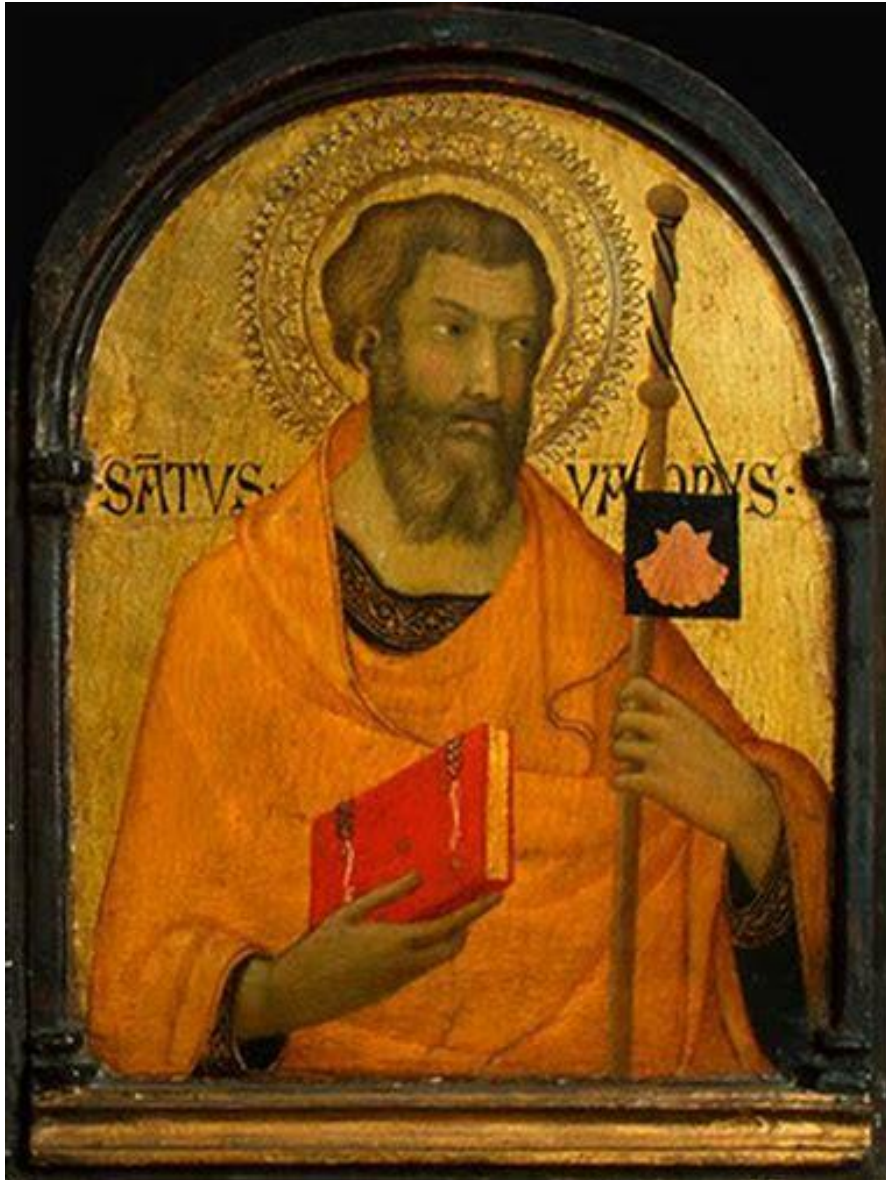




St James, Apostle and Martyr
25 July 2021



*Jesus called James, the son of Zebedee and his brother John.
Immediately they left their father in the boat and followed Jesus.
(c.f. Mark 1: 19, 20)*

*We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation
as the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we meet.*

*We pay our respects to their Elders past and present,
acknowledge their continuing spiritual connection to Country,
and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.*



James, often called 'the Great' or 'the Greater' (to distinguish him from James, son of Alphaeus, another of the Apostles), was a Galilean fisherman, son of Zebedee who, with his brother John, was one of the first disciples called by Jesus. The two brothers, with Peter, were with Jesus at his Transfiguration, and again were asked by Jesus to 'keep awake' in the Garden of Gethsemane.

