

**4TH SUNDAY
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The Parish of St James
Coorparoo.
A Vibrant, Prayerful,
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**Bishop Ken Howell's Episcopal visit to our parish will be next weekend
from Friday 17th May to Sunday 20th May.**

MOTHERS' DAY

A Mothers' Day reflection by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

For many years, I've had a bias against Mothers' Day. I'm not against the concept, it's a private grudge. My own mother died 40 years ago and my ignoring of Mothers' Day has been payback to the universe for that perceived injustice: Let the world celebrate, but count me out!

But time heals and occasionally makes us wiser. Now, on Mothers' Day, I'm always conscious of my own mother and find good reasons to celebrate. You don't have to be alive to nurture someone, and such is the case with my mother. Jesus told us that we receive someone's spirit more purely after they have left us and I know that's true. Forty years after her death, I am more conscious of who my mother was and what she gave me than I was during all the years of my childhood when she was alive and her motherhood embraced me tangibly.

What my siblings and I are now conscious of, more clearly than when she was alive, is that we drew a long-straw. We had a good mother. It's as simple as that. In everything that was essential, she gave us what's important: security, protection, a sense of being wanted, a sense of being precious, adequate food, adequate clothing, the underlying sense that life is good, and, most of all, the sense that we are in the hands always of a God who is trustworthy.

None of this, of course, came perfectly. My mother wasn't God. She had real limits and so did the energy and the resources she drew upon to nurture us. We were a large family and were chronically strapped economically. We had enough, but just, just enough. There were never any extras. That was also true for the attention and the affection she could give out to us individually. She didn't have the time, energy, or luxury to dote on any of us individually, even as none of us ever doubted that we were getting as much from her as if each of us had been an only child. But still, all of us felt her limits and live with the effects of that today.

But her chronic over-extension was also her special gift: Like Jesus she multiplied the loaves and the fishes. Somehow she always found enough of everything, food, clothing, educational supplies, an extra cake or ribbon or whatever for a special occasion. Somehow we always had what we needed, just as somehow she made our family table stretch enough to feed anyone – neighbor, teacher, priest, salesman, or uncle-down-on-his luck – who happened to be around near mealtime. She believed something most of us don't, namely, that when you are with the Bread of Life you always have the resources you need, no matter how meager they appear. She trusted that there would always be enough, and there always was.

And she complemented my father perfectly. You couldn't have ordered a better marriage from either Hollywood or a Catholic dating service. They found each other, soulmates, at a parish picnic and their affection and respect for each other was what, perhaps more than anything else, gave us, their children, an inchoate sense of safety, stability, and faith. My father was the moral compass, she was the heart; but they could reverse those roles and she could offer the moral challenge while he provided the sensitivity. Either way, they did it together and by the time they died, leaving behind a family that felt too young to be on its own, they had given us what they needed to, all the basic tools to build our own lives and to live with some buoyancy and joy.

She died of pancreatitis and a broken heart, just three months after she had nursed my dad through a year-long, losing battle with cancer. As my dad lay dying, one of my brothers and I took her to a shop to buy a dress for the funeral. She splurged and bought the most expensive dress she'd ever purchased. When she tried on the dress the sales clerk told her: "You look terrific in that dress! I hope you enjoy wearing it!" She wore it just twice, once to her husband's funeral and once to her own. The irony of the salesclerk's comment hasn't been lost.

For whatever reason, she disliked her name, Mathilda. Her woman friends shortened it to Tilly, which she disliked even more. I'm not sure what my dad called her in the privacy of their intimacy, but I suspect it wasn't either of those names.

Anthropologists tell us that our mothers are our symbiotic link to life. They have to let us know that the universe wants us, that we're loveable simply for whom we are, that love doesn't have to be earned. My mother was too busy sometimes to nurture each of her children individually with that sense that we were unique, beautiful, and precious; but she mothered us in such a way that life itself and the God who grounds life, give us that precious gift.

