

**31ST SUNDAY  
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# **The Parish of St James**

## **Coorparoo**

**An Augustinian Parish:  
member of Brisbane East Deanery.**



### **Moderator's Musings**

Greetings and Peace

Dearly Beloved,

Last Friday, we all witnessed the funeral of Charlie Fisher. He left an indelible mark of guidance and companionship in the lives of so many students whom he taught at Villanova College, for his long period of 42 years teaching service. I was talking to one of Charlie's students who came for the funeral. In the conversation, he told me that "Charlie dismissed me twice from the College but for good reasons," and he said this with lots of love and respect for Charlie from his heart.



And on Saturday morning, there was another funeral at St. Joachim's Church Holland Park, for an eight year old boy, Edwin Tino, who died of a brain tumour. The priest who looked after him while he was sick, spoke at the Mass, about witnessing how Edwin underwent his suffering serenely. Without any complaints, he submitted himself to all the hard medication processes. Most significantly, the priest spoke from his heart, saying he is hoping to get another saint for Australia in this little angel.

In this November month, celebrating *All Saints Day* and commemorating *All Souls Day*, these experiences come to the core of the questions we ask 'Who are we?', 'Where we are going?' and 'To whom do we belong?' Charlie and Edwin will silently speak to us, saying that 'We are children of God,' 'We are making our way towards Heaven,' and 'We belong to God.' "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - - and God what belongs to God." Who are we?... and whose are we?... in the ultimate analysis!

Peace and Joy

Fr. Jaison OSA.