

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



**MISSIONARIES TO SECULARITY**

(a reflection by RON ROLHEISER, OMI)

This past summer, the religious community I belong to, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, sponsored a symposium, "Missionaries to Secularity", at St. Paul University, Ottawa. We're a missionary order who are now convinced that the most complex and demanding missionary task in the world today is that of being missionaries within the culture of secularity. In the Western world, as we know, our churches do pretty well with those who walk through our doors on Sunday, but, and this is the problem, less and less people are walking through those doors. We seem to know what to do with people once they come to church but we no longer know how to get them there.

With this in mind, we gathered a group of people, lay and clergy, all of whom brought a depth of missionary and pastoral experience, for three days of reflection. Our resource persons included John Shea, Richard Rohr, Gilles Routhier, Michael Downey, and Vivian Labrie.

We didn't write up any manifestos at the end, but, based on our conversations and the insights of our resource persons, we did write up a series of "missiological principles" which can, we feel, point us in the right direction. What are these principles? Here are ten of them:

- 1) We are at a new place today in terms of the faith. Adaptation of what has worked in the past may not be enough. We need to re-inflate the romantic imagination within Christianity.
- 2) Secularity is not the enemy, it's our own child, sprung from Judeo-Christian roots. Like any adolescent child, suffering from an understandable youthful grandiosity, it's not bad, just unfinished. Our relationship to it shouldn't be adversarial but one of solicitude. The "soil" of secularity is defined by Jesus in the parable of the Sower – some ground is good, some hostile, some indifferent – but the fact that some ground is hostile or indifferent does not absolve us from the mandate to keep on sowing.
- 3) Spirituality is peoples' birthright. The secular culture hungers for spirituality, but is largely spiritually illiterate. People go where they get fed.
- 4) Recovering the tradition is a great labour. We must seek to recover the core, heart, of our tradition, beyond its encrusted accretions, and then put our own passion to that heart. We must work at finding our own faith-voice and then speak in an invitational way. Part of this must be a profound asceticism of listening.
- 5) A potentially fertile image of Christ for our time might well be Christ as the kenosis of God. This perhaps can be the place of contact with the secular world. Christ, in his self-emptying, expresses a love which gives itself and seeks nothing in return, incarnates God's presence without pretence, reveals a God of total non-violence and vulnerability, a God of pure invitation, and a God who accepts the provisionality of everything. Jesus' essential message is a universal message of vulnerability that all people need to hear.
- 6) Given this self-emptying God, we might remind ourselves that sharing in the mission of Christ does not always mean using words about Jesus. God can give us permission, when necessary, to take a holiday from religious language.
- 7) As a faith community we are in exile – from the power, possessiveness, and prestige of the past – but we should remember that all transformation happens in exile because that is the only time God can get at us. We need to stay with the pain, the exile, the kenosis, and hold the tension long enough until it changes us.
- 8) There are four aspects of the church that people still do accept: the church as an agency to serve the poor, the church as delivering the rites of passage, the church as a voice within ethical discourse, and the church as a "beautiful heritage"; but we must be careful to not let ourselves be identified with only these. Perhaps too we are asking our parishes to carry too many things, asking them to do some things they can no longer do. Parish and mission are not co-terminus. We need to ask ourselves: Do we need new structures, beyond and outside the parish, new "missiological" structures to supplement what parishes can do? Can we dream of new "ecclesial houses"?
- 9) The gospel is ultimately about God rescuing the poor. Part of evangelization is the movement to eliminate poverty. The church is a big international body and it could do a lot, internationally, as regards poverty. But, if we want to work for the poor, we must free ourselves from too much reliance on dogma and rely more upon human solidarity.
- 10) There are human foundations, solid ones, for moral progress within our culture and we need to accept this and widen the pool of sincere people with whom we form one body to work for a better world. Excessive stress on denominational identification can narrow the body. Interreligious dialogue must lead us back to a common humanity. We need to commit ourselves not just to the baptized, but to all people of sincerity and good-will.



## Today's Readings

**First Reading Acts 1: 1-11** Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven. **Second Reading**

**Ephesians 1: 17-23** He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven. **Gospel Reading Luke 24: 46-53** While blessing them he was taken to heaven.

**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:** Gregory Smith; Adriana Ariza Ariza; Peter Grealy; Rodolfo Estella.

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

**Please pray for these unwell:** Tess Walsh; Nancy & Kerry McLaughlin; Leanne Hendrix; Graham Clinch; Michael & Kathleen Simpson.

**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 — JUNE:**



**Sunday 2:** Beginning of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

**Monday 3:** 1886: Catholic + Anglican Martyrs of Uganda. 1992: the High Court's decision in the Mabo Case.

**Tuesday 4:** International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression.

1989: Tiananmen Square Massacre, Beijing.

**Wednesday 5:** World Environment Day.

**World Environment Day ....** All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world.

## Parish news

**Preparation for Sacrament of First Holy Communion** continues: Mondays June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the church for children sessions. On 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.