THIS WEEK for MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY, the Youth & Young Adult Ministry (YYAM) are selling roses for \$5 a stalk. Funds raised will be put forward to our Parish Multicultural Celebration later on in the year. COME SUPPORT US with a small gesture of thanks and appreciation to all our beautiful mothers.



TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading Acts 13: 14, 43-52 We are now turning to the gentiles. **Second Reading** Revelation 7: 9, 14-17 The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them

to springs of living water. **Gospel Reading** John 10: 27-30 I give my sheep eternal life.

For complete Sunday's readings, visit our [St James website](http://www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings) (look for the Prayer tab).

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Please pray for recently deceased: Fernan de la Victoria; Irish Rago; Fintan Kealy; Kathleen Sullivan; Warwick Jones; Samuel Dangwa; Rodolfo Estella.

And these anniversaries: Albert Bowler; Giacomo & Robert Romano; Mavis Manning.

Please pray for these unwell: Nancy & Kerry McLaughlin; Leanne Hendrix; Graham Clinch; Michael Simpson; Tina Romano; Christina Williams; Sandy Williams.

Please give prayers and welcome to these baptismal children: Edward & Orson Ryan; Alice Ready.



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

Social Justice

SIGNIFICANT DATES — MAY:



Sunday 12: World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Mother's Day.

Tuesday 14: 1971: Pope Paul VI's Apostolic Letter 'A Call to Action'.

Wednesday 15: International Day of Families.

Thursday 16: World Debt Day.

Friday 17: 2005: death of Fr Ted Kennedy.

World Press Freedom Day.... like any other freedom, is never completely secure. The development of a knowledge and information-based society via digital channels implies heightened vigilance, to ensure the essential criteria of transparency, free access and quality. Quality information requires working to check sources and select pertinent subjects, it calls for ethics and an independence of mind. It thus depends entirely on the work of journalists. World Press Freedom Day is also an opportunity to highlight the crucial role played by this profession in defending and preserving the democratic rule of law. UNESCO

Parish news

St James Parish Coorparoo Annual General Meeting Sunday 23rd June 2019 after 9am mass – to be held in the church. All parishioners are welcome.



For more information and to see how you can help visit www.centacarebrisbane.net.au/domestic-violence

Prayer to end domestic and family violence

We pray today for those members of our community whose lives are impacted by domestic and family violence.

Protect vulnerable families whose lives are impacted by violence.

Help us to understand their experiences and support them in this time of need.

Care for those people working with victims of domestic and family violence, that their good work may continue and their wellbeing be supported.

May we shape our young people to value one another, so that they may have respectful and safe relationships into the future.

God of healing, hear our prayer.

Amen.




St James School Term 2 Community Mass

(once known as Family Cuppa Mass) will be held on **Sunday 26th May at 9am.**

ST JAMES DAY FETE 2019 – 28TH JULY ... parishioners, can you keep plant cuttings for the Plants/Books stall at the fete, looked after by Cassie Williamson. Support the school and the P and F who organise this event and get in touch via bpbriggs@hotmail.com or stjpandf@gmail.com.

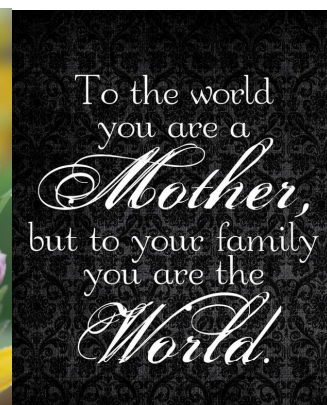
Planned Giving for the Week ending 5th May (Week 1)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 st Collection Augustinian	\$827.75	\$477	\$135	Week 4	\$1,439.75
2 nd Collection Parish	\$441.55	\$352	\$235	only	\$1,028.55

