

3RD SUNDAY LENT YR C 2022 20 MARCH

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



BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

No element is mentioned more in the Bible than water. Water cleanses, nourishes, irrigates, creates and even destroys. But, most importantly, water is crucial for life to exist, and this fact is nowhere more evident than in the desert.

The Samaritan woman has come to the well for water to drink, cook and clean with. Jesus offers her water that will do much more. He offers her living water that will quench her thirst forever and become in her "a spring of water gushing up to eternal life" (v. 14). The woman is a sinner, ostracized from her village, and Jesus is offering her new life.

She has suffered the pains of her old life, and, smart woman that she is, she gladly accepts Jesus' gift.

The not-so-secret secret, of course, is that Jesus is the living water. Meeting with Jesus, even for that short a time, changes the woman. The townspeople notice the changes, and when the woman tells them about Jesus they listen to her, and follow her back to the well. She has been healed, and now she, too, is able to share the living water with others.

The world is thirsty for the living water that Jesus offers. Where is Jesus, today, with his living water? Right here, in every local church and Christian home. All of us who have been blessed with this living water through baptism are called to share it just as the Samaritan woman at the well did. Like Jesus, we are to bring healing, forgiveness and wholeness to all those we meet. Like Jesus, we are the living water.



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Pre-Summit

Adult faith formation

As you are no doubt aware, St James parish is on a journey, with the assistance of Evangelisation Brisbane, to further our Parish Strategic Planning. Together, we are hoping to build a church life that is healthy, fruitful and meaningful.

We are so grateful for the responses we have received to the surveys in the first three weeks of our 6 pre-summit videos. There have been insightful, helpful and very raw responses given so far. Every response will be collected and discussed more deeply at the Parish Summit to be held on the 30th of April.

Now we are at week 4 and considering the missionary area of Adult Faith Formation. The task of journeying closer to God never ends. As a baptised Catholic, we should have support as we grow in our understanding of the faith. There is a richness and depth to the faith of which most of us have only skimmed the surface.

So we are all invited to ask ourselves: what is my desire for adult faith formation? What opportunities for formation have you received as an adult? What opportunities would I like to see at St James.

Adult Faith Formation



How about you,
what is your dream
for **Adult**
faith formation
ministry
here at St James?

**St James Parish Coorparoo
acknowledges with gratitude,
70 years Augustinian Pastoral Ministry.**

22 March 1952—22 March 2022.

**We look forward to many more years
of Augustinian stewardship.**

**Celebration Mass —
9am on Sunday 27th March.**

**Celebration Cuppa — after 9am mass,
under the tree.**

Please bring a plate to share.

This Sunday's Readings

3rd Sunday Lent (Year C/2) First Reading Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15 *This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.*

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Today's Psalm 102(103):1-4,6-8,11 *The Lord is kind and merciful.*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.	It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion,	The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons.	The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.
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Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12 All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel Reading Luke 13: 1-9 Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

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Project Compassion

Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However, the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs, limited educational opportunities, and socio-economic which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture.



With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.

Drop Project Compassion 2022 envelopes in the Collection.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available at each church entrance.



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

Prayers

Please pray for recently deceased:

Barry Hodge; Brian Dwyer; Anton Nguyen; Chris Nanaya; Maureen Morton; John Mulcahy; Judith Smith; Shirley Robinson.

And these anniversaries: Elsie Frampton; Mario Tornabene; Eustaquia Elicano; Patricia Svensdotter; Braulio Monterde; Maureen Ferguson; Gerard & Luke O'Reilly; Merle Chapman.

Please pray for these unwell: Brian Kassulke; Veron Forsyth; Delia Ago; Donna Connolly; Kathleen, Mary-Clare & Michael Simpson; Catherine Sheridan; Lenore Girard; Bill & Carmel Trewern; Martin & Teresa Devine; Bryan O'Connell.



Parish news

***Lenten Program-** prayer group on Mondays after 8am Mass. The Spirit and the Cross, \$5 cash donation. **Available at church side entrance...** All welcome.

***Way of the Cross-** will begin Wednesday 9th March and be held in the Church each Wednesday during Lent, after 8am mass. All welcome.



***From next Tuesday 22nd March,** there will be a meeting in the church after 8am Mass of interested senior parishioners who cannot attend Fr John's evening scripture classes. Fr John will cover some of 'Faces of God' material with you.

