

**27TH SUNDAY  
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6 / 7 OCTOBER**



**The Parish of St James**

**Coorparoo.**

**A Vibrant, Prayerful,  
Inclusive and Augustinian  
Parish:  
Archdiocese of Brisbane.**



## **From the Outside of the Window**

The absence of Frs. Saldie (from 2/10 – 2/11) and Dang (23/9 – 18/10) from the parish gives me some quiet time to reflect on important questions of life. While reading the Sunday's gospel, the meaning of happiness reappears in my thoughts. The more I ponder about it, the more I see a connection to the current abortion debate in QLD. Through the media we have learnt the various views of the campaigners. So, there is no need to repeat them here. I just want to share some philosophical premises that the media seems to ignore.

In order to answer the question of happiness ("What is happiness"), I need to consider first the issue of the worth of life. Freedom is the fundament of a happy life – nobody would disagree with this statement. If I cannot do whatever I want to, I am not happy. So, freedom must be unrestricted because I ought not to be submitted to anything except my own free choice. Moral philosophy calls it a "negative freedom" in the sense that I must be free from any obstruction that hinders me to realize myself. If something obstructs the realization of my rights, I am not happy. This includes the right to handle my body as I please me. I own my body and everything which belongs to it. Because the body is owned by me, the foetus is in my possession as well. So, I can do with the foetus whatever I want to.

Advocates of abortion see life therefore as a personal possession. So, the value of life is to be measured against its usefulness to me. If the foetus does not fit into my personal lifestyle that I chose freely, then I should be permitted to discard it since the foetus is in my ownership. Am I not able to do with my possession whatever I want to?

I find this type of reasoning very alarming. If life is but a possession and not anymore inviolable, who warrants that the life of the owner of freedom itself is not subjected to the ownership by another person? If there is no warranty that my life is sacrosanct, I am still free to do what I want? If I have no life, how can I be free to choose? If the body is not more than just a "commodity" that I can modify or discard to suit my choice of life, who warrants that my choice of life is inviolable? Nobody can exist without a body. If it is so, the body is not my possession but an intrinsic expression of my personal identity. To violate against my body is to distort my identity, my personhood. So, the argument of the advocates for abortion would backfire here.

The Bible never envisages a freedom that ignores the body. Because the body is created together with the spirit by God, the body is therefore sacrosanct (inviolable). St. Paul even said that the body is God's temple too. To destroy a part of the body, is to harm not only the individual but it also affects the community because we all belong together to the one body of Christ. Over centuries, Christians care not only for the soul, but for the body in its wholeness as well. That is the reason why at the funeral liturgy the body of the dead is incensed before the final burial. Even in death, the body does not lose its worth because Christians simply believe in the resurrection of the body. St. Paul said that nobody ever hates his/her own body, but he/she cherishes and nourishes it (Eph 5:29).

I believe that abortion contradicts the understanding of true freedom and authentic dignity of a human person that consists of soul and body. The foetus is not just a compound of lifeless biological materials. Important is that it is part of my body that expresses the person who I am. To discard it means also to violate against my own identity.

To me, happiness is not just about the realisation of my freedom from anything, but rather to have the courage to live my life meaningfully even at the cost of disadvantages and drawbacks. This includes the resolution to accept the fragility of my own body in the Pauline sense that in my weakness I am the strongest because Christ who died for me lives in me. Unlike other religions, Christianity encourages the faithful to face up to sufferings. There, the true face of love is manifested. The more I love the stronger is my compassion. True freedom is not about avoidance, but about facing up the headwinds of life. Here lays the secret to the transformation of a person.

The value of life cannot be measured. Its usefulness cannot be reduced just to the moment of expiration. Each moment of life is worth living because it is a gift to us. God's benevolence is the clue to happiness.

As always, let us pray for each other,

Fr. Joe

# TODAY'S READINGS:

**First Reading** *Genesis 2: 18-24* They were two in one flesh.

**Second Reading** *Hebrews 2: 9-11* He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin. **Gospel Reading** *Mark 10: 2-16* What God has joined together, no one must divide.



