

8am & 11am (with carols)

ST JAMES

2 Woolley St, Glebe

Christmas Eve Mass 5pm

celebrated with a Tongan Choir
Children are invited to wear angel and shepherd costumes to participate in a Nativity pageant

Christmas Day Mass 9.30am

Catholic Parishes of St James, Glebe & St Bede, Pyrmont
www.stjames-stbede.org.au

Readers for next Sunday, 31st December 2017

	St. James' 5pm	St. Bede's 8am	St. James' 9:30am	St. Bede's 11am
First Reader	Michael & Sue McAlister	Karen Pederson	Margaret Cody	Robert Pak
Second Reader	Michael & sue McAlister	Mary Pederson	Anne Connolly	Sr Mary Leahy

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.



Use the words below to find out what the angel Gabriel and the Blessed Virgin Mary are saying to each other.

favoured one!
The ____ is with you.
Don't be -----!
God is -----
with you. You shall
have a ____ and his
name will be -----.



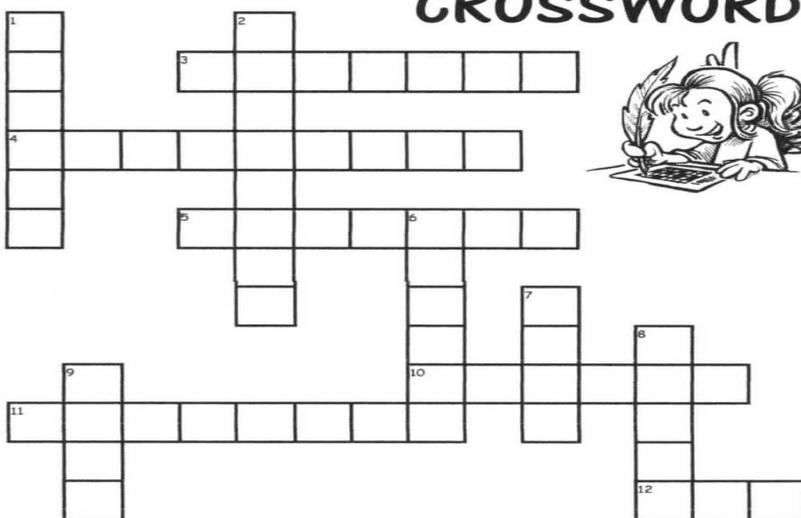
I am the

of the Lord!
Let this

as you
have said.

Jesus afraid happen servant Lord Greetings pleased son

CROSSWORD



St Stephen was the first deacon chosen by the apostles soon after the death and resurrection of Jesus. He took care of the needs of Greek-speaking widows among the Christian community in Jerusalem, and he was also known as a zealous preacher. But his preaching was considered blasphemy by the Jewish council and he was stoned to death in c.35AD. Stephen became the first martyr for Christ and even as they threw stones at him, he asked God forgive his attackers for their sins.



Across

- 3: the angel sent by God to deliver a message
- 4: Mary's cousin who was also going to have a son
- 5: Mary said, 'I am the Lord's -----! Let it happen as you have said.'
- 10: the angel told Mary that Jesus would forever rule the people of which land?
- 11: unable to understand, mixed up
- 12: the opposite of daughter

Down

- 1: Mary was engaged to this man
- 2: the town where Mary lived
- 6: scared, frightened
- 7: the angel had a message for this person
- 8: Mary was told to give her child this name
- 9: the angel said, 'your child will be called the ----- Son of God'

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

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

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.' But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Romans 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.



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 Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar, just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 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

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.