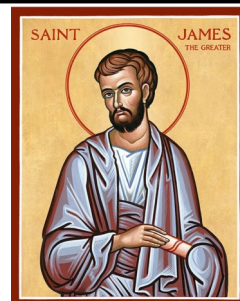


# 4TH SUNDAY LENT YR A 2023 19 MARCH

## ST JAMES PARISH COORPAROO

IS A PARISH OF ACCOMPANIMENT  
WHERE WE ENCOUNTER AND  
KNOW CHRIST, DEEPEN OUR FAITH,  
AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY



### BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

## Living Out Loud

*The Pharisees continue to try to find something they can convict Jesus of. They question the blind man that Jesus healed. Hoping to trap him into saying something to incriminate Jesus, they persecute the man with words. The blind man continued to tell the truth.*

There are all sorts of ways of being persecuted. The Pharisees laughed at and ridiculed the blind man for speaking the truth. A few years later, Stephen became the first Christian martyr for speaking his truth. I admire these men for their courage, particularly when I consider my own lack of it.

I don't think I would ever disavow being a Catholic, but at the same time I wonder why sometimes it looks like I'm trying to keep it a secret. I remember sitting in a restaurant recently and seeing an elderly couple bless themselves and say grace before eating their meal. I was impressed, and had to wonder why I feel so uncomfortable making the Sign of the Cross in a crowded restaurant. I know that in the United

States nobody's going to stone me for my faith.

However, persecution can come in a variety of forms and degrees, from the ultimate price of martyrdom to the subtle disrespect of being laughed at. There may seem to be no comparison between the two, but the discomfort of being left out or talked about still hurts. Sometimes it takes courage to live one's faith openly.

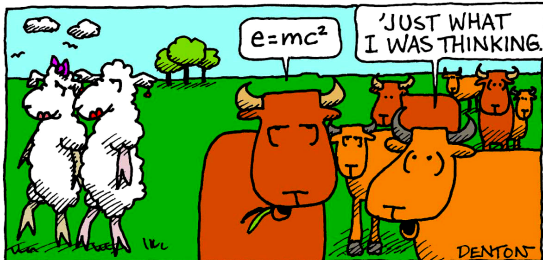
We may live in a free society, but folks see religion as a private matter. If we pray out loud, mention the Bible, or talk about what the priest said on Sunday, our coworkers may be inclined to negatively consider us religious fanatics. Blessed are those who witness to their faith anyway.

The best place to practice living your faith out loud is at home. Pray together with your family before meals and at bedtime, take turns reading the Bible to each other, talk about Sunday's Gospel and homily. Let your children see you witness your faith to the outside world, even if it is just by making the Sign of the Cross in a crowded restaurant.

POOR, CLUELESS COWS!  
... ALL DAY, JUST  
CHEWING THEIR CUDS  
AND STARING BLANKLY.



$E=mc^2$   
'JUST WHAT  
I WAS THINKING.'



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"Not as man sees does God see."

### Sheepish Question:

How can I broaden my perspective to view life around me with the eyes of God?

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Archbishop  
Mark  
Coleridge  
invites you to  
the annual  
**Chrism Mass**  
**Thursday**  
**30th March**  
**2023 @ 7pm.**  
Cathedral of  
St Stephen,  
Elizabeth St,  
City.  
All welcome.

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**CHRISM  
MASS**

Thursday 30th March 2023  
@ 7:00pm

Cathedral of St Stephen  
249 Elizabeth Street,  
Brisbane

A celebration for the entire Archdiocese  
All Welcome

car parking available from 6:00pm

### FAMILY RESPONSE

Talk about how each family member can let the light of faith shine. How can all of you as a family live your faith out loud?

### PERSONAL RESPONSE

How comfortable are you sharing your faith at home or outside the home? How do you feel about this? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

St James Church

### Morning Prayer (Lauds)

8am, 6 - 8 April, Church

### Way of the Cross (Good Friday, 10am, 7 April)

## PASCHAL TRIDUUM

✠ Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm  
(Maundy Thursday, 6 April)

✠ Celebration of the Lord's  
Passion 3pm  
(Good Friday, 7 April)

✠ Easter Vigil Celebration 7pm  
(Holy Saturday, 8 April)

## EASTER SUNDAY (9 April) Masses: 7am & 9am

### Note:

Church and Parish office are closed on  
Monday, 10 April (no 8am mass).

## This Sunday's Readings

4th Sunday Lent (Year A/1)

**First Reading 1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13** In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

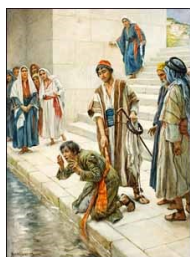
The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

**Psalm 22(23) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.	He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.	You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.	Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.
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**Second Reading Ephesians 5: 8-14** Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.



**Gospel Reading John 9: 1-41 (Shorter form) The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.**

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.'

Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet', replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him'. Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

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## Social Justice

**GOSPEL OF CREATION** (Laudato Si') The Bible teaches that every man and woman is created out of love and made in God's image and likeness (Gen 1:26). This shows us the immense dignity of each person, ...How wonderful is the certainty that each human life is not adrift in the midst of hopeless chaos. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary. (LS 65)



## Project Compassion 2023

Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg. Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.



Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD). For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing.

With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow... For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from you parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or call 1800 024 413.





## Prayers

**Please pray for recently deceased:**



Mary-Rita Deakin; Emmanuel Pandey; Daniel Canavan; Irene Hueso Checa; Peter Korst; Slavica Ljubas; Cletus Davis.

