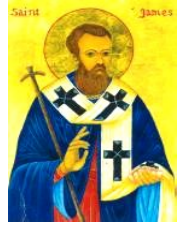


**5TH SUNDAY  
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18 / 19 MAY**



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



**FROM MAINTENANCE TO MISSIONARY** (a reflection by Ron Rolheiser, OMI)

**\*We know what to do for someone who comes to church, but we don't know how to get someone to come to church.**

**\*We know how to be Christian when we are poor, under-educated, and culturally marginalized, but we struggle to be Christian when we are affluent, educated, and have a full place in the culture.**

These over-simplifications speak volumes about the state of the church in the Western world. Simply put, today we are better at dealing with someone already sitting in our church pews than we are at getting anyone there in the first place. Our churches are strong on maintenance, weak on being missionary.

This is everywhere evident. We look at our churches today and we see so many wonderful things: faith-filled individuals, good liturgies, good preaching, good music, wonderful programs, sensitivity to justice, faith-sharing groups, excellent theology, ecumenical openness, soul-work in our renewal centres, beautiful church buildings, and an ever-increasing lay involvement. It has been centuries since we have done so many things so well and maintained church life with such quality and balance.

But we see something else too, less positive: One-half of all baptized Christians rarely enter a church, our churches are greying, the culture is increasingly marginalizing the church, and, most serious of all, too often we cannot pass on our faith to our own children. Even as so many good things are happening within the church we are losing ground. The crisis, it seems, is not in the area of parish program, liturgy, or theology but in the area of the missionary dimension of Christianity. We know how to run a church, but we don't know how to found a church.

What's needed? We need to become more deliberately, reflectively, and programmatically missionary within our own culture, to our own children. We need to send missionaries into secularity in the very same way as we once sent them off to faraway countries. The church in the secularized world needs a new kind of missionary.

What will this new kind of missionary need to bring? Before anything else, real faith. What we need are men and women who can walk the workplace, the marketplace, the academy of learning, and the arts and entertainment industry, and radiate a faith that is not infantile, over-protective, paranoid, colourless, or compromising. We need men and women who are post-affluent, post-sophisticated, post-liberal, post-conservative, and post-fearful in their faith. Their faith needs to have a double strength: It must be strong enough not be defensive in the face of secularity, even as it has the capacity to sweat the blood of self-renunciation rather than compromise the great future for present consolation.

Beyond personal faith, the missionary to secularity will need these things too: A new language for a post-ecclesial generation, a new gospel-artistry to rekindle the romantic imagination of a secularized mind, a new way to connect the gospel to the streets, a new way of moving beyond personal gift and charism to the building of lasting community, a new way of connecting eros and spirituality, justice and piety, energy and wisdom, and a new way to combine God's consolation with prophetic challenge. No easy task. In all these areas we are, right now, still searching for new ways.

Perhaps the person we can look to for guidance is Henri Nouwen. To the extent that our age has had a missionary to secularity, he fits the bill. His life and his writings touched people in all walks of life and not just inside church circles. His approach was deliberate and faith-filled, he was trying to speak to the heart of secular culture from the perspective of the gospel. Slowly, through many years of writing, he developed his own language. He re-wrote his books many times over in an attempt to be simple without being simplistic; to carry real feeling without falling into sentimentality; to speak the language of the soul without falling into psychological jargon; to be personal without being exhibitionist; to put forth Christ's invitation and challenge without being preachy; to challenge towards community without being churchy; and to offer God's consolation without falling into mushy piety.

He didn't always succeed, but he did it better than the rest of us. And more so even than the popularity of his writings (that unique appeal and effectiveness of the language he developed) Nouwen is a model to us in terms of the quality of his faith. He walked inside secularity with a visible faith, raw, without fear and without compromise (albeit not without tears, heartache, and breakdown). In the end, what shone through was faith, his belief that God's existence is real and is the most important thing of all.

We need to learn from people like him, learn the difference between providing church-maintenance and being missionaries. We know what to do with people once we get them into a church but we must learn again how to get them there.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** Acts 14: 21-27 They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them. **Second Reading**

Revelation 21: 1-5 He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes. **Gospel Reading** John 13: 31-35 I give you a new commandment: love one another.

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

[www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings](http://www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings).



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

**And these anniversaries:** Peter Dang Dinh; Albert Bowler; Giacomo & Robert Romano; Mavis Manning.

**Please pray for these unwell:** Nancy & Kerry McLaughlin; Leanne Hendrix; Graham Clinch; Michael & Kathleen Simpson; Tina Romano; Steven McSwan.

**Please give prayers and welcome to these baptismal children:** Violet Williamson.



*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:**



**Monday 20:** 2002: Timor-Leste Constitution comes into force with Xanana Guzman as President.

**Tuesday 21:** World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

**Thursday 23:** International Day to End Obstetric Fistula.

**Friday 24:** 2015: Pope Francis' encyclical 'On care for our common home'.

1948: foundation of World Council of Churches.