James was the first of the Apostles put to death – under the orders of Herod Agrippa (who had also killed John the Baptist). This is believed to have occurred as early as 44.

Despite the indications in *The Acts of the Apostles* that none of the apostles left Jerusalem until *after* James's death, since the 7th century it has been alleged that, before his martyrdom, James travelled to Spain to preach the gospel there. In Spain, from the 9th century, it has also been asserted that James's 'remains' were translated to Santiago de Compostela – and the city (named for Saint James – Iago in Spanish) and its Basilica became the third great pilgrimage site of the mediaeval West: after Jerusalem and Rome. Owing to this link with pilgrimage, James is often shown (as above) carrying a staff. And, because of the prevalence of scallops on the coast near Santiago, a scallop shell became the traditional symbol of pilgrimage in Western Europe. James usually has one of those too, and he wears a pilgrim's hat. He also usually carries a book of the gospels – because he brought the gospel to Spain.

ZOOM SERVICE THIS WEEK AT ST GEORGE'S, MALVERN

Sunday, 25 July 2021

St James, Apostle and Martyr

9.00am Eucharist

Meeting ID: 961 5457 9971; Password: 562655

OR

you can connect by putting into your search browser the following:

<https://zoom.us/j/96154579971?pwd=OVIFZkZ5MGIUWmQyWllwOFh3a2wxdz09>

As we meet this morning by Zoom, attached again is a reminder of the suggestions and patterns that were helpful in the lockdown of last year. Please take a few moments to read this before joining the Zoom link:

ZOOM ETIQUETTE

The following helpful hints will ensure best results for all when using Zoom.

1. Find a comfortable place to sit during the service.
2. Why not dress as if you were going to church?
3. Please connect no later than 5 minutes before the scheduled time. If you connect once the service begins this may cause disruptions.
4. **Please click on mute immediately.**
Please only turn mute 'off' if you have been asked to read or pray in the service. Then please click mute 'on' again after finishing reading.
5. Adjust the volume of sound **from your device** when listening, using your device's controls, not Zoom.
6. It is advised that you switch off your video unless speaking: this will minimize the drain on your own internet provider.
7. Please do not try to adjust your controls once the service starts.
8. **Please turn mobile phones to silent.**
9. At the end of the service, we will turn off 'mute' so you can chat to one another, if you wish, for around 15 minutes.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

President: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The President welcomes the congregation, then this sentence of Scripture is read:

While we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake,
so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh.

2 Corinthians 4: 11

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We say together:

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**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. Amen.**

Let us pray.

The people pray silently, and then the President 'collects' the silent prayer:

Collect

O gracious God,
whose apostle James left his father and all that he had,
and without delay obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ:
pour out upon the leaders of your Church
the same spirit of self-denying service
by which alone they may have true authority among your people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah:

The word that the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Baruch son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah:

Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch:

You said,

‘Woe is me! The LORD has added sorrow to my pain;

I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest.’

Thus you shall say to him,

‘Thus says the LORD:

I am going to break down what I have built,

and pluck up what I have planted—that is, the whole land.

And you, do you seek great things for yourself?

Do not seek them;

for I am going to bring disaster upon all flesh, says the LORD;

but I will give you your life as a prize of war

in every place to which you may go.’

