The Parish of St James Coorparoo
A Vibrant, Prayerful, Inclusive Augustinian Parish
Archdiocese of Brisbane

27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY YR C 2019
5/6 OCTOBER

Bringing Home the Gospel
Faith the Size of the Mustard Seed

Jesus tells his apostles that if they have faith the size of a mustard seed, they will be able to uproot a mulberry tree and plant it in the sea. “The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’” (v.5).

Some of the greatest theologians and saints once questioned the existence of God. It’s not a sin to doubt our faith. Sometimes it’s a healthy sign of growth. But it can be pretty scary when our youngsters begin questioning the truths we hold most sacred.

My youngest son was fourteen when he put the question to me: “Mom, what if there isn’t a God?” After some discussion about what he was thinking and feeling, I realized he was just as concerned about the fact that he was questioning as the question itself. I offered some advice that I’ve tried to follow myself: “As long as you keep honestly searching for the truth, you’ll be fine.”

This search for truth can be a lifelong adventure; questioning and even doubting are often a part of the process. Our job as parents is to lay a solid faith foundation so our children feel free to ask their questions, but also know where to look for answers. We do this from their earliest years by sharing Scripture and praying with them, by talking about what we believe and by taking them to church to worship, learn and serve with their peers and the larger parish.

We cannot argue our children into faith. We cannot make them believe. We know they were gifted with faith at their baptism, and we can only trust that if they keep honestly searching for the truth, they will find it. In the end they will see God, because God is truth.

FIVE DIMENSIONS OF CHURCH GROWTH
(WE ARE THE CHURCH)

Churches grow warmer through fellowship.
Churches grow deeper through discipleship.
Churches grow stronger through worship.
Churches grow broader through ministry.
Churches grow larger through evangelisation.

YouTube Video: Fr James Mallon
Session 1: What does it look like to be a missionary parish community?
Fr James Mallon is the author of ‘Divine Renovation – from a Maintenance to a Missional Church’. These videos were recorded at San Sisto College on Saturday 19th November, 2016. Fr James Mallon speaks about practical ways that Catholics can take up Pope Francis’ call to be ‘missionary disciples’. Published by Evangelisation Brisbane.
Today's Readings

First Reading Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4
just will live by faithfulness.
Second Reading 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14
Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.
Gospel Reading Luke 17: 5-9
If you had faith!

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the recently deceased:
Peter Dang Son; Maria

And these anniversaries: Malcolm Deakin; Giuseppe Toscano; Doug Owen; James 'Jim' Downey; Joseph Jay Hallorina; Tom Killin; Carmen Lunney; Bridget Doyle; Catherine Sullivan; Eileen Doring.

Please pray for these unwell: James Clifford; Imelda Nery; Jocelyn Tibayan; Peter Dang Son; Adrian Russo; Nigel Richards; Steven McSwan; Jenny Porter; Rosa Marin; Katrina Newdigjin; Jocelyn Tibayan; Fred Mulcahy; Jan Evans; Carmel & Bryan O’Connell; Michael, Kathleen & Mary-Clare Simpson.

Social Justice

SIGNIFICANT DATES OCTOBER:
Saturday 5: World Teachers Day.
Tuesday 8: beginning of Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement).
Wednesday 9: World Post Day.
Thursday 10: World Mental Health Day.
Friday 11: International Day of the Girl Child.

World Mental Health Day...
One in five Australians are affected by mental illness, yet many don't seek help because of stigma.
We can all do something to help shed a more positive light on mental health.
• Make a promise to help shed more positive light here.
• Host a morning tea for mental health or find an event in your area to support.
• Learn more - find out more about mental health, resources and helplines available to you.
  www.1010.org.au

SCAN ME to get an online PDF copy of the Social Justice Statement 2019-2020.

Parish News

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION for Children Year 5 or Older

Date & Time       Session & Venue
14 October,       Parent Info Session  (Church)
  Monday 6pm
20 October,       Rite of Enrolment within Mass (Church)
  Sunday 9am
21 October,       Child Session 1 & pizza (Church Hall)
  Monday 6pm
28 October,       Child Session 2 & pizza (Parish Hall); then Reconciliation (Church)
  Monday 6pm onwards

To register your child/children, please email the parish office and include your child/children’s name/s; and see to it that your child/children will be present in ALL scheduled sessions.

