

**PENTECOST
SUNDAY
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8 / 9 JUNE**



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



PENTECOST HAPPENED AT A MEETING

(a reflection by RON ROLHEISER, OMI)

If you're someone who's at all concerned about community, family, church, justice, education, culture, or civic issues, you will, no doubt, find yourself at a lot of meetings. A colleague of mine likes to quip: "When they write our history, they'll simply say, 'They met a lot!'"

Indeed we do. We meet a lot. There are an endless variety of issues that call for our participation in group discussion and community discernment: church issues, education issues, justice issues, moral issues, political issues, social issues, economic issues, and cultural issues. It's a bottomless well and all those meetings can seem like a huge waste of time and energy, a distraction to real work. Moreover, at a point, we can't help wondering too: "Are all these meetings changing anything? Would life be any different (other than more leisured and pleasant) if we stopped having all these meetings?" It's easy to grow tired, discouraged, and cynical about all the meetings we're asked to attend.

But we should keep something in mind: Pentecost happened at a meeting! One of the central events that shaped Christian history and history in general, happened not to an individual off praying alone or to a monk on a mountain-top or to a solitary Buddha meditating under a tree. None of these. Pentecost happened at meeting and it happened to a community, to a church congregation assembled for prayer, to a family of faith gathered to wait for God's guidance. Moreover it happened in a common room, a meeting room, in one of those humble, church - basement, type of rooms. It can be helpful to remember that. Our search for God should take us not just into private places of quiet and contemplation but, equally, into meeting rooms.

Where Christianity is different from most other world religions is partly on this very point. In Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Taoism, spirit and revelation break into the world very much through an individual, particularly an individual who is deeply immersed in private prayer. God speaks deeply to those who pray deeply.

Christian spirituality and Judaism have no argument with that. We agree. There's a privileged experience of God that can be had only in private, alone, in silence. To find God, to receive God's spirit, it's important that, at times, we pull away from the group, that we set off to the desert, to the chapel, to the lonely place, the quiet, to be alone with God. We see Jesus do exactly that. Mark's gospel tells us that when his ministry was most intense, when it was "too busy even to eat", Jesus pulled away, to be alone for awhile. There are times that call for withdrawal and silence. Meister Eckhart once wrote: "There is nothing in the world that resembles God as much as silence." All good spirituality shares this view.

However, where Christianity and Judaism differ somewhat from some of the other world religions is in our belief that there is an equally privileged experience of God that can be had only in a group, in community, in family, at a meeting. We don't just meet God in the desert or in the deep quiet parts of our souls. We meet God there, surely, but we also meet God in the group, the community, the family, at the church gathering, at the meeting: "For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them!" In Christian and Jewish spirituality there are two non-negotiable places where we meet God, alone and in the family. These are not in opposition, but complementary, relying on each other to keep our experience of God both deep and pure.

Pentecost, it is important to note, happened to a group at a meeting, not to an individual alone in the desert. That can be helpful to keep in mind when we tire of meetings, despair of their effectiveness, or resent that they pull us away from important private endeavours. The fact that pentecost happened at a meeting can also be helpful in keeping us focused on why we are going to all these meetings in the first place.

Peter Maurin, Dorothy Day's initial mentor, used to say: "When you don't know what else to do, keep going to meetings!" Sound advice! Meetings are the "Upper room", the place where we wait for Pentecost. And what are we waiting for? Why are we in the upper room, at a meeting? Because we are waiting there, with others, for God to do something in us and through us that we can't do all by ourselves, namely, create community with each other and bring justice, love, peace, and joy to our world.

And so we need to go to continue to go to meetings. We need to spend time together waiting for God, waiting for a new outflow of heavenly fire that will give us the courage, language, and power we need to make happen in the world what our faith and love envision.

See you at the meeting!



Today'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.



Please pray for recently deceased: Gregory Smith; Adriana Ariza Ariza; Peter Grealy; Rodolfo Estella.



And these anniversaries: Alic Thomas; Muriel McCann; Emily Thomas.

Please pray for these unwell: Jan Evans; Tess Walsh; Nancy & Kerry McLaughlin; Leanne Hendrix; Michael & Kathleen Simpson.

Please give prayers and welcome to these baptismal children:

Hope Wight; Violet Williamson.

It is customary to re-light your child's baptism candle each birthday or baptism anniversary.



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:



Saturday 8: World Oceans Day.

Monday 10: 1838: Myall Creek Massacre.

1935: establishment of Alcoholics Anonymous in NY.

Tuesday 11: 1975: enactment of the Racial Discrimination Act.

Wednesday 12: World Day Against Child Labour.

1988: presentation by Aboriginal leaders of the Barunga Statement to Prime Minister Bob Hawke.