Jeremiah 45

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

**Response: The Lord has done great things for us,
 so we sing with songs of joy.**

1. When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion:
 then were we like those restored to life.
2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter:
 and our tongue with singing. **R.**
3. Then said they among the heathen:
 ‘The Lord has done great things for them.’
4. Truly the Lord has done great things for us:
 and therefore we rejoiced.
5. Turn again our fortunes, O Lord:
 as the streams return to the dry south. **R.**
6. Those who sew in tears:
 shall reap with songs of joy.
7. They that go out weeping, bearing the seed:
 shall come again in gladness,
 bringing their sheaves with them. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the church in Corinth:

We have this treasure in clay jars,
so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power
belongs to God and does not come from us.
We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed;
perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken;
struck down, but not destroyed;
always carrying in the body the death of Jesus,
so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.
For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake,
so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh.
So death is at work in us, but life in you.

But just as we have the same spirit of faith
that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—
we also believe, and so we speak,
because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus
will raise us also with Jesus,
and will bring us with you into his presence.
Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace,
as it extends to more and more people,
may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 4: 7–15

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia!

‘You did not choose me but I chose you,’ says the Lord.

‘And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.’

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him.

And he said to her, ‘What do you want?’

She said to him,

‘Declare that these two sons of mine will sit,
one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.’

But Jesus answered,

‘You do not know what you are asking.

Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?’

They said to him, ‘We are able.’

He said to them,

‘You will indeed drink my cup,
but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant,
but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.’

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers.

But Jesus called them to him and said,

‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them,
and their great ones are tyrants over them.

It will not be so among you;

but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant,
and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave;

just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life a ransom for many.’

Matthew 20: 20 – 28

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A homily is given, then silence is kept.

The Nicene Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
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.**

**We 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 worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Prayers are offered for the world, the Church, for our local community, those sick or “in any other adversity”, and we remember the faithful departed.

For the Anglican Church

The Scottish Episcopal Church; The Diocese of The Murray; ACCESS ministries; St Andrew's Brighton; St Luke's, Cockatoo; St James', Drysdale.

For all in need

Matthew, Sam, Milroy, Coral, David, Tony, Paul, Christine, Lei and her family, Keith, Peter, Leon, Erica, Josh, Vincent, Clive, John, Darcy.

For the Faithful Departed

Those who have died recently: Merrin James
and those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Isambard Corless, Iris Menck, Russell Myers, Alys Prout-Webb, Frederick Theobald, Charlotte Schnelle, Dorothy (Doree) Gibbons, Viola Gaskell, Michael Robinson, Peter Frederick Moss, John Stevenson, Eira Elisabeth Hayden.

The President gathers and concludes the intercessions, saying:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Silence is kept.

Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight,
and bringing our sins to the Lord in penitence and faith.

Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The President pronounces Absolution, and the people respond

Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The gifts are set up on the altar and the President offers prayers, to which the people respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

The President then begins the Great Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The President continues with a prayer appropriate to the season, concluding with:

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy. Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The President continues the prayer until:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The President continues the prayer, which concludes:

...we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Silence is kept.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As the President breaks the bread, the following is said:

As this broken bread was once many grains
which have been gathered together and made one bread.

**So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom.**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
as we come to the Holy Communion of the body and blood
of our Saviour Christ,
the current restrictions on gathering mean that we cannot do
what we would normally do, and physically share in the bread and wine
in remembrance of Christ's body broken and blood shed for us.
Nonetheless, we can and should still participate spiritually.
As we join in the celebration of this sacrament:
“if we come with a penitent heart and lively faith,
we spiritually eat the flesh of Christ and drink his blood;
we dwell in Christ and he in us;
we are one with Christ and Christ with us” –
even when, as now, we are unable to consume the bread and wine
physically.
Yet, in faith and hope, we look forward to the time
when we can gather again together to partake physically
in the sacrament and in communion with each other.