***Tuesday evenings during Lent,** Fr John continues a Bible reflection on The Faces of God in the Bible 7.30pm—8.30pm.



Our Lady of Fatima, St James Garden Project, near our St James Centenary Garden. Donation Appeal for \$1,600 soft flooring around the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. There are 2 ways of supporting this garden project.

Via BSB 064786 -
Account 100005891 -
Name St James Parish

- (Reference Our Lady flooring)

Or place donation via envelope in our Priory letterbox **(Reference Our Lady flooring)**

For more details or photos of the planned outcome, please contact Rosa rositasa7@gmail.com



St James Parish

LENT 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Monday 4th April in our Church 7.30pm.



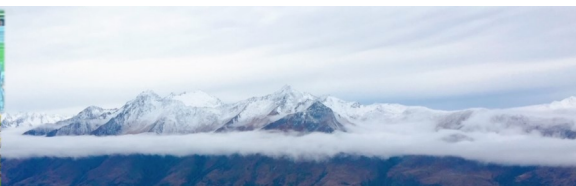
MARCH 1 March – 22 April Fr F away on annual leave.
19 / 20 Saturday 5-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Event-brite); **3rd Sunday Lent (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am);**
No Baptisms. Parish laity ministry area 4.
22 Tuesday—remember Augustinians 70 years at St James.
21 Monday Lenten Prayer Group after 8am mass
22 Tuesday Fr John Bible Study after 8am mass
22 Tuesday Fr John Bible Study 7.30pm (3)
23 Wednesday Way of the Cross after 8am mass
23 Wednesday Alpha gathering: **6.30pm-9pm in the Hall**
24 Thursday St V de P evening meeting Priory
24 Thursday 7.30pm Women's Bible Lenten Study
27 Sunday 9am mass - Augustinians 70 years at St James.
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Parish news



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In today's Gospel Jesus is quite direct in his message: "bear fruit." This Lent we are called to cultivate and nourish our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Almsgiving is not only the call to share the fruit of your labour (financial aid), but to share the gift of your time and compassion. If you find yourself wondering how you can give this lent, **our parish St Vincent de Paul Conference invites you to considering joining us.** Contact Ron (0414 745 178) or email membership.bris@sudpqld.org.au to talk to someone about how you can help.



PARISH SUMMIT

Saturday - 9am to 1pm - 30 April, 2022

Parish Hall



God has a plan for you and for our parish. The St James Parish Summit will help us discover it.



Take part in shaping the future of OUR parish. Scan the QR code to register.



Women's Bible Lenten Study... Bible study to take you deeper into the Passion of Jesus. Continuing **7.30pm on Thursdays.** Contact Jovi Jovina.james@gmail.com

Planned Giving for the Week of 12 March, 2022

Collection <u>Account numbers</u>	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Donation Tap for February	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$730.20	\$200	\$580	Week 4	\$510	\$2,020.20
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891	\$504.50	\$185	\$490	only	\$510	\$1,689.50

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Weekly Mass times

WEEKEND: Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.

Sunday 7am, 9am, no longer 6pm.

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am **WEEKDAY:** Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30pm... by [Eventbrite link](#) or call parish office.

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Friday 1st April 2022 @ 9am.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 1st April 2022.

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY (at this stage).

Counters

March 19 / 20 Karleen & Sandra

March 26 / 27 Lenore & Brendon

Next week	4th Sunday Lent March 27	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (2nd weekend)	Morna K	n/a	Jan Q	
COMMENTATOR	Ron S	Jana V	Kate P	
LECTOR	Anne C	Trish R	Marina Y	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Rosemarie Y Anne S	Jan L	Ray M Sean H Christine U-M	
ALTAR SERVER/S	Rodel / Ramil	Gene T-F / helper	Leah S / helper	
POWERPOINT	Sydel I	Gilbert / helper	June S / helper	
MARSHAL	Karen / Edward	Brendon G / Trish R	Cathy M /	

Next Sunday's Readings

4th Sunday Lent (Year C/2)

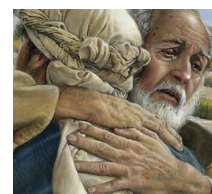
First Reading *Joshua 5: 9-12* The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the Passover.

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 5: 17-21* God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

Gospel Reading *Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32* Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

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

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



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