**And these anniversaries:** Dr John English; Paul Gannon; Secondo Berta; Patricia Svensdotter; Eustaquia Elicano; Luke & Gerard O'Reilly.

**Please pray for these unwell:** Helene Pandey; Robbie Haley; Fr Kevin Tu'itti; David & Kerry See; John Canavan; Miriam Martin; Rosalie Pascual; Aoife Stephenson; Michael & Mary-Clare Simpson; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan.

## Parish news

### LENTEN RECONCILIATION

1st Rite of Reconciliation

**Tuesday 14th March 7pm-8pm &**

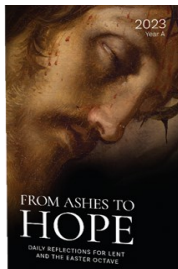
**Tuesday 28th March 7pm-8pm**

*(under the mango tree & church confessional)*



### MINISTRY ROSTER FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

at side entrance... Are you available to assist our Mass ministries over Easter? Visit the roster and add your name. *We have also added our usual ministers—please check for your name and remove if you are away this Easter 2023.*



**\*Lenten Program**—prayer group on Mondays after 8am mass. All welcome. From Ashes to Hope. Concludes 3rd April.

**\*Way of the Cross**—Wednesdays held in the Church during Lent, after 8am mass. Concludes 29th March.



### FRIENDS OF ST AUGUSTINE NATIONAL LAY CONGRESS

**7-9 July 2023 Brisbane** "Walking Together". Join us to explore what it means to be a member of the Church of the third millennium. Venue: Villanova College 24 Sixth Avenue Coorparoo, Brisbane. Information email or register: [laycongress2023@gmail.com](mailto:laycongress2023@gmail.com)



## MARCH

**20 Monday** Lenten Prayer group after 8am mass

**Tuesdays** Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration after 8am mass: (8.30am till Wednesday 8am)

**22 Wednesday** Way of the Cross after 8am mass

**24 Friday** Brisbane East Deanery Bible study St James Priory 6pm—9pm, session 7.

**25 / 26 Saturday** 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (through Event-brite); 5th Sunday Lent (**Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am**); **No Baptisms.**

**26 Sunday** 9am St James School + Family + Parish mass.

**27 Monday** Lenten Prayer group after 8am mass

**27 Monday** Parent Info Session (church 6pm) for Sacramental Program of Penance.

**28 Tuesday** Eucharistic Adoration after 8am mass (8.30am till Wednesday 8am); Lenten Reconciliation 7pm-8pm

## App Recommendations

Pray with millions around the world leading up to Easter alongside Mark Wahlberg, Jim Caviezel, Fr. Mike, and more on Hallow, the #1 prayer app in the world.

**Hallow**

Find a whole range of great resources to help you with Prayer, Rosary, Meditation, Daily Gospel, Novenas, Daily Reflections, Bible in a Year w/ Fr Mike Schmitz, Catechism in a Year, and a lot more.

Thank you Renae for recommending this app!



**Watch this space for news and updates about any of our parish ministries!**

## Community Life & Hospitality

## Children & Families

## Social Justice

## Worship

## Youth & Young Adults

## Adult Faith Formation

**WATCH THIS SPACE!**

## Planned Giving for the Week of 12 March, 2023

Collection <u>Account numbers</u>	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Total
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian Priory</b> BSB: 064 786 Account #: <b>100019791</b>	<b>\$855.20</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>\$530</b>	<b>\$165</b>	<b>\$1,625.20</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection St James Parish</b> BSB: 064 786 Account #: <b>100018086</b>	<b>\$601.45</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>\$555</b>	<b>\$165</b>	<b>\$1,396.45</b>

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## Administration

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## Counters

**March 18 / 19** Sylvia & John

**March 25 / 26** Parish Staff

Next week	5th Sunday Lent March 26	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (4th weekend)	Libby C	n/a	Jan Q	
COMMENTATOR	Ron S	Don T	Judith R	
LECTOR	Karleen O'R	Trish R	Ray M	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Anne S Paul D	Heather L	Priya Sean H Carmel T	
ALTAR SERVER/S	Edward / helper	...	John W + Alejandra	
POWERPOINT	Cecilia D	Gilbert / helper	...	
HOSPITALITY	Karen / Edward	Trish R / helper	Cathy M / John W	

## Masses & Services

**WEEKEND MASSES:** Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.

Sunday 7am, 9am, no longer 6pm.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am.

**WEEKDAY MASS:** Friday 9am.

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 4.30—5.30pm Attend church or register [Eventbrite link](#).

**PERPETUAL ADORATION:** (Tuesdays 8.30am till Wednesday 8am) Vicky [brisbane.adoration@gmail.com](mailto:brisbane.adoration@gmail.com)

**HEALING + ANOINTING MASS:** Friday 5th May @ 9am (not Good Friday 7th April).

**FIRST FRIDAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL:** Friday 5th May @ 7pm (not Good Friday 7th April).

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** continues weekly @ 9am mass.

[families.stjames@gmail.com](mailto:families.stjames@gmail.com) Just a reminder that the school playground is out of bounds outside school hours. Children should be under parent supervision and remain in line of sight at all times.



## Next Sunday's Readings 5th Sunday Lent (Year A/1)

**First Reading** Ezekiel 37: 12-14 I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

**Second Reading** Romans 8: 8-11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

**Gospel Reading** John 11: 1-45 I am the resurrection and the life.

[www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings](http://www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings)



*The Parish of St James acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country upon which it lies and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and culture and pays respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.*