*During this time, all are encouraged to make what is traditionally called
'spiritual communion'. To assist in this, you might use one of the following
prayers:*

PRAYERS OF SPIRITUAL RECEPTION

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,
and, since I cannot at this time receive communion physically,
I pray you to come into my heart.
I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul,
and my mind.
Let nothing separate me from you;
let me serve you in this life until, by your grace,
I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength;
be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways;
conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness;
and, in the power of your gracious might,
rule over every hostile power that threatens
or disturbs the growth of your kingdom,
who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns,
one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

After Communion, silence is kept.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

A prayer is offered by the President, which ends

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

THE BLESSING

The President pronounces a blessing, to which all respond

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Day	<u>Morning Prayer</u>	<u>Evening Prayer</u>
Monday, 26 July <i>Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Psalms 65 and 70 2 Samuel 10 John 8:31–47	Psalm 66 Proverbs 8:22–36 Romans 4:1–12
Tuesday, 27 July	Psalm 68:1–20 2 Samuel 11:1–21 John 8:48–59	Psalm 68: 21–35 Proverbs 9 Romans 4:13–25
Wednesday, 28 July	Psalm 71 2 Samuel 11:22–12:15a John 9:1–17	Psalm 119:65–88 Proverbs 10:1–16 Romans 5:1–11
Thursday, 29 July <i>Mary and Martha of Bethany</i> Eucharist at 10:15	Psalm 69:1–16 2 Samuel 12:15b–31 John 9:18–38	Psalm 69:17–38 Proverbs 10:17–32 Romans 5:12–21
Friday, 30 July <i>William Wilberforce, social reformer</i>	Psalm 72 2 Samuel 13:1–19 John 9:39–10:18	Psalm 73 Proverbs 11:1–15 Romans 6:1–11
Saturday, 31 July <i>Joseph of Arimathea</i> <i>Ignatius of Loyola</i>	Psalm 59 2 Samuel 13:20–14:3 John 10:19–39	Psalms 58, 79 Proverbs 11:16–31 Romans 6:12–23
Next Sunday, 1 August Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist, with hymns Holy Eucharist & meditation

Scripture Readings next week

2 Samuel 11: 26 – 12: 13a
Ephesians 4: 1 – 16

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Psalm 51: 1 – 12
John 6: 24 – 35

REFLECTIONS ON THE LECTIONS

*'People are saints not because of what they achieve, but because of their acceptance of failure. A saint is one who conforms to Christ, and what Jesus is about was shown not in his successes, his cures and miracles and brilliant parables and preaching, but in his "failure", his defeat on the cross, when he died deserted by his followers and with all his life's work in ruins.'*¹

So writes the remarkably astute Dominican theologian, Herbert McCabe. Our gospel this morning (and, indeed, each of the readings we hear today) shows that those who follow Jesus need to undertake a profound reconsideration of what we mean by 'success' or 'failure', what we mean by 'honour' and 'dishonour', how we understand 'greatness'.

According to Matthew's gospel, the mother of James and John asks Jesus for the seats of honour when his kingdom comes. Mark puts the request in the mouths of the brothers themselves. It is almost as if Matthew is trying to 'preserve the honour' of two of Jesus' chief disciples – let their mother take the blame for such a bold request. (Luke omits this story altogether). In both gospel accounts, however, the request gives Jesus an opportunity to tell all of the twelve (and all subsequent disciples who hear this story) that how they – and we – understand 'greatness' will need to be completely reshaped.

It is the same message that God tells Jeremiah to pass on to Baruch, and to all who hear what Jeremiah has to say: "Do not seek great things for yourself". Why? Because what the world counts as glorious, great and wonderful will finally be seen as nothing. That, too, is why Paul reminds his hearers that 'we have this treasure in clay jars so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.' True greatness, all our readings make clear, is to be seen when God brings about God's transformation of all things – chiefly, in the resurrection of Jesus.

Paul reminds us, therefore, that while we may – as many are now – suffer afflictions, perplexity, persecution, hardships; or even the dreariness, frustration and boredom of another lockdown, we are not abandoned nor forsaken. The God who brings life from death is still at work, still bringing about the restoration of all things, not least realigning our understanding of the things that are really important and great. So, like Jesus, let us 'hand over' to God all of our own 'failings', our impatience, our fears. And, like James and all the saints, let us seek God in these realities, rather than in the things we think are important, and find ourselves transformed and raised with Christ.