TERM 2, 2019 Preparation for First Holy Communion	Year 4		Preparation Phase (have already celebrated Sacrament of Confirmation)	Venue
Monday 6pm	May 13th		Parent info session	Church
Sunday 9am	May 19 th		Rite of Enrolment	Church
Monday 6pm	May 27 th		Family session 1	Church
Monday 6pm	June 3 rd		Family session 2	Church
Monday 6pm	June 10 th		Liturgy to Celebrate God's Mercy	Church
Sunday 9am	June 16th		First Holy Communion Mass	Church
Sunday 9am and Sunday 10am	June 23 rd June 23 rd		Mass then Celebration	Church Hall



Does your child, at least in Year 4, wish to be a **JUNIOR ALTAR SERVER** here at St James Parish? Training sessions will run after PENTECOST (June). Please email the parish office to indicate interest, osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au. More details coming soon!



*Plenary Council 2020's first phase saw more than 220,000 participants in Australia
*Centacare's Men's Behaviour Change Program builds coping skills to end domestic violence

\$2 at both entrances

*Dutton Park parish launches Rising Youth Ministries to attract young people from around the community
*Radio personality Donna Lynch sat down with Rebecca Tweedy ahead of Mother's Day to speak about family, life and faith

Deanery news

Wednesday 22nd May: Brisbane East Deanery meeting 7pm for 7.30pm. Held here at St James Coorparoo on this occasion.

2019 Brisbane East Deanery Trivia Night will be held on Saturday 8th

June at the Sts Peter and Paul's Parish Hall at Bulimba ... **Queensland** The event is designed as a community get-together so the ticket price will remain at only \$15 per person and is the only fundraiser for the Deanery.



Archdiocese news

Vocation Matters: we continue to share our vocational story (copies available at the side entrance). We exist to join you - to lead young people to their true vocation and ultimately to Christ. We thank you for your support of our vision, 'Providing many inspiring future leaders, priests and religious for the Catholic community of Brisbane'.

May issue of The Bridge Newsletter (Catholic Enquiry Centre) go to this link
<https://nce.catholic.org.au/images/2018/newsletter/TheBridge1905.pdf>

Other news of interest

All Hallows' School Open Day Sunday 26 May 2019. Time: 11:00am

The day includes a welcome from our Principal, Mrs Catherine O'Kane at 11:30am and 12:30pm as well as the opportunity to view displays, meet our staff, enjoy performances, view academic and co-curricular displays and tour the School. The day concludes at 2:00pm. To register your attendance and to view the program for Open Day, please visit www.ahs.qld.edu.au.

Iona College Enrolment Applications are now being accepted for 2021 Year 5. Enrolment applications close Friday 7 June 2019: (boys who are in Year 3 in 2019). To complete an Enrolment Form or book a College Tour go to <http://enrol.iona.qld.edu.au/>. **Iona College Open Day** will be held on Monday 3 June 2019 from 1.30pm-4.00pm, for further details go to <http://enrol.iona.qld.edu.au/open-day/>

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Counters

May 11 / 12 Greg & Kate

May 18 / 19 Anne & Margaret

NEXT WEEK May 18 / 19	SATURDAY 6 PM BISHOP	SUNDAY 7AM KEN	SUNDAY 9AM HOWELL'S	SUNDAY 6PM VISIT
COMMENTATOR	R. STEPHENSON	J. DUNGAN	R. MITCHELL	P. DAVEY
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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.

PRAYER GROUP: each morning prior to Mass.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 7th June 2019.

NEXT ANOINTING MASS: Friday 7th June 2019, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

NEXT MASS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sunday 2nd June 2019 — 9am mass.

Ten Marks of Spiritual Maturity...

10) **You have a sustainable rhythm to your life.**

Mature Christians are not workaholics or lazy slob. They are not under-achievers or over-achievers. They believe health is important. They find value in exercise. They find value in vacationing.

They find value in a regular Sabbath. They find value in hobbies.

Fr Joseph Lam