**23 May International Day to End Obstetric Fistula....** which is an injury caused by obstructed labour during childbirth. The condition typically leaves women incontinent, resulting in their exclusion and marginalisation in their communities. Sufferers often endure depression and deepening poverty. It is estimated that 2 million women in developing countries are living with the condition. Each year, 50,000 to 100,000 new cases of obstetric fistula develop. But obstetric fistula is preventable: its persistence is a sign that health systems are failing to meet the essential needs of pregnant women.

## Parish news

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



**Blessing and opening of early years classrooms** – on Friday 17 May, Early Years classrooms were blessed by Bishop Ken Howell, Fr Francis and BCE Director Pam Betts.

**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](mailto:bpbriggs@hotmail.com) or [stjpandf@gmail.com](mailto:stjpandf@gmail.com).



**Preparation for Sacrament of First Holy Communion:** next Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9am mass will be the Rite of Enrolment for children during mass. Mondays May 27<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the church for children sessions. Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 9am mass, we will have First Holy Communion for this group of children. Finally, Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am mass and 10am for celebration and children activities in the 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](mailto:osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au). More details coming soon!

## Planned Giving for the Week ending 12th May (Week 2)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian	\$815.50	\$340	\$115	Week 4	\$1,270.50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Parish	\$457.70	\$383	\$115	only	\$955.70

Turn to our back page for upcoming anointing mass or children's liturgy!

Domestic and family violence defines the story of too many members of our community



\* Pope Francis puts child safety front and centre with new international standards to address clerical abuse and prevent cover ups

\* Funding boost allows AspleyCare charity to continue after financial hardship threatens future of the program

\* Catholic Women's League urges quality palliative care for the dignity and validation of the lives of individuals

\* Australian election throws religious freedom into the spotlight as politicians are forced to clarify their stances on the role of faith

**\$2 at both entrances**

THE CATHOLIC LEADER  
Keeping Faith with You

## 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.

Heart Women's Conference Date: 25<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Venue: Mt Gravatt Bowls Club

A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself.

Dream again. Feel loved, honoured and cared for. Invite your daughters, mothers, sisters and friends! Phone: 1300 734 880

Men — What woman in your life can you spoil by sending them to Heart 2019? Register: [Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com](http://Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com) Email: [heart@TheCatholicGuy.com](mailto:heart@TheCatholicGuy.com)

**THANKING OUR VOLUNTEERS - 2019** In late May (May 20-26) Australia will celebrate the 30th National Volunteer Week. Throughout the parishes, and by virtue of its work with Centacare, the Archdiocese has one of the largest numbers of volunteer groups throughout the state—around 8,000 and counting.

### Deanery news

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

**Regina Caeli Over's 50 Club Wednesday Bus trips \$50 each trip (subject to change - please phone Jeanne 07 3398 3697) email: [reginacaeli@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:reginacaeli@bne.catholic.net.au) or visit [www.reginacaeliparish.org.au](http://www.reginacaeliparish.org.au)**

**Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup> - Redcliffe Experience - Lunch at Dolphins Leagues Club - Depart 8.30am, BYO Morning Tea**



**2019 Brisbane East Deanery Trivia Night will be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>**

**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.

**WHO CELEBRATES THE LITURGY?** Tom O'Loughlin's work in Brisbane will focus on this simple question. It will help explore the meaning of the Vatican II liturgical principle of *full, conscious, active participation* in the liturgy by the whole assembled people of God. What is the role of the priest in the liturgy? How should we celebrate Sunday Mass? His presentations will help us rethink ministry and Christian life for the present age. **Public Lecture** Wednesday 26 June 2019, 7 to 8.30 pm in the Hanly Room at the cathedral (parking available)

### Other news of interest

Marriage Encounter Qld and Our Lady of Mt Carmel parish present **Amazing Grace - a workshop** to help couples discover the free gifts that God has given us through marriage to help overcome challenges. Saturday 8th June at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary School Hall, Norfolk St. 8am - 1pm. Cost: \$20 per couple. Contact Ben and Lolita [marriageencounterqld@gmail.com](mailto:marriageencounterqld@gmail.com). Brochures at side entrance.

**SUNDAY 2:00PM**  
**23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2019**  
**ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL**  
**BRISBANE**  
LED BY BISHOP BRIAN FINNIGAN  
**EUCCHARISTIC**  
**MIRACLE EXHIBITION**  
AT THE HANLY ROOM  
PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY OF OVER 150  
EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES AT THE  
FRANCIS RUSH CENTER  
SATURDAY 11.00AM - 5.30PM  
SUNDAY 09.00AM - 5.00PM



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## Counters

May 18 / 19 Anne & Margaret

May 25 / 26 Karleen & Sandra

NEXT WEEK May 25 / 26	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM COMMUNITY MASS WITH ST JAMES SCHOOL	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	H. DEAKIN	D. TALLON	ST JAMES STUDENT	YOUNG
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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.

## Next Sunday's Readings

**First Reading** Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29 It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you. **Second Reading** Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23 He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven. **Gospel Reading** John 14: 23-29 The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. **For complete Sunday's readings, visit our St James website (look for the Prayer tab).**