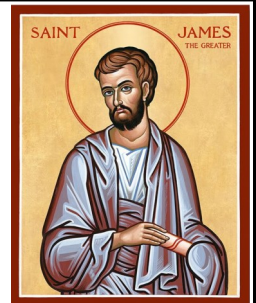


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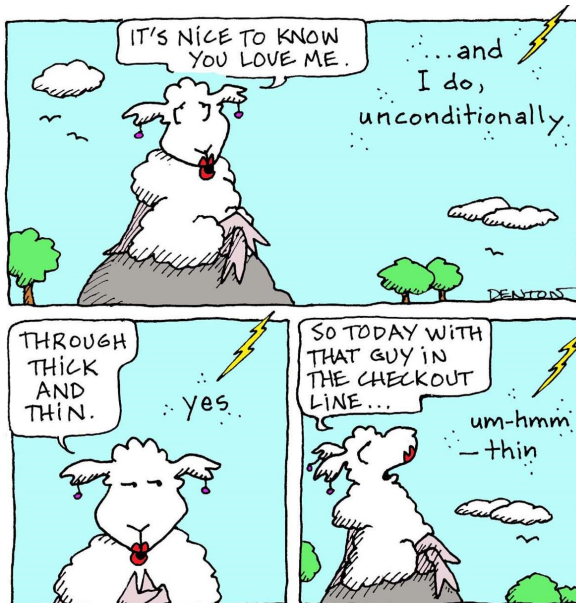


BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

Believing in the Good News

Mark's account of Jesus being tempted in the desert is very short, only two sentences long. However, it is just as clear from this telling of the story as it is in the longer versions that Jesus leaves the desert with a strong message.

Jesus' words, "repent, and believe in the good news," need to be elaborated on if we want to understand what Jesus is asking of us. "Repent" means more than counting up our sins and saying we are sorry. To repent means to take a serious look at not just what we have done, but the person we have become.



Jesus is asking us to pay attention to how we are living our lives. How do we see ourselves? What are we all about? Why do we go to work, clean the house or shuffle the kids to scouts and soccer? What is our purpose?

In this world, we are often identified by what we do and what we have. We are a success if we have a good job, make a lot of money, have a house full of things. Jesus asks us to see ourselves in a different way. He asks us to see ourselves as God created us—a much-loved child, uniquely gifted, created to love as God loves. God considers us a success if—with Jesus' help—we become the person we were created to be, bringing God's love to the world.

God gave Moses the Ten Commandments; they were part of God's covenant with the chosen people. In the new covenant Jesus tells us we are God's children. He let's us know that we are expected to do more than just follow God's law. Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, a new attitude to life. As God's children we are not only rooted in the Commandments; we are expected to carry Jesus' light and his loving, forgiving attitude to the world. That is the gospel Jesus proclaimed. This is the Good News.

"I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings."

Sheepish Question:

How do I respond to God's loving promise of salvation?

FAMILY RESPONSE: *Talk about what the world would be like if all Christians lived as God wants them to live.*

PERSONAL RESPONSE: *What can you do to create greater peace and harmony in your home?*

What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

... invites you to join the Lenten series
"Mark's Gospel" by Fr Francis & Fr John
28 Feb, 6, 13 & 20 March @ the Priory
Please bring a plate



**Mark's gospel
Lenten series** on
Wednesdays **28 Feb
– 20 March; 7.30-
8.30pm** (until 8.45pm
for those who wish to
join Q & A). *Priory
Dining room.* Led by
Fr Francis + Fr John.
Please bring a plate
to share. See back
page for Adult
Formation email.

THE CATHEDRAL OF
ST STEPHEN



In anticipation of the **150th Anniversary of the Completion and Opening of the Cathedral of St Stephen**, to be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, **19 May 2024**, the Message Stick is travelling around the Archdiocese of Brisbane. The message stick is an ancient and culturally significant instrument of welcome and acceptance.

This weekend the message stick is displayed at St James. The message stick holds an **Invitation for parishioners** across the Archdiocese to come together on Pentecost Sunday 2024 at the Cathedral to celebrate this momentous occasion.

This Sunday's Readings

1st Sunday Lent (Year B February 18)

First Reading *Genesis 9: 8-15* *I will recall the covenant between myself and you ...*

the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9 *Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.*

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and
teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of
old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor.

Second Reading *1 Peter 3: 18-22* *The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.*

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.



Gospel Reading *Mark 1: 12-15* *He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

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Project Compassion 2024—Speakers at next weekend's all masses.

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women:

Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi.

While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations.

+ Meet Ronita from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

+ Meet Leaia from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

+ Meet Memory from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available on pews or at the tables, or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.



As an initiative of the St James Social Justice Ministry, we are forming a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Working Group with members who are dedicated to driving reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, within our parish and community. We are also asking for any parishioners who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander to contact the Social Justice group via socialjusticeoutreach.stjames@gmail.com More details to follow in future weeks.

*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.
We pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.*

Prayers Please pray for recently deceased: Corneli Montini; Jack Clarke; Loreta Mesina; May Connaughton; Dudley (Dick) Harvey.



And these anniversaries: Gregoria Ocampo Ricablanca; Hilario Teleron Ricablanca; Slavica Ljubas; Peter Herman; Terry Sheehan; James Sullivan; Harold Frampton; Gran de Leon Acuna; Florencio Gaudinez Jr.
Please pray for these unwell: Frank Sheehan; Edwin Monterde; Marg Timms; Florencia Francisco; Bryan O'Connell; Ty De Paoli; Simpson family; Lenice McKenzie; David + Kerry See; John Canavan; Darshika Uluwita; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan; Heshala Watapuluwa; Ted Richardson; Kathleen Duffy; Maricris Luong.

