

**7TH SUNDAY
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23 / 24 FEBRUARY**



The Parish of St James
Coorparoo.
A Vibrant, Prayerful,
Inclusive and Augustinian
Parish:
Archdiocese of Brisbane.



Welcoming An Outsider

We in the parish office decided last week that I was going to compose my first article for the Parish Bulletin for this weekend. Honestly, a part of me felt a bit anxious. I should confess, I have never written an article for the weekend Bulletin in the previous parish I was assigned to. So writing this and having this published to be read by our parishioners, I feel like delivering my first ever homily. However, it is unlike a homily which is based on a particular Sunday's readings, because in writing this first one, I have no readings to ground my reflection on. Nevertheless, another part of me feels that I should make the most of the opportunity that is presented. And the opportunity is to be able to address everyone in the parish community. Such a privilege! So if it's not the Sunday reading that this first article is grounded on, what then am I basing it on? I am basing this maiden article on the reality that we, the Augustinians who minister to the parishioners here, come and go. The fact is, the Parish existed already even before the Augustinians came to minister here. You, on the other hand, the parishioners, as a collective, have been the continuous presence in the community. And so, the way it looks to me, you are the hosts, and I am your guest.

Indeed, as one of the newest guests in the parish, I might start by briefly introducing myself to all. My name is Francis Belciña, OSA, and I am the newly appointed Parish Priest here at St James Parish, Coorparoo; and I am also a new member of the Villanova Augustinian Community. My first encounter with the Augustinians was way back in Kindergarten when I went to an Augustinian school in Cebu City, Philippines. But, of course, I was not always an Augustinian and a priest, I was first of all a son of Arturo and Rosita Belciña; a middle child, the second of four boys.



I came to this part of the world to start my formation with the Augustinians in the Province of Australasia in 2010. I made my solemn profession (permanent vows) to the Order of St Augustine on 22 May 2016. From July 2016 till January 2019, I was a member of the Manly Vale Augustinian Community, in Manly Vale, Sydney. I was ordained a deacon together with Fr Saldie on 15 October 2016. And on 27 May 2017, together with Fr Saldie and Fr Percival, I was ordained a priest in Sydney. My appointment in North Harbour Parish (Manly Vale and Balgowlah) was as Youth Minister and Associate Pastor.

I have started to slowly make my way through the parish after arriving in Brisbane on the 1st February 2019 for this new appointment. With Fr Dang helping me in this role, I have felt your

warm hospitality and welcome. Thank you for welcoming me, an outsider.

Fr Francis.

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you. **Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 15: 45-49 Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image. **Gospel Reading** Luke 6: 27-38 Be merciful as your Father is merciful. **For complete Sunday's readings, visit our St James website (look for the Prayer tab).** www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings



Please pray for recently deceased: Sherrol Vine; Elenita Esparagoza; Margaret John; Una Reilly; Crispina Gorre; Nessie Killin; John Parisi.

And these anniversaries: Merle Chapman; Ger Doyle; Harold Frampton.

Please pray for these unwell: Dave Austin OSA; Natividad Lobo Umali; Debbie Bradfield; Keith Evans; Mark Williams; Brian Lowery OSA; Laurie Sheehan; Rex Ducat.

Please give prayers and welcome to these baptismal children: Alaina Dawson.



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

Social Justice

SIGNIFICANT DATES — FEBRUARY:

Sunday 24: 2014: murder of Iranian asylum-seeker Reza Barati in offshore immigration detention on Manus Island.

Wednesday 27: World Day of Social Justice.

Thursday 28: International Mother Language Day.



January International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust...

The Holocaust is referred to by Jewish people as the Shoah. It is the name given to the campaign of genocide carried out by the Nazis during their regime in Germany and their occupation of many European countries, embarked on a systematic extermination resulting in the murder of 6 million Jews, about two-thirds of the European Jewish population. Other groups targeted: Poles, Slavs, Soviet citizens and prisoners of war, Roma people, gay men and 'incurably sick' people.

Planned Giving for the Week ending 17th February (Week 3)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 st Collection Augustinian	\$780.30	\$510	\$10	Week 4	\$1,300.30
2 nd Collection Parish	\$421.35	\$467	\$10	only	\$898.35

Parish news

Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Does my voice, my experience, sharing my story really matter?

Yes absolutely! Each of us is called as children of God to respond to Pope Francis's invitation to become a "synodal" Church – a Church of faith-filled people who speak boldly and with passion, and who listen deeply with an open and humble heart.



Plenary Council 2020

'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' REV 2:7

There are Plenary Council cards at the side entrance. Please read and write your thoughts on the card. The box for these cards is also available at the side entrance.