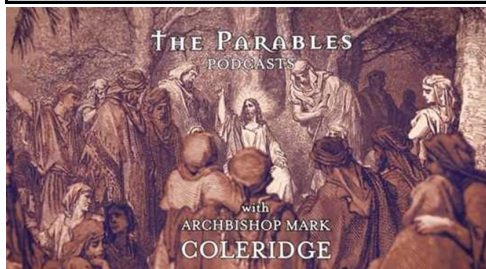
Does your child, at least in Year 4, wish to be a **JUNIOR ALTAR SERVER** here at St James Parish?

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!



**Please return your recommendations for members of our Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee by Monday - drop them to our office or email [osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au)**

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



**The Gospels include more than 30 parables told by Jesus.** They're among the most memorable elements of the Gospels, featuring the likes of The Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan. **Archbishop Mark Coleridge** - a biblical scholar - provides his unique insights into the parables in a **seven-part podcast series** produced by the Archdiocese of Brisbane. The first episode - an introduction to the parables - is **now available for download**. Wednesday, May 22: An Introduction to the Parables through to Wednesday, August 14: Parable #6

## Planned Giving for the Week ending 26th May (Week 4)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian	\$976.45	\$530.50	\$170	\$275	\$1,951.95
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Parish	\$508.75	\$627.50	\$190.70	\$235	\$1,561.95



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.

Warm Clothes for Homeless People – if you wish to donate any warm clothes, please place in baskets at the front and side door of the Church. These will be taken directly to Blind Eye "Drop-in" Day Centre for the homeless in South Brisbane. Blind Eye Ministry is a Catholic "grass roots" ministry caring for vulnerable and needy people. Thank you.



#### WINTER APPEAL... "YOU CAN HELP"

This winter thousands of Australians will struggle to make ends meet. After paying for food, some cannot even afford to leave the house and face days of complete isolation. Your donation will help provide food, housing and support to people in need. Please donate to the Vinnies 2019 Winter Appeal and HELP END THE PAIN OF POVERTY.

Envelopes have been placed on the seats for this purpose.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

TOGETHER WE CAN DO HEROIC THINGS



St Vincent de Paul Society  
QUEENSLAND  
*good works*



St James Parishioners, (see noticeboard) It is with enormous pleasure the Augustinians invite you to the Solemn Profession of Br Peter Tuan Anh Le OSA on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at the 6pm Parish Mass – St Kieran's Church Manly Vale.



Our theme for this year's **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue." In a world where nations continue to be divided and in conflict, and our planet is fragile, this theme is imperative. As we pray together, we are reminded that our baptismal call as members of the body of Christ is to both pursue and embody justice. Our unity in Christ empowers us to take part in the wider struggle for justice and to promote the dignity of all life that we acknowledge and respect as God's creation.



Parishes of the Brisbane Archdiocese, *Nightfever* is back again on **Friday June 7th!**

Evening starts with 6pm Mass in St Stephen's Cathedral (5.10pm mass in the Chapel will still be happening)

The Blessed Sacrament will then be exposed after mass until Benediction at 9.45pm. Anyone aged between 18-35 can then join us in the Francis Rush Centre for a volunteer briefing and training, as well as a light supper before taking to the streets (under 18s welcome if accompanied by an adult)

All are welcome to spend time in Adoration between 7-10pm.

#### Archdiocese news

Blessing & Opening of the newly refurbished Prep classroom space was a truly historic occasion for us at St James. We were honoured to have the presence of Bishop Ken Howell and Miss Pam Betts - Executive Director of Brisbane Catholic Education. Bishop Ken blessed our learning spaces and those gathered for the liturgy.

**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 cathedral (parking available)

#### Deanery news

**June 8<sup>th</sup> Saturday B E D Trivia Night at Sts Peter and Paul's Parish Hall, Bulimba**

**RAFFLE SUPPORT BRISBANE EAST DEANERY - THIS WEEKEND!!**

**\$2 for one ticket OR \$5 for three tickets. Church entrance...**

Great prizes! Bottles of wine! Quilt! Possible tickets to the Cinema! And the like...

**The Brisbane East Deanery Scripture Study Group** starting in parishes near you in the first week July. **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** and will run over 8 weeks with each session approx. 90mins. *Make sense of the Bible and see how it relates to your everyday life...*

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 6.30pm St Thomas**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 10.30am Our Lady of Graces Carina**

**And St James Parish Coorparoo if required**

Deanery Scripture Study Group DSSG at [stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au)



#### Other news of interest

Marriage Encounter Old 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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June 8 / 9 Paul & Cecilia

NEXT WEEK June 8 / 9	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
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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 2: 1-11 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages. **Second Reading** Romans 8: 8-17 Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. **Gospel Reading** John 14: 15-16, 23-26 The Holy Spirit will teach you everything. **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).