Parish news **NEW roster for our weekend ministry volunteers** has been emailed and is available in hard copy format in our Sacristy. Thank you for your time and efforts.



Thanks to Our Volunteers!



Sacrament of Reconciliation / Penance for children will occur in Term 1. This is for children who have already had Sacrament of Confirmation. Program held at St James Catholic Church. Parents, please attend **Monday 26th February at 6pm** for our Parent Info Session (in the church).

19-23 February Trish on holidays. Helen will be 'holding down the fort' on Monday and Wednesday this week.

21st February—Wednesday 6.30pm Friends of St Augustine gathering. Held in the Priory.

Sunday March 17th will mark the launch of our New Parishioners Tour and Welcome Pack. This will occur every three months.

RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

(Workshop Dates from Cannon Hill Parish). The workshop will run online via zoom over three Wednesday evenings
 Session 1: 21 Feb 2024
 Session 2: 28 Feb 2024
 Session 3: 6 Mar 2024
 All sessions run from 7.00pm - 8.30pm (Brisbane time) Register via Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/COJMX>
 For Information email: admin@gct.org.au call 07 3369 6792



FEBRUARY 2024

18 Social Brunch for yyam team after 9am mass
19 Monday Lenten Program continues after 8am mass in Priory
19-23 February Trish on holidays
Tuesdays Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration after 8am mass: (8.30am till Wednesday 8am)
21 Wednesday Way of the Cross after 8am mass
21 Wednesday 6.30pm Friends of St Augustine gathering
24 / 25 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; 1st Sunday Lent; (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); No baptisms during Lent.
25 Sunday 9am mass – School + Parish mass
26 Monday Lenten Program continues after 8am mass in Priory
26 Monday Parent info session for Reconciliation / Penance Sacramental Program – 6pm church
27 Tuesday Parish Meeting Room Young Adult Bible Study
Tuesdays Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration after 8am mass: (8.30am till Wednesday 8am)

LENT 2024

* **Lenten Program—first meeting Monday 19th February** after 8am mass, and continuing Mondays.
 * **Way of the Cross will begin Wednesday 21st February** and be held in the Church each Wednesday during Lent, after 8am mass {not held on Wednesday Holy Week}.

Friday 1st March World Day of Prayer at Coorparoo Uniting Church, 10am. All welcome. This year's theme is Palestine.

ROMERO CENTRE MERCY COMMUNITY CENTRE

is a place of welcome and sanctuary under the care of Sisters of Mercy for people arriving in Australia seeking asylum looking for safety and human rights - Centre inspired by human rights campaigner, St Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador. Parishioners are kindly asked to help by donating any of the following items: (white baskets at entrances)

- cooking oil - olive oil
- basmati rice
- white sugar and plain flour
- UHT milk and coffee
- noodles
- weet-bix
- tuna and tinned corn
- coconut milk/cream
- shower gel
- laundry powder /liquid
- nappies size 6



Social Justice

Thankyou



The parish's financial needs are increasing and we need your support. Please consider how you can donate. You can give via direct debit or credit card through the parish office (details back page); tap using your card at the doors; pay direct via the bank account details below; or give cash via our planned giving envelopes (see office). A recommendation is to consider giving each week—one hour's equivalent of your weekly wage.

Planned Giving for the Week of 11 February 2024

Collection <u>Account numbers</u>	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$622.55	\$160	\$470	\$200	\$1,452.55
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100018086	\$514.90	\$75	\$505	\$200	\$1,294.90

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Ministry Teams—get involved...

We offer many opportunities to multi-cultural community... Send	get involved and participate in our vibrant your enquiries to the email below...
Children & Families (Brent)	Families.stjames@gmail.com
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Social Justice (Dan)	Socialjusticeoutreach.stjames@gmail.com

Counters

February 17 / 18 Lenore & Brendon

February 24 / 25 Karleen & Sandra

Next week	2nd Sunday LENT February 25	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (4th weekend)	Libby C	n/a	Jan Q	
COMMENTATOR	Karleen O'R	Leslie S	June S	
LECTOR	Helen D	John D	Loleta S	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	... Geoff P Sylvia P	Heather L Christy U Priya H	Doreen C Amor McC Sean H	
ALTAR SERVER/S	...	Brendon or Jane	Lea / Alejandra / Leo	
POWERPOINT	Lachlan	Gilbert or helper	Adriana M	
WELCOMERS	Karen +		Adriana, Joseline, Veronica, Cath	

Masses & Services

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.

Sunday 7am, 9am.

MASS SERVICES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am.

MASS SERVICE: Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30pm.

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

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Friday 2 March @ 9am.

FIRST FRIDAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 2 March 2024.

PRAYER MEETING: Every Friday (Except 1st Friday of the month) @ 7.10 pm (Rosary), 7.30 pm (Praise & Worship followed by Message)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: continues 1st and 3rd Sundays @ 9am mass. Kids

Bulletin available at side entrance each week: copyright <https://thekidsbulletin.com/about/>



**Welcome
New Parishioners
Please register
using this QR code**



Next Sunday's Readings

2nd Sunday Lent (Year B February 25)

First Reading *Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18* The sacrifice of

Abraham, our father in faith.

Second Reading *Romans 8: 31-34* God did not spare his own Son.

Gospel Reading *Mark 9: 2-10* This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

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