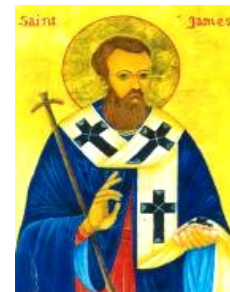


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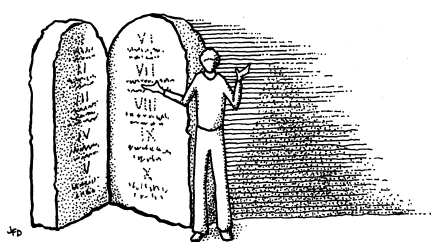
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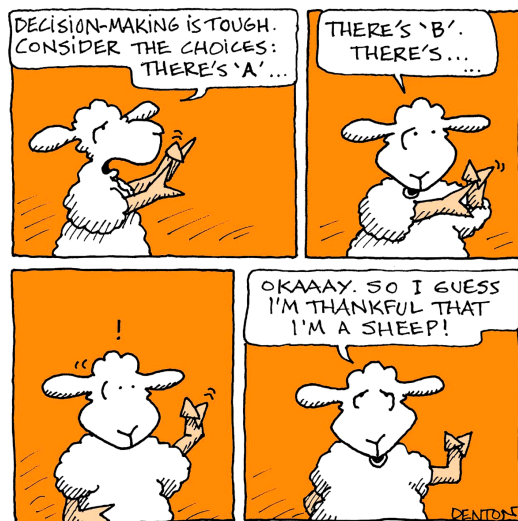
Bringing Home the Gospel

Beyond the Law

Jesus begins by telling us he has not come to abolish the Law but to fulfill it. The Ten Commandments are still the backbone of our faith. Indeed "...whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven." But in this Gospel, Jesus begins to put some flesh on those bones. It is not enough to follow the letter of the Law. Jesus' followers are called to do more.



the same. However, as the reading goes on, Jesus tells us that his followers are challenged to do even more. To be Jesus' followers, we are to live beyond the letter of the law. For example, it is not enough to say we won't hurt anyone physically (the fifth commandment). Jesus tells us we are not to hurt anyone emotionally either. We must curb our anger. We shouldn't insult others, and we certainly don't call them names. Finally, if we have hurt someone, we offer a sincere apology and try to make amends. This is definitely a lesson we teach our children by example. All parents lose their tempers occasionally.



Regrettably, when I was raising my children, it was more than occasionally. Fortunately, I learned the importance of saying I was sorry once things had calmed down; and to say it with more than words. I would try to take their hand or sit close to them making sure to look them in the eyes.

I would tell them I was wrong, not in the dispute perhaps, but in the way I'd handled it. As time went on, I learned that by making myself admit I was wrong (something not easy for me to do) I became more aware of what triggered my temper. I learned to walk out of the room before exploding. And because I was modelling the behaviour, it was easier for me to make sure my children did the same. Teaching children to admit they are wrong and say they are sorry to a sibling certainly bring us, and them, a little closer to the kingdom.

"Before everyone are life and death, whichever they choose will be given them."

Sheepish Question:

There are only two choices. Why is it so hard sometimes for me to go with God's way?

Report from the Parish Priest

It is great to finally be back to the grind! It was mentioned in the bulletin a

couple of weeks ago that right after my 2019 holidays (January 2020), the final days of which were spent in Hong Kong, that I had to be in a 14-day recommended self-quarantine, as part of our preventive measures against the spread of the Novel Corona Virus. Healthwise, I felt quite well, however since I visited HK and possibly was in contact with people who have been to mainland China, I had to undergo 'isolation'. Please continue to pray for all others who are not as lucky as I am! I arrived in Brisbane on the 31 January, and completed quarantine on Friday, 14 February. My first mass this year at St James took place on said day, during the St James Primary School Opening Mass. To all our new parents and students, and new members of the staff: **WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY!**

Next week, I with a couple of my Augustinian brothers will be attending the Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) Interculturality Workshop from 20-23 February in Winbourne, Mulgoa, NSW. *In Deum!*

In the first part of this reading Jesus seems to offer parents a freeway to the kingdom. It would seem the kingdom is ours if we live by the Ten Commandments and teach our children to do

FAMILY RESPONSE

Ask each person to talk about the things that make them angry. Talk about how they feel when someone tells them they are sorry. Ask younger children to show you their happy faces and then their angry faces.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

If losing your temper is a problem, try to figure out the root cause of your anger. There are usually other issues behind a quick temper. If you do not have "anger issues," write a prayer for those who do. 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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Today's Readings 6th Sunday Ordinary:

First Reading *Sirach* 15: 15-20 He never commanded anyone to be godless.
Second Reading 1 *Corinthians* 2: 6-10 God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.
Gospel Reading *Matthew* 5: 17-37 Such was said to your ancestors, but I am speaking to you.
For complete Sunday's readings, visit our St James website (look for the Prayer tab).