15 June World Elder Abuse Awareness Day the risk of abuse in institutional settings is highlighted. Senate Community Inquiry reported that residential care and aged care residents are particularly vulnerable to violence, abuse and neglect due to their age, frailty and specific disabilities such as dementia. The report also noted that elder financial abuse is a growing problem in the community. It occurs out of sight and is often perpetrated by family members. It involves emotional abuse and the improper use of the older person's assets and finances. More than 70% of victims are women. Inheritance impatience is increasingly common.

Parish news

Preparation for Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Monday June 10th at 6pm in the church for last children session. On Sunday June 16th at 9am mass, we will have First Holy Communion for this group of children. Finally, Sunday June 23rd 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. More details coming soon!

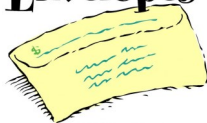


Parishioners visit the *pray for me sheets* at back of church to invite you to pray for our current children doing Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Thank you to all who donated warm clothes for homeless people, very much appreciated. We have plenty at the moment - no need for further donations. Thank you.

Yearly donation envelopes that support our parish and the Augustinians will be available next week-end at the side entrance to the church. Please collect when you are able. If you know of a parishioner who has moved from our parish, please call 33971671 to let us know. If you would like to use yearly donation envelopes, there will be spare envelopes available (but please let Trish know). Other methods of supporting the parish and our Augustinians are through bank direct deposit, or credit card donation.

Offering Envelopes



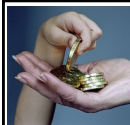
Planned Giving for the Week ending 2 June (Week 1)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 st Collection Augustinian	\$641.90	\$412.70	\$135	Week 4	\$1,189.60
2 nd Collection Parish	\$485.40	\$275	\$235	Only	\$995.40



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

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 30th June 2019 at the 6pm Parish Mass – St Kieran's Church, Manly Vale in Sydney.



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

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

- New priests – Fr Josh Whitehead and Fr Brendan Gormley ordained in St Stephen's Cathedral.
- Canon lawyer criticises gender-neutral prayer terms in Brisbane Catholic girls' schools.
- Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Hendra, celebrating 90 years of worship.
- First Torres Strait Islander priest Fr Kopel Gibuma ordained in Australia.
- 40 Australian bishops flying to Rome for Ad Limina with Pope Francis in coming weeks.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER
Keeping Faith with You

\$2 at both entrances

Deanery news

The Deanery Scripture Study Course will begin on July 2nd / 3rd and will run for 8 weeks.

Evening sessions are on Tuesdays 6.30pm at St. Thomas' Church Camp Hill

Morning Sessions are on Wednesdays 10.30am at Our Lady of Graces Church Carina

The Course 'UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE' presented by Jeff Cavins shows how the Sacraments, the Church and our entire Catholic Faith are rooted in Scripture and Tradition; how the Old Testament and the New Testament are connected; how the Bible relates to everyday life.

Sign-up sheets are at both entrances to the church. Louise Simento's details there, or enquire about Deanery Scripture Study Group DSSG at stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au

Archdiocese news

SUNDAY 2:00PM
23RD 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

prayer for vocations

Loving God,
With one voice we lift up our hearts
to thank you today for our lives,
our vocation and all your gifts to us.
Inspire us all to know and live our vocation.
Give courage to young people,
to listen and follow the call,
to serve you in the Archdiocese
as your priests, religious and lay ministers.
Bless us, your family of Brisbane.
Help those you call to listen
to what your Holy Spirit is saying to us.



vocation

Guide them to serve in your vineyard,
that they may fulfill your holy will and
make all things new.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

TOM O'LOUGHLIN
PROFESSOR OF HISTORICAL THEOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM

**WHO CELEBRATES
THE LITURGY?**
26 - 27 JUNE 2019

Other news of interest

The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) combined choirs at St John's Cathedral for the Festival of Great Hymns. This event will be held at St John's Cathedral, 373 Ann Street Brisbane at 3:00pm on Sunday 16 June.

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Counters

June 8 / 9 Paul & Cecilia

June 15 / 16 Karleen & Sandra

NEXT WEEK June 15 / 16	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	R. STEPHENSON	D. TALLON	M. SLACK	L. BRADLEY
LECTOR	K. O'REILLY	T. RASHAD	R. MITCHELL	A. IBARRA
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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 5th July 2019.

NEXT ANOINTING MASS: Friday 12th July 2019, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

NEXT MASS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sunday 16th June 2019 — 9am mass.

Next Sunday's Readings

First Reading *Genesis 11: 1-9* It was named babel because there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth. **Second Reading**

Romans 8: 22-27 The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

Gospel Reading *John 7: 37-39* From his breast shall flow fountains of living waters. **For complete Sunday's readings, visit our St James website (look for the Prayer tab).**