Deanery News

Scripture Study has begun!
(Matthew The King and His Kingdom)

Choose your day / time! Register by emailing Louise Simento gps23@bigpond.com

Parish Office

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
ST JAMES (2019-2020)
Would you, or anyone you know, like to learn more about the Catholic Faith and Practice or how to become a Catholic? Starts 3rd November 2019. For more information, please contact Kevin on (07) 3847 5778 or email kevmahoney2@bigpond.com; or the parish office (07)3397 1671.
GLOBAL ROSARY NOVENA at St James began on the 4th October and continues nightly at 7pm until Saturday 12th October. Candlelit procession during the Novena on Monday 7th October, the feast day of the Holy Rosary. At the conclusion of 12th October Novena, there will be a celebration with tea and refreshments (please bring a plate to share). Info? Contact Jenny 0473207086

OCTOBER
4 (up to 12 Oct) Global Rosary Novena 7pm
8 Tuesday Liturgy Committee meeting 7.30pm in the Priory
9 Wednesday Trish returns to work - thanks to volunteers ;)
12/13 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; 28th Sunday Ordinary
12 Saturday 7pm final Novena and celebration afterwards
14 Monday 6pm Parent info session - Sacrament of Reconciliation
19/20 Sat 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; 29th Sunday Ordinary; Rite of Enrolment for Sacrament of Reconciliation; Catholic Mission Appeal
21 Monday 6-7.30pm Reconciliation Children Session 1
26/27 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; 30th Sunday Ordinary
31 Thursday 7pm Vigil for All Saints' Day Solemnity

NOVEMBER
1 Friday 8am mass for All Saints Day Solemnity
2 Saturday 8am mass for All Souls Day; Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; Vigil Mass (6pm)
3 Sunday 9am Multicultural mass for all multi-ethnic group— with YYAM, and St James School Family Mass; 31st Sunday Ordinary

DECEMBER
15-23 CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES or ‘Simbang Gabi’ at St James Church (7pm weekdays & 6pm weekends)

OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST
Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE) is offering scholarships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tertiary students who are enrolled in a full time teaching degree at a University campus located within the BNE Archdiocese from the beginning of 2020 (see noticeboard).

Health4Kids: All parishioners interested in social justice, there will be a dinner and fundraiser event at St James Parish Hall on Saturday, 19th October. It is going to be an evening of great food, drink and friends (5-8pm). $20 per person; plus a raffle to raise money for the campaign. (RSVP Dupuy 10th October 0481352292). Health4Kids is a charitable organisation that is officially registered in New Zealand, Africa and recently registered here in Australia. Health4Kids' primary goal aims at promoting long term health benefits to children by encouraging the avoidance of lifestyle that may lead to serious health consequences in adulthood. Visit our website www.health4kidstrust.org - Dupuy Alofokhai

"Love, Hope, Faith on Fire. Awaken brought me closer to God"
JOIN US FOR PRAISE & WORSHIP, TALKS & HEALING
COME, HOLY SPIRIT!
Saturday 12 October 2019 - 6pm
47 Dornoch Terrace, West End
Awaken.org.au
admin@awaken.org.au
Search + Awaken Community (07) 3844 2744

Archdiocese

OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION
St. Stephen’s Cathedral 5th October 2019: Rosaries (two mysteries) 10.30AM; Marian Mass 11.30AM; Process around the streets approx 12.15PM (Elizabeth St, Adelaide St, Edward St, Cathedral); To conclude with Benediction at the Cathedral.

Catechumenate Workshop - Conversations with Nick Wagner. [Option 1] Tuesday, 8 October, 6:30pm - 9:30 at Xavier Centre, Banyo. Free - but registrations are essential.

[Option 2] Saturday, 12 October, 9am - 12pm at Aspinall Centre, Upper Mt Gravatt Cos. Free.

Nick has written key texts for the RCIA such as The Way of Faith: A Field Guide to the RCIA Process and for the website TeamRCIA. These seminars are not to be missed to revitalise the RCIA in your parish. For more information and to register: www.ebab.weebly.com Contact: ph 3324 3440

The AVERAGE AGE of people is 55 years

45% of all people were born in AUSTRALIA
55% were born overseas
50% speak a language other than ENGLISH at home
40% of attenders here are new arrivals to this parish in the past five years.
91% attend Mass at least monthly

Youth & Young Adults Mass – every 4th Sunday of the month 6pm. For details phone 0413 762 544 (Doreen).
WEEKEND:
Saturday 8 am; Vigil 6 pm;
Sunday 7 am, 9 am, 6 pm.

WEEKDAY:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8 am.

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For complete Sunday’s readings, visit our St James website (look for the Prayer tab).