Lenten Program will begin on Friday 8th March (first Friday after Ash Wednesday). The program will commence straight after 8am mass and will be held in Priory dining room. Books cost \$10 and will be available from the first session. All are very welcome to attend. For those who are interested but cannot make it after the 8am mass, perhaps you can start a group of your own? Please contact Sylvia or Karleen for guidelines (via the parish office). **Also, the 2019 Lenten Program is now available as an App!** Download from the App Store or on Google Play for Android™ devices for just \$1.99 (Search Lent 2019 Compassion) The Lent 2019 Compassion App is designed for those who may be unable to participate in group programs but would still like to prepare for Easter. It is also a great resource for those in Lenten groups who would like to reflect further on each week's gospel after a group session.

**SCAN ME TO WATCH
THE VIDEO**



- Townsville Bishop Tim Harris says crushing debt is falling on people in rural areas after floods
- Vinnies celebrates 125 years of service to Queensland families
- Pro-life organisation fights against abortion with a 40-day prayer and fasting vigil starting Ash Wednesday
- Government plans to encourage more teachers to work at remote Indigenous community schools
- Former senator takes leading role in Catholic education

\$2 at both entrances

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS Co-ordinator: Kev Mahoney.

Sunday, **February 24th**: Baptism / Confirmation.

(Rite of Election to be held at St Stephen's Cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent, 10 March 2019).



FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST - NO 10AM ANOINTING MASS AT ST JAMES CHURCH:

WE WILL HAVE 8AM MASS AS PER USUAL AT ST JAMES CHURCH.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 10AM - OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL, 312 CAVENDISH RD.

Project Compassion 2019 Give Lent 100%

Project Compassion Sunday 2 / 3 March

Caritas AUSTRALIA The Catholic agency for international aid and development
lent.caritas.org.au



Wednesday 6 March 2019 - Ash Wednesday masses 8am and 7.30pm (no 7am mass).

Lenten Program will begin on Friday 8th March (first Friday after Ash Wed). The program will commence straight after 8am mass and will be held in Priory dining room. It will continue for 6 weeks.

Way of the Cross will begin on Wednesday 13th March after 8am mass. This will continue for 5 Wednesdays.



ST JAMES COMMUNITY MASS (once known as Family Cuppa Mass)

Parishioners, please note this term our Community Mass will be held on **Sunday 17 March** at **6pm mass** at St James Church. School and Parish will join together in mass & celebration.



Young Adults Mass – every 4th Sunday of the month 6pm. For details phone 0413 762 544.

Deanery news

Brisbane East Deanery will host a 'BECOME A DEMENTIA FRIEND' session:
(see noticeboard for info)

March 13 at 10am at Regina Caeli Parish Hall; 81 Waverley Rd, Camp Hill, 4152.

Session is likely to be an hour in duration plus some time for a lovely cuppa and morning tea hospitality. All welcome! Expressions of interest appreciated. Contact Regina Caeli Parish Office p: 3398 3697



Other news of interest

IV International Congress of Lay Augustinians "Sharing the Joy of the Gospel"
19 – 25 June 2019: Sacrofano, Roma (ITALY)

The congress will be held in Sacrofano, in the center of spirituality Fraterna Domus, Via sacrofanesse, 25. Accommodation will be in double or single rooms. The cost of participation is €600 euros in a double room (and an additional supplement of €100 euros per single room). The participation fee includes all meals from the dinner of June 19 until the breakfast of June 25, except lunch on the 23 that will be free day in Rome, transfer (round trip) from the retreat house to the city of Rome on the day of the tour. Please contact Sylvia Phillips syldavid@optusnet.com.au or the parish office.



Condividendo la gioia del Vangelo
Compartiendo la alegría del Evangelio
Sharing the joy of the Gospel
2019

Archdiocese news

Are you between 18-35 years old and want to make a difference? Join us for the Canossian Australian Volunteer Immersion to Papua New Guinea from 23rd June – 3rd July 2019. This will be a formation based opportunity to help out in our Canossian mission in Port Moresby and to immerse yourself in another experience of life. Places are limited so get in quick. For more information contact Sr Mel on 0484 007 508.

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February 23 / 24 Lenore & Brendon

March 2 / 3 Paul & Cecilia

NEXT WEEK March 2 / 3	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM + CHN'S LITURGY	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	B. SMITH	G. TRIGGS-FULTON	J. SPENCER	B. SCHLECHT
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Mass Times **WEEKEND:** Saturday 8 am; Vigil 6 pm;

Sunday 7 am, 9 am, 6 pm.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30 pm.

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

ADORATION: Thursday 8 am (returns 28th February).

PRAYER GROUP: each morning prior to Mass.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 1st March 2019.

NEXT ANOINTING MASS: Friday 5th April 2019, at 10am (none March due to World Day Pray).

NEXT MASS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sunday 3rd March 2019 — 9am mass.

Ten Marks of Spiritual Maturity...

1) The highs and lows of life don't impact your relationship with God.

Mature Christians, however, do not all the highs and lows of life to impact their walk with God - they are consistent. Oh, yes, they celebrate the mountaintop moments, but they do not rely on those moments to sustain their faith.

Fr Joseph Lam