Prayer Requests Please pray for recently deceased:

Fr John Downey; Ric Enright; Fr Fernando Suartz; Clare Petersen; Daphne Thorpe; Anson Palakkan; Danny Moritcho; Rita Moriarty; John Carroll; Christopher Woodgate.
And these anniversaries: Gerald Doyle; Cheeku Thomas; Braulio Monterde; Graeme Dawson; Harold Frampton.
Please pray for these unwell: Anne Holroyd; Fr Ron Mollison; Greg Whitney; Steven McSwan; Tess Walsh; Rodrigo Urbano; Santina Romano; Jocelyn Tibayan; Michael Simpson.
Give prayers and welcome our Baptismal Children: Kyle & Alexis Aldridge; Sienna Roche.

Social Justice

SIGNIFICANT DATES FEBRUARY:

Monday 17: 2014: murder of Iranian asylum-seeker Reza Barati in offshore immigration detention on Manus Island.
Thursday 20: World Day of Social Justice.
Friday 21: International Mother Language Day.
Wednesday 26: Ash Wednesday.
 Project Compassion begins.



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. The

theme for Caritas Australia's Project Compassion campaign this year is "Go further together".



20 February World Day of Social Justice

It is an underlying principle for peaceful and prosperous coexistence within and among nations. The ILO estimates that currently about 2 billion people live in fragile and conflict-affected situations, of whom more than 400 million are aged 15 to 29. Job creation, better quality jobs, and better access to jobs for the bottom 40% have the potential to increase incomes and contribute to more cohesive and equitable societies and thus are important to prevent violent conflicts and to address post-conflict challenges.

Parish News



February 26th Ash Wednesday
Masses at 8am and 7.30pm



2020 Lenten program, Be Opened – A journey to new life (Reflections on the Sunday Gospels – Lent and Easter Sunday – Year A); 7 week program: 6 sessions in Lent and 1 session for Easter Sunday. This Lent and Easter, we are called to be open to the fullness of life in God – to be opened ... to be led by the Spirit; to listen; to the living water; to see; to believe; to death; to new life. Gospel reflections for 2020 have been written and presented by popular speakers Dr Michele Connolly rsj (Catholic Institute of Sydney) and Dr Ian Elmer (Australian Catholic University).
First session for St James Parish will be Friday 28th February, straight after 8am mass, in our Priory. Books available \$10 at your first session.



Parish hall toilets have now been refurbished. (see website for pics)



In 2020, St James Parish Coorparoo will hold the Sacraments of Reconciliation in Term 1 (Yr 5 or older);

First Holy Communion in Term 2 (Yr 4 or older); and



Confirmation in Term 3 (Yr 3 or older). Wednesday evening September 2nd is the date for Sacrament of Confirmation and Celebration.

Contact the parish
osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au

Planned Giving for the Week ending 9th February (Week 2)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 st Collection Augustinian [BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006160102]	\$629	\$328.50	\$15	Week 4	\$972.50
2 nd Collection Parish [BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006161103]	\$510.65	\$254	\$15	only	\$779.65

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



FEBRUARY

15/16 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; Year A 6th Sunday Ordinary Time

17 Monday Fr Francis returns to work after self-quarantine recommendations from OSA Provincial

19 Wednesday 7.30pm Bne East Deanery meet.

21 Friday 9.15am (for 9.30am start) —2.30pm Sr Ursula O'Rourke sgs- Sr Ursula will facilitate discussion around questions on Sacramental preparation. Held at Mother of Mercy Parish; 9 Bowman Street, Hendra.