¹ 'A Sermon for St Thomas', in Herbert McCabe OP, *God Matters*, (London: Continuum, 1987), p. 236.

NOTICES

Merrin James

Long-standing parishioner Merrin James died peacefully at Cabrini on Wednesday afternoon. Knowing of her commitment here, and the many who were touched by so much that she did, Merrin's brother was keen that all parishioners be informed of her death and details of her Requiem Eucharist.

This will be held in the parish church next Tuesday (July 27) at 10:30 a.m., and will be live-streamed by Selwyn Allen.

(The link for the streaming is: www.tinyurl.com/merrinj).

At a later date, when it becomes possible, we will look to hold a Memorial Service of Thanksgiving.

Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.

May she rest in peace, and rise in glory. Amen.

Looking Ahead

Première of *Missa Gracia* by Calvin Bowman Sunday, August 15

Commissioned jointly to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St George's, and in honour of the late Ann Stewart, Calvin Bowman's congregational setting of the eucharist will, *if Covid restrictions permit*, first be heard at 10:00 a.m. on August 15 (the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary). (And see below **)

It has been decided, in light of the current restrictions, to postpone the parish luncheon until later in the year. A final decision about the eucharist and new setting will be made closer to the event itself.

**** Introduction to the new setting – *Missa Gracia* Sundays August 1 & 8**

If you would like to sing our new mass setting a few times before it is officially premiered on August 15, there will be two short 'meet the music' sessions after church on Sundays August 1st and 8th. To assist planning, if you are interested in this, please speak with ea, or email her: music@stgeorgesmalvern.org

Synod

October 13 – 16

Continue to pray for the members of the 53rd Synod of the Diocese of Melbourne and for the meetings of the second session of that Synod which will take place in October. Especially pray for Malcolm Tadgell who, as Registrar, bears most of the burden of its organisation and smooth-running.

Parish Retreat

November 5 – 7

Advance notice of a forthcoming Retreat for interested members of St George's to attend. This will be a directed retreat, mainly in silence, right beside the sea at Queenscliff. A retreat allows time to come away from the demands of everyday life and spend time in the silent company of others and God. There will be time to walk along the beach, for reading, walking the labyrinth in the grounds or simply sitting and enjoying the stillness. There will be times for Eucharist, prayer together each morning and evening, and some short sessions to help guide your reflection. Delicious meals, with other hospitality, will be provided by the caring staff at Santa Casa, and the comfort of your self-contained single room.

Dates / Times:	Friday 5 th (from 4pm) – Sunday 7 th November (after lunch)
Place:	Santa Casa, 33–35 Flinders Street, Queenscliff
Cost:	\$240 inclusive of all meals, individual en-suite room, linen and towels etc provided.
Dietary needs:	Can be accommodated
Booking:	Speak with Brenda

If you have not attended a retreat before (or one involving some silence), or have any questions, please talk with Brenda. Similarly, if the total cost may be prohibitive, please raise your concern with Brenda.

Parish Database

If you have never received an email from the church addressed to all parishioners advising of certain events or changes, you may not be on the parish database! If you think this may be true for you, please email Nisha with your details: office@stgerogesmalvern.org.

Parish Sing Invitation – Thursday, 29 July at 7pm

The Parish Sing is back! For all the wrong reasons. If you would like to join all the choir regulars and a few other singers, we are tentatively planning to start-up our Parish Sing again by Zoom on Thursday evenings.

We'll run with last year's format as it seemed to work pretty well. We'll have a little bit of a gentle and simple sing together to start and finish, hosted by the wonderful Brooks family. In the middle we'll have a quick chat. It will run for 30-40 minutes. Everyone is welcome to join us for this.

Please let ea know if you would like to be a sent the link to this Parish-Get-Together. music@stgeorgesmalvern.org

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