

**MOST HOLY  
TRINITY  
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15 / 16 JUNE**



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



**WHO IS LADY WISDOM?**

In the Christian tradition, we don't often reflect on passages in scripture that personify a female element of the divine. Today's reading from the Book of Proverbs does just that. This passage would have been well known to Jesus and his fellow Jews, as well as to the New Testament writers. Those authors sometimes drew direct and other times subtle connections between the central figure in the Proverbs reading, Lady Wisdom, with Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

The voice in the passage is Wisdom, often referred to as Lady Wisdom by scripture scholars. In the Old Testament, this Wisdom figure is always personified as a woman, just as references to God's spirit (which God breathed into the first humans) are feminine. Lady Wisdom seems to originate within God, not as a creation of God. "The Lord possessed me ... I was poured forth ... I was brought forth." Such a description is similar to the phrase in our creed that describes Jesus as "begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father." Lady Wisdom appears to be a co-worker with God in creation, a master craftsman (craftswoman!) reflecting herself in all of creation.

So who exactly is Lady Wisdom? Is she equivalent to Jesus? John suggests this parallel in the first verses of his Gospel. At times Paul equates the two as well. "Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor 1:24). Or is Lady Wisdom the Holy Spirit because references to God's spirit in the Hebrew Bible are feminine? There is no right or wrong answer. The concept of the Trinity is a mystery far beyond what our limited minds can imagine. What is important is that we don't fall into the trap of identifying God as a male or female, but as possessing attributes of both.

Ultimately, the concept of the Trinity remains a mystery for our limited human brains. How is God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit? How is God the creator, the redeemer, and the sanctifier? Where does Lady Wisdom enter all of this? Scripture writers, like us, falter at trying to describe the indescribable, which is why we have so many different and sometimes conflicting images and metaphors for God.

**Questions of the Week**

If you think of God as the Trinity, which "person" do you most identify with and why: Father/ Creator, Son, or Holy Spirit?

Does imagining God with a feminine aspect change how you think of God? Why or why not?

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**Congratulations to children who have celebrated Sacrament of First Holy Communion here at St James Parish -** Valentina Angola; Julian Barrett; Chloe Blaser; Robert Brine; Chace Castelyn; Aidan Davis; Isaac Dundas; Levi Dundas; Nicholas Green; Joshua Hill; Will Knight; Hayden Lennane; Sophie Lennane; Damian Lorincz; Skye McMahon; Gustav Miller; Thomas Steel; Jennita Tantinimitchok; James Tosco;

Charlotte Trigg; Paxton Tucker; Jericho Umali-Manalac; James van Tonder; Jackson Vig; Ethan Webster; Thomas Wilson. **Remember, Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am mass and 10am for celebration and children activities in the hall.**

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** *Proverbs 8: 22-31* Wisdom was born before the earth was made. **Second Reading** *Romans 5: 1-5* To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit. **Gospel Reading** *John 16: 12-15* Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it. **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:** Antoinette Ryan; Dennis O'Driscoll; Elizabeth Shay; Ilo Woods; Claire Cummings; Thelma Senior; Gregory Smith.

**And these anniversaries:** Margaret Lennane; Kathleen Dwyer; Alic Thomas; Muriel McCann; Emily Thomas.

**Please pray for these unwell:** Margaret Osborne; Tina Romano; Jan Evans; J Petersen; Leanne Hendrix; Michael & Kathleen Simpson; Steven McSwan.

**Please give prayers and welcome to these baptismal children:** Abigail Toomey; Hope Wight.



*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 15:** Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

**Sunday 16:** beginning of National Refugee Week.

**Monday 17:** World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought.

**Wednesday 19:** International Day for Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict.

1969: Affirmation Arbitration Commission equal pay women

**Thursday 20:** World Refugee Day.

**16-22 June National Refugee Week ....** Jesus experienced the terrors of the refugee when his family fled tyranny and sought refuge in Egypt. In his ministry he led the life of a wanderer and relied on the hospitality of others. He embraced the outsider and the exile as a person like himself, and he commands us to do as he did. When we Australians support policies of cruelty and rejection, we close our ears to Christ's call and turn him away from our doors. We know that we are better than this. As Christians, we know that it is within us to hear the call of Jesus. As Australians, we can take the part of leadership also. (Social Justice Statement 2016)

## Parish news

Will you become an altar server here at St James Parish? Training sessions will run after PENTECOST (June). Please email our parish office to indicate interest



**Any young ladies who are interested in attending the Corpus Christi Procession on 23 June 2019, as flower girls, please contact: Kylie Barros on mobile: 04 1321 8673 or email: [kylie.barros@gmail.com](mailto:kylie.barros@gmail.com)**

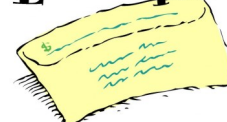
### DEANERY TRIVIA NIGHT

Thank you for your generous support of the Deanery Trivia Night. The 24 raffle prize winners have been notified. The evening was a great success with \$4,090 being raised to help with Deanery activities: scripture study courses, secretary's day for parish offices, and other deanery supported events, groups and activities. Special thanks to all those involved. Congratulations to St Thomas' Parish for winning the trophy for 2019.

*Young Adults Mass — every 4th Sunday of the month 6pm. For details phone 0413 762 544 (Doreen).*

**Yearly donation envelopes that support our parish and the Augustinians are available at the side entrance to the church. Please collect when you are able (and sign sheet to note you have taken them home). 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 9 June (Week 2)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian	\$735.90	\$538	\$115	Week 4	\$1,388.90
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Parish	\$485.65	\$513.20	\$115	Only	\$1,113.85



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.

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.

#### 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...**



#### HELPING THE AUGUSTINIANS - DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS

This year's Annual Appeal to support our Seminary Trust Fund and other ministries will be held in August, around the time of St Augustine's Day. **Some may wish to make donations prior to the end of the financial year.** There are various ways you can contribute to the Order and receive a tax deduction:

**Augustinian Seminary Trust Fund** - Donations are used exclusively for the ongoing provision for our seminarians. Envelopes are available in our parishes and you can make a donation by cash, credit card or direct deposit - **Account Name:** Augustinian Seminary Trust; **BSB:** 082 146; **Account Number:** 13 610 4220;

**Reference:** Please include your name.

**Augustinian Volunteers Australia Trust Fund** - If you would like to know more about this ministry, please visit our website: [www.augustinianvolunteersaustralia.org](http://www.augustinianvolunteersaustralia.org) You can donate via our website or by direct deposit -

**Account Name:** Augustinian Volunteers Australia Trust Fund; **BSB:** 062 287; **Account Number:** 1043 4293;

**Reference:** Please include your name.

**Augustinian Vietnam Mission Fund (Not tax deductible)** - Donations will assist the establishment of an Augustinian Community in Vietnam later this year. You can make a donation by cash or direct deposit - **Account Name:** Augustinian Vietnam Mission Fund; **BSB:** 082 146 **Account Number:** 7359 03067;

**Reference:** Please include your name.

**Mailing address is:** Order of St Augustine, PO Box 7278 Warringah Mall, Brookvale NSW 2100. Please contact the Province Office on (02) 9938 0200 or Anna Heath at [anna.heath@osa.org.au](mailto:anna.heath@osa.org.au) for further information.

***We thank you for your generous support!***



St James Parish Coorparoo (date claimer for Term 3)... Children who are 8 years and in Year 3 or older, (and who have been baptised), are invited to prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. **Contact our Parish Office** to register your interest and come along to the Information session being held on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July (6pm in St James church)**. Phone 3397 1671 / email [osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au) to let us know your interest. All relevant information will be provided at this session, including Family session dates and Practice date. **Confirmation Ceremony on Thursday September 19th (6-7pm St James Church).**

#### 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](mailto:stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au)

#### Archdiocese news

The Plenary Council process so far has been an exercise in listening, in dialogue, in conversation -- in

changing the way the People of God communicate with one another, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

It has also been a process of numbers. Over 10 months, at least 222,000 people chose to be part of that period of listening and dialogue with one another. Their voices were represented in the 17,457 submissions that were received by the National Centre for Pastoral Research. From those submissions, quantitative and qualitative analysis pinpointed around 120 subject areas. And after a period of analysis, prayer and discernment, six National Themes for Discernment emerged, and will now shape the **next stage of the Council's preparation period: Listening and Discernment.** (See noticeboard) and following week's bulletins will explain each in more depth...



**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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## Administration

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Retired	Fr. Peter Hayes OSA	3397 1671
Parish Secretary	Trish Rashad	3397 1671
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## Counters

June 15 / 16 Karleen & Sandra

June 22 / 23 Lorie & Lea

NEXT WEEK June 22 / 23	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	B. SMITH	B. TRIGGS-FULTON	M. YESUDAS	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 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 7th July 2019 — 9am mass.

## Next Sunday's Readings

**First Reading** *Genesis 14: 18-20* Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

**Second Reading** *1 Corinthians 11: 23-26* Every time you eat this bread

and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord. **Gospel Reading** *Luke 9: 11-17* They all ate and were filled. **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).**