**Please pray for recently deceased:** Therese Muir; Audrey Power; Lellio Benedict; John Goodwin.

**And these anniversaries:** Malcolm Deakin; Andrew Low; Doug Owen; Cosimo Tassone; John Kearney.

**Please pray for these unwell:** Salvadore Resolado Jr; Kev Ryan; Bernie O'Hara; John Mulcahy; Vickie Davies.

**Please give prayers and welcome to these Baptismal Children:**

Raphael Tamargo; Hannah Ralph; Charlotte Williams.



*St. James Parish acknowledges the Jaggera People of Coorparoo as the traditional owners of the land on which we live.*

## Social Justice

**SIGNIFICANT DATES — OCTOBER:**

**Wednesday 10:** World Mental Health Day.

**Thursday 11:** International Day of the Girl Child.

1962: opening session of Second Vatican Council.

**Friday 12:** 2002: first Bali bombing: 202 people killed and 240 injured.



**14 October Anti-Poverty Week...** all Australians are encouraged to organise or take part in an activity aiming to highlight or overcome issues of poverty and hardship here in Australia or overseas. It was established in Australia as an expansion of the UN's annual International day to Eradicate Poverty.

\*strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world  
\*encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems, including actions by individuals & communities.

### Planned Giving for the Week ending 30th September (Week 5)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian	\$828.25	\$576	nil	Week 4	\$1,404.25
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Parish	\$445.80	\$542	nil	only	\$987.80

## Parish news

**Abortion Bill Nears Vote**

In less than 2 weeks, State Parliament will vote on Legislation to legalise abortion.

Many parishioners have made their thoughts known to their local MPs. There is still time to have your say via: Contact your local MP via email or by post. To help you with this, please to the website: [www.community.actonit.com.au/aob](http://www.community.actonit.com.au/aob) - Attend the Rally for Life on Saturday 13th October at 2pm, meeting at Speaker's Corner (outside Parliament House), 15 George Street. This is an important time for QLD. Please have your say and make QLD a State known for its Compassion.

*Fr Saldie on annual leave 1st October – 1st November, returning to St James Parish 4th November.*

*Fr Dang will return to St James Parish 18th October.*

## Living Authentically...Essentials of Being Christian with Fr Joseph Lam OSA

(Priory Dining Room)

**2nd session...10 Oct 2018, 7.30pm "Faith and Happiness"**

**17 Oct 2018, 7.30pm "Essence of Christianity" 24 Oct 2018, 7.30pm "Christian in a Secular World"**

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor 9:7)

With your help, our parish will be better able to continue to proclaim our Catholic faith.

Your support will help our parish reach out to more people in the community.

More children and adults will be formed in our Catholic faith.

We will be better prepared to make the love of Christ visible to those who are poor, vulnerable and on the margins of society. Thank you for considering our Parish Plan Giving Program.



# ST JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH MULTICULTURAL MASS SUNDAY, 10AM, 14 OCTOBER 2018

Have you returned your volunteer sheet to the collection plate?

Our theme for the multicultural mass is to remember World Day of Migrants and Refugees, occurring each year since 1914. This is an occasion for the Church and people of faith to reflect upon the role migration has played in our tradition, express concern for migrants, refugees, and people on the move, and build awareness about the challenges and opportunities migration presents.

**MULTI CULTURAL MASS on Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10am.** The Parish wants to celebrate and acknowledge the cultural wealth of the various nations and groups in our Parish. Because of this occasion, the weekend masses will be as follows: **Vigil Mass 6pm; Sunday morning Mass: 7am and 10am; no Sunday 6pm Mass.** This Mass is organised by our Parish Young Adults. If you wish to assist our Young Adults in the preparation of the event, please contact Fr. Saldie, Doreen Chen or Christine Umali or the Parish Office.

Safeguarding training session for parish volunteers in Brisbane East Deanery.  
31 October (6.30pm – 8.30pm) – are you going? Let our parish office know...

*Face-to-face training is only applicable to volunteers who are:*

- Providing services for children and/or vulnerable adults
- Engaging in activities mainly with children and/or vulnerable adults
- Employed by the Parish
- In a leadership / pastoral council / finance committee position

It will be held at Our Lady of Graces, 100 Mayfield Road, Carina. Contact Trish at the parish (phone 3397 1671).



