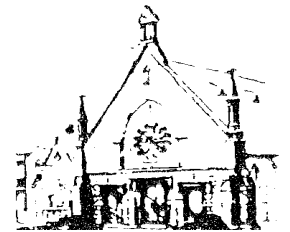


ST. BEDE'S AND ST. JAMES'



The Ascension of the Lord —Year B Sunday 13th May 2018

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)

Children's Liturgy

1st Sunday of the month (St. James)

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.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Risen Lord could have appeared to groups of followers generation after generation until now. But he withdrew his visible bodily presence from us. Why? I think because he needed to wean human beings from our tendency to be self-centred. The Resurrection starts the transformation of the *whole* of creation, not just us.

Ordinary human beings are the heart and mind and voice of non-angelic creation. We love and understand and speak on its behalf. The transforming effect of Our Lord's glorified humanity is much more profound. Every molecule, every quantum of energy, the past, present and future are all in the process of being changed towards 'the fullness of him who fills the whole creation'.

At every Mass, this divine resurrection power is at work. Elements of the universe, wheat-bread, grapes-wine, become the Real Presence of Our Lord's glorified body.

The privilege of a ministerial priest is to be the ritual servant of this divine transformation. Invoking the Holy Spirit and reciting the words of the Last Supper is the priest's role in Our Lord's creative real anticipation of the end of time.

We could take a moment to pray for the grace to let go of our self-centredness, to stop staring into the empty sky as though lamenting Our Lord's absence, and to savour the privilege of receiving his Real Presence in the transformed elements of creation as we and they share in that Holy Communion which is the destiny of the whole cosmos.

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WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY



LIAM HARRINGTON LAOH,
son of Daniel Laoh and Jeslin Logito
Baptised at St James, Forest Lodge



ORLANDO ENZO CALABRIA,
son of Andrew and Nicole Calabria,
brother to William and Alexandra.
Baptised at St Bede's Pymont.



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

SHORTER PARISH BULLETIN NOTICE

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a public Short Course "From death to new life: preparing and celebrating Catholic funerals" at Strathfield in the Gleeson Auditorium on 4 Wednesday evenings in July. Leading scholars will investigate a Christian theology of dying and death and explore how the Order of Christian Funerals celebrates death in a specifically Catholic way. Experienced priests and funeral directors will discuss how they care for the dead and for those who grieve. There will also be an opportunity to prepare a Catholic funeral for yourself or a loved one. Registration is essential, at: http://www.acu.edu.au/acu_centre_for_liturgy/short_courses. For more information phone 02-9701 4751.

WALK WITH CHRIST – 3 JUNE 2018

All are invited to participate in this year's Walk With Christ Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 3 June 2018. Participants will gather at the corner of Pitt St and Martin Place in the CBD at 2:30pm. The procession will follow the Blessed Sacrament through the Sydney CBD, finishing at the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt with Adoration and Benediction. If you are unable to join us for the Procession, you are more than welcome to join us for Adoration and Benediction from approximately 3.30pm in the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt. The event will conclude at approximately 4:30pm. The procession will help mark the 200th anniversary of a little known, but most heroic and faith-filled time in the history of the Australian Church. In 1818, the Government forcibly removed the only Catholic priest in Australia, Fr Jeremiah O'Flynn, from Sydney. Fr O'Flynn's last pastoral act was to leave the Blessed Sacrament reserved in a faithful Catholic's home so that the colonists and prisoners could come to adore Christ present there. For two years, the Blessed Sacrament, in this lay Sydney home, was the source and centre of worship and consolation for the priestless Catholics of the Australian colony.

FATIMA DAY – ALL HALLOWS – 4:00PM, 13 MAY 2018—ALL HALLOWS CHURCH - 2 HALLY STREET, FIVE DOCK

Last October, on the feast of Our Lady of Victory, later to be known as Our Lady of the Rosary, well over one million lay people gathered in Poland around the Polish borders to pray the Rosary for the protection of their country and to intercede for their young people. Ireland, Italy, England and France followed to pray for their countries.

Now 53 sites around Australia will do the same for our country on 13 May. Mother's Day - What a coincidence!

Oz Rosary 53# because there are 53 Hail Mary's in the Rosary and there will be 53 sites around Australia in which to pray. ALL HALLOWS FIVE DOCK is one and everyone is welcome

THE BISHOP'S BLEND:

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on Tuesday, 22nd May 2018 at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney for The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://bishopsblendfourthedition.eventbrite.com> or contact us at bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP 2018 NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. **Commence in Melbourne 23 October, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 3 November 2018. COST EX SYDNEY: \$3,230.00** (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$700.00** For further information, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 0417 683123 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au.



*******PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF PREPARATION TIMES*******

First Holy Communion 2018 St James Catholic Church

First Holy Communion: Sunday 3rd June, 9:30am

First Holy Communion preparation sessions will be on the following dates:

Saturday 12th May, (Session Two)

Changed due to Mother's Day—4pm Session, followed by 5pm Mass

Sunday 20th May, (Sessions Three and Four)

Sunday 27th May (Retreat Day)

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be on **Sunday 3rd June at 9:30am**

For more information, please contact Brooke at St James Parish office, on 9660 1407 or email: info@stjames-stbede.org.au

Readers for next Sunday, 20th May 2018

	St. James'	St. Bede's	St. James'	St. Bede's
	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am
First Reader	Mary Flanagan	Tony Greene	Kerry Dealy	Robert Pak
Second Reader	Sally Read	Maureen Sailer	Rocco Ranieri	Sr Mary Leahy

Please pray for the sick:

Guido Gianni, Peter Spillane, Fr Dom Murphy, Mia Hoad, Audrey Tate, Elizabeth Fletcher, Neave Mackey, Patricia O'Leary, 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:

Barbara Murphy, Monica Bernadette McNally Turner, McNally family members, John Jones, Ronald John Morrow and Coralie Florence Morrow, 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.

Wordsearch

Try to find these words:



- believe
- down
- everywhere
- Good News
- hand
- heal
- hurt
- languages
- miracles
- right
- sick
- snake

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ASCENSION

How many words can you make from the letters in the word ASCENSION?



St Matthias was a disciple of Jesus who bore witness to his baptism and resurrection and was present when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples at Pentecost. Because of this, his name was put forward as a candidate to become one of the twelve apostles, with the departure of Judas. Two men were nominated, Matthias and Joseph Barsabas. Lots were drawn and Matthias was chosen and enrolled with the eleven apostles. Little else is known about his life; there are confusions in some traditions with the deeds of Matthew the apostle. Some believe he

preached in Judea and then Ethiopia before being martyred.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

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

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever & ever.

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

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

We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord, to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son: grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms. Through Christ our Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God, who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you. Through Christ our Lord.

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