

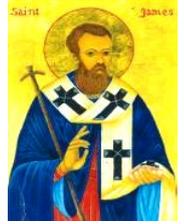
1ST SUNDAY
LENT
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The Parish of St James



Coorparoo.

An Augustinian Parish:
Archdiocese of Brisbane.



From the Prioory Window

I have some good news! Four adults (who have not been baptised) have come to us and asked to be baptised. And, there is more good news! One adult person (who is already baptised) wants to live out that baptism in the Catholic community.

These people are going to St Stephen's Cathedral on Sunday. They will be accompanied by their sponsors and their mentors from this parish. At the Cathedral the Archbishop will 'elect' them as people ready to be initiated as disciples of Jesus. The initiation (baptism, confirmation and eucharist) will happen at the Easter Vigil, 40 days from now.

We who are already baptised are to be examples for these elect of ongoing conversion and renewal, of repentance and deeper commitment to living out the vows of our baptism.

Lent is about us remembering our own baptismal vows for the sake of those who are preparing to make those vows for the first time. Lent is about our 40 day journey so that on Easter Sunday we can renew our baptismal vows having renewed our dedication to follow Jesus more closely.

Of course, being a disciple is about 1) our relationship with Christ and about 2) our relationship with our sisters and brothers in Christ. We achieve 1) by listening more attentively to God's word and devoting time to prayer; we achieve 2) by amending our behaviour and increasing our generosity to the struggling. Giving to Project Compassion is the Australian Catholic way of almsgiving during Lent.

Did You Know?

Lent lasts for forty days in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday.

Each Lent all the baptised are expected to adopt the three Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to those in need.

In years gone by, Catholics did not eat meat on any Friday; later, they did not eat meat on Fridays in Lent. Today there are two days of the year when we are expected to not eat meat—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Gospel Reading Mark 1:12-15

"The time has come" Jesus said, "and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News."

Question of the Week.

What is 'good' for you at this point about the good news of Jesus Christ? When people encounter you, would they experience good news because of the way they are respected and treated?

Fr Peter osa

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