During the month of October Catholics are called to pray especially the Rosary.  
At St James, following each Saturday in October after 6pm Vigil, we pray the Rosary.  
For your information, on Oct. 7, as American faithful converge on hundreds of sites from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the 49th Parallel to the Rio Grande, they will be **joined in prayer by Catholics in Poland, Britain, Ireland, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Mexico, Panama, France, Denmark, Romania, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, India and beyond.**  
Each country will specify its own particular intentions and needs, while bound together through the Rosary and united under the mantle of Our Lady. The Australian representative and organizer is Jane Chifley Oz Rosary [janechifley@yahoo.com.au](mailto:janechifley@yahoo.com.au) 0476 535 595

- Newly ordained Augustinian priest overjoyed about fulfilling childhood dream
- Young Catholics proclaim their love for Jesus at Ignite Conference
- Leading advocates urge that the royal commission into age care investigates with broader scope
- Catholic aid agencies helping victims of quake and tsunami in Central Sulawesi province



**\$2 at entrances**

**RCIA – ST JAMES** Adults interested in joining our Catholic faith – Sunday nights from **November 11<sup>th</sup> to December 9<sup>th</sup>** and from **February 2<sup>nd</sup> to April 7<sup>th</sup>** inclusive. Those who then wish to be received into the Catholic faith will be baptised and confirmed at the **Easter vigil on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** Baptism will only be necessary for those not previously baptised in any other Christian faith. On Sunday nights we begin at 6pm, attending mass up to the priest's homily. We leave after the homily and retire for about 1 hour to discuss the Gospel and to explore some major areas of Catholic faith. Meetings conclude 7.15 - 7.30 pm. **Contact parish office (3397 1671) or Kev Mahoney [kevmahoney2@bigpond.com](mailto:kevmahoney2@bigpond.com)**



**Archdiocese news** SEE NOTICEBOARD...

**RALLY FOR LIFE** Saturday 13th October, 2018. 2pm Parliament House, 15 George St.

**CARERS WEEK MASS** Wednesday 17th October, 2018. 11am mass followed by light lunch. St Patrick's Church, 58 Morgan St, Fortitude Valley, 4006.

**Position Vacant – Sacramental Coordinator**

Applications are open for a position at the Hendra Catholic Parish, during term time to begin in February 2019.

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## Administration

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Assistant Pastor	Fr Dang Nguyen OSA	3397 1671
Retired	Fr. Peter Hayes OSA	3397 1671
Parish Moderator	Fr Jaison Nedumparambil OSA	On leave
Parish Secretary	Trish Rashad	3397 1671
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Finance Committee	Paul Davey	0437 730 792
Pastoral Care	Parish Office	3397 1671
Safeguarding Officer	Kate Pearson	capearson@optusnet.com.au

## Counters

October 6 / 7 Paul & Cecilia

October 13 / 14 Mark & Celeste

NEXT WEEK October 13 / 14	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	K. O'REILLY	D. TALLON	K. PEARSON	*
LECTOR	D. PHILLIPS	J. DUNGAN	J. RICHARDS	E. FERNANDO
EUCARIST	C. NEANDER S. PHILLIPS *	N. POKARIER M-J VIDLER *	P. PRINGLE Y. NGUYEN *	R. UMALI C. UMALI *
HOSPITALITY	L. GIRARD E. O'REILLY	L. DOWNEY	N. RICHARDS	B. SCHLECHT
ALTAR SERVERS	MAX	DON, GENE, DENE B	*	JOHN, RODEL, RAMIL, ALYSSA, KLARIS
POWERPOINT	MARGARET	GENE, GILBERT	DI, OLIVER, JUNE	SYDEL

**Mass Times** **WEEKEND:** Saturday 8 am; Vigil 6 pm;  
Sunday 7 am, 9 am, 6 pm.

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 4.30—5.30 pm.

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

**ADORATION:** Thursday 8 am.

**PRAYER GROUP:** each morning prior to Mass.

**ALL NIGHT VIGIL:** Friday 2nd November 2018.

**NEXT ANOINTING MASS:** Friday 14th December 2018, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

**NEXT MASS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Sunday 21st October 2018 — 9am mass.



"I pray that all young people will walk together along the path of freedom, working to overcome all conflicts between races and peoples, to carry the liberating message of the Gospel everywhere."

— Saint Pope John Paul II WYD, Poland 1991