

14TH SUNDAY

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The Parish of St James

Coorparoo

An Augustinian Parish:

member of Brisbane East Deanery.



Moderator's Musings

Fr Jaison has returned from his well-deserved holidays, full of life and vim. We welcome him home again, and back to the coalface! This weekend and week, he has volunteered to fill in for our Dean, Fr John Garrahy. He will say mass at Regina Caeli, Coorparoo Heights. Fr John is in hospital. Please keep Fr John in your prayers.

This week I have been checking on the progress of organ donations which are still coming slowly, in large and small amounts. We now have only **\$3,125** to pay out of an initial cost of **\$37,345**. I am thinking it would be wonderful if we could reduce this cost to \$0 owing!

I have to say I am overwhelmed by the generosity of many parishioners. I know God will bless you for your generosity to our community. We have dreamt of the idea of presenting Our New Organ to the parish, completely free of debt.

Owning the organ outright was a pipe dream to many. Today, I ask those who have not yet donated to the organ fund, please take up the challenge for the remaining \$3,125. As I said above, I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our community.

This was never more so than last night, when I did the final check and count. I came across a good number of very small donations among the very large donations. These gifts were from parishioners who I know are quite poor. I speak of a number of gifts as low as \$20. I remember some of that number saying, "This is all I am able to offer at this time, but I guess it is something."

I was reminded of Jesus watching people giving to the temple. A widow came and offered her donation. [we are not told how much it was. What we do know is Jesus' comment "This woman gave out of her poverty - all she had to live on"]. Every little bit counts and adds up, in this case to a figure just below the total.

Finally, **two things are on the drawing board for our new organ:**

1. We have an **offer of training** how to play the organ. We plan to have a number of lessons.
2. **A Recital by a famous Organist** - who lives in Brisbane, and some claim one of the great organ players in Australia. He will play the organ in our church and all will be welcome. We will keep you informed.

Peace, Fr Brian.