21 Friday 6-9pm "Country and Western Theme" St James School P & F Welcome Disco

22/23 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; Year A 7th Sunday Ordinary Time

23 Br Tuan Anh returns

24 Monday 6pm Parent info session in our church for Sacrament of Reconciliation

25 Shrove Tuesday

26 Ash Wednesday 8am and 7.30pm

26 Ash Wednesday St James School Liturgy 11.30am

27 Thursday St V de P meeting in Priory 6.30pm

28 Friday Lenten Program meeting in Priory after 8am mass—all welcome.

MARCH

March 2020

Pray for Zimbabwe

World Day of Prayer

Venue: Regina Caeli

Catholic Church

Friday March 6th @ 10am



Carmelite Nuns from Goonellabah NSW have designed a vocation brochure for their community to give people an idea of their life and charism and give information about their vocation into religious life. Brochures at side entrance.



Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation Program

February	
24 Monday 6pm	Parent info session in the church for Sacrament of Reconciliation
March	
1 Sunday 9am	Rite of Enrolment during 9am mass for Sacrament of Reconciliation children
2 Monday 6pm—7.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation children Session 1 & pizza (priory or hall)
9 Monday 6pm—7.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation children Session 2 & pizza (priory or hall)
16 Monday 6pm—7.30pm	Rite of First Reconciliation
22 Sunday 9am	Thanksgiving during 9am mass for Sacrament of Reconciliation children and morning tea afterwards, sponsored by children and



Deanery news

Brisbane East Deanery -

Please invite your parish-ioner friends to come

along. **Venue:** Our Lady of Graces; 100 Mayfield Rd; Carina **Time:** 7pm for 7.30pm

Date: February 19, 2020



Our Lady of Graces Parish is holding an **Ageing Wisely Seminar** on **Monday 24 February, 9.30am – 2pm.** 100 Mayfield Road, Carina Parish Library & Hospitality Area (see noticeboard)

Entry is free. Morning Tea & Lunch provided...

A wonderful opportunity to engage with organisations who offer support and assistance at a time when it is most needed.



Lay ministry leaders, pastoral and finance...

PARISH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DAY

- the intentional parish -

8:30am - 3pm

Saturday 28th March
Dominic Centre, Carina

more info and registration: ebab.weebly.com



Villanova Applications for Year 5 and 7 Year 7 in 2022

Applications for Year 7, 2022 are open (boys currently in Year 5). Applications close on Friday 21 February.

Year 5, 2022

Applications for Year 5, 2022 (boys currently in Year 3) will open the week commencing Monday 15 June and will close on Friday 17 July. Please register at: <https://www.vnc.qld.edu.au/enrolments/enrolment-registration/>

Principal's Tours

on Friday mornings. Visit our website for dates.

2020 Open Day Wednesday 27 May. Tours available at 8.30am and 10.30am. To register: <https://www.vnc.qld.edu.au/open-day/>



Iona College Enrolment Applications are open Year 7 in 2022

Enrolment applications close Friday 21 February 2020: (boys who are in Year 5 in 2020).

Year 7 in 2022 Prospective Families Information Evening Wednesday 19 February 2020 at 7.00pm in IPAC.

Year 5 in 2022

Enrolment applications close Friday 5 June 2020: (boys who are in Year 3 in 2020).

Year 5 in 2022 Prospective Families Information Evening will be held on Monday 11 May 2020 at 7.00pm in IPAC.

Iona's Open Day go to: <http://enrol.iona.qld.edu.au/enrol/>
For further assistance, Mrs Sharon Young on 3893 8801 or at enrol@iona.qld.edu.au



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February 15 / 16 Sylvia & John

February 22 / 23 Lorie & Lea

NEXT WEEK February 22 / 23	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	Helen D	Don T	Anna E	Young Adults
LECTOR	Ron S	John D	Kate P	Group
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Anne S Priya Sylvia P	Gene T-F Heather L Jan L	Dianne M Christine U-M Morag S	John W Denis S Benedict
HOSPITALITY	Cathy W Fred D	*	Judith M	Bill S
ALTAR SERVERS	Deneb	Gene	*(assistance needed, please contact parish)	Rodel, Ramil, Alyssa, Klaris
POWERPOINT	Paul	John, Gilbert	Di, June	Sydel

Mass Times & Services:

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

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

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30 pm.

ADORATION: Thursday 8 am.

PRAYER GROUP: each morning prior to Mass.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 6th March 2020.

NEXT ANOINTING MASS: Friday 3rd April 2020, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

NEXT CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Friday 16th February 2020, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

Next Sunday's Readings:

7th Sunday Ordinary: First Reading *Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18* You must love your neighbour as yourself.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 3: 16-23* All things are yours, but you

belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 5: 38-48* Love your enemies.

For complete Sunday's readings, visit our St James website (look for the Prayer tab).

www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings.