

ASCENSION OF THE LORD YR B 2018 12 / 13 MAY



The Parish of St James

Coorparoo.

An Augustinian Parish:
Archdiocese of Brisbane.



From the Outside of the Window

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Christ's Ascension. Comparing this feast with the resurrection, the ascension is mentioned only briefly in the New Testament. Important, however, is the fact that the Ascension always comes with the so-called Great Commission of preaching the Word of God to all nations for the sake of salvation. For Mark, it was essential to emphasise the intrinsic unity between faith, baptism and salvation. Regarding faith and salvation, he agrees with John who stated, *"Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."* (John 3:18) Concerning baptism, we should be careful to not go beyond what is written here.

		Believes	
		Yes	No
Baptised	Yes	Saved	Unsaved
	No	Doesn't Say	Unsaved

The text here only deals with the situation in which one believes and is baptised, and when one disbelieves. It says nothing about the case when one believes but has yet to get baptised. For that case we must refer to other scripture like John 3:18 above which states that upon belief one is not condemned, making no reference to baptism. Nonetheless, I would say that water baptism simply accompanies faith in Christ as naturally as repentance does, but I would dissuade those who have a "get wet to get saved" ritualistic mentality. In being taken up to heaven, Mark mentions that Jesus sat on the right hand of God. The writer of Hebrews mentions, *The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.*" (Heb 1:3) Sitting indicates finished work. It's like after you get home from work, the first thing you want to do is sit down. The right hand is a hand of power. Jesus was God's right hand man. The Ascension concludes therefore what God has done in the book of Genesis where God completed his creation with the words, *"And He saw that it was good. And, God rests on the seventh day."* On the effect of the Ascension, let us hear from St. Augustine: *"Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth. For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies."*

As always, let us pray for each other.

Fr. Joseph OSA

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading Acts 1: 1-11 Why are you standing here looking in-
to the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven. **Second Reading**
Ephesians 4: 1-13 To the measure of the full stature of Christ. **Gospel Reading Mark 16: 15-20** The
Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.



Please pray for recently deceased: Mavis Manning; Dee Fergusson; John Lunney; Betty Kemp; Kath Hodge.

And these anniversaries: Emily Thomas; Thomas Lunney; Keith Killin.

Please pray for these unwell: John Mulcahy; Vickie Davies; Jim Clifford; John & Angela Carolan; Reg Chapman; Barry Hartley; Tevila Cox; Peter Mitchell.

Please give prayers and welcome to these Baptismal Children:

Olivia Spoto; Cora Downes.

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



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

Social Justice

**SIGNIFICANT
DATES — MAY:**



Saturday 12: World Fair Trade Day.

Sunday 13: Mother's Day.

World Communications Day *The Truth will set you free.*

Monday 14: 1971: Pope Paul VI's Letter *A Call to Action.*

Tuesday 15: International Day of Families.

1891: Pope Leo XIII's Letter *On Capital and Labour.*

Wednesday 16: First day of Ramadan.

St Joseph the Worker...

Pope John Paul II's message in 1988 was prophetic. The issues he raised concerning vulnerable and unemployed workers are as relevant now as when he visited. He drew from what he called the *Gospel of Work* in his Encyclical **On Human Work**. It looks to scripture, recognising the sacred and deeply human nature of work and standing against narrow materialistic valuations that would reduce the person to a mere factor of production.

Planned Giving for the Week ending 6 May (Week 1)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 st Collection Augustinian	\$786.35	\$381	\$265	Week 4	\$1432.35
2 nd Collection Parish	\$441.95	\$445	\$260	only	\$1146.95

Parish news



DATE CLAIMER: Multi-Cultural Mass will be in the hands of the Young Adults Group (YAG) of St James this year. The date has been altered to 14th October, with more details to come in the upcoming months.



Instead of the May gathering of Friends of St Augustine, we are invited to attend
Fr Joe's talk on Monday 14th May – please see his invitation below.

Invitation by Father Joseph Lam OSA

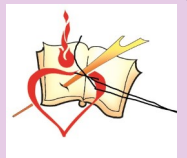
Do you want to take your knowledge of faith to the next level?

Do you feel that you need answers to certain aspects of our Catholic faith?

Do you know enough about the sacraments, or about the life and message of Christ?

Do you know when the Bible was written and in which context?

Father Joseph invites you to a "theological Q&A" in the priory of St. James, commencing on Monday, 14th May at 7pm (thereafter monthly on 2nd Monday of the month.) email osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 33971671 to note your attendance.



Help Required with Healing / Anointing Mass Catering. It would be appreciated if 2 people could join a team of 2 to assist on **Friday 1st June** from 9am to 12.30pm in the Hall. If interested, kindly contact Trish, Parish Secretary, by Monday 21st May between 9am and 1pm on 3397 1671 or osastjames@bnc.catholic.net.au

Approx. 20 – 25 parishioners attend. Thank you for assisting in this parish ministry."



Choir practice 7.30pm in our church - next week's final practice for Pentecost,
will be on **Tuesday 15th**.

This enables choir to attend Fr. Joseph's talk on Monday 14th.



Friday 1 June 2018 and Saturday 2 June 2018 at 7.00pm

Hanrahan Theatre, Villanova College, 24 Sixth Avenue, Coorparoo

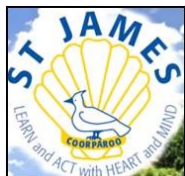
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www.TheWay.trueau.com or **phone:1300 001 822**.



FAMILY CUPPA MASS

Term 2 Family Cuppa Mass will be held on **Sunday 20th May at 9am**. Please keep this date free as it is a good opportunity to meet other school families and mix with the parishioners from St James. Afterwards, share a cuppa with parishioners and school families in the garden beside the church. School families provide a morning tea for these Family Cuppa Masses.

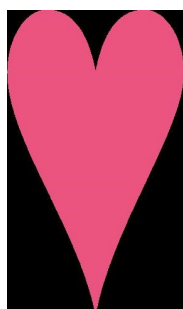
ST JAMES PARISH COORPAROO (osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au) welcomes Yr 4 children (or older children) who wish to continue their Sacramental Program with First Holy Communion. There will be an information session for parents on May 20th after 9am mass. Detailed information will be given at this time, including the enrolment form.



WINTER APPEAL

"ORDINARY PEOPLE CAN MAKE AN EXTRAORDINARY DIFFERENCE"

Every Winter the number of requests for help grows from people struggling to pay their bills. The Society relies so heavily on Donations from the Public in winter when families are forced to choose between buying shoes, putting a hot meal on the table or paying their heating bill. Please donate to the Vinnies 2018 Winter Appeal and help us to continue to support people experiencing disadvantage. Envelopes have been placed on the seats for this purpose.



Our priority is a safe environment for all: can we invite you to attend 31st October (6.30pm – 8.30pm) annual Safeguarding training session for parish volunteers in Brisbane East Deanery... It will be held at Our Lady of Graces, Carina. More details to come.
Other available sessions will be noted shortly.

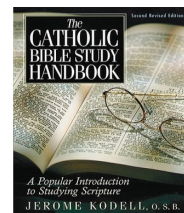
Deanery news

The Brisbane East Deanery Scripture Study Group
Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

will run over 8 weeks from **Thursday 31st May 7pm St James Parish Coorparoo**

or new time from Monday 4th June 7pm St James Parish Coorparoo

No prior Scripture/Bible Study or training is required, all welcome. Please contact St Thomas parish secretary, Lisa on 33981154 or email stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au



Other news of interest

Position Vacant – Parish Finance Officer

Applications are open for a position at the Wynnum Catholic Parish. A person with excellent financial experience and skills is required for a casual position of finance officer. The days required to be worked will be negotiated with the successful candidate.

Position Vacant – Parish Secretary

Applications are open for a position at the Wynnum Catholic Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a casual position of secretary working on Wednesdays.



All Hallows' School Open Day

Sunday 27 May 2018

Time: 11:00am

To register your attendance and to view the program for Open Day, please visit www.ahs.qld.edu.au. We look forward to welcoming you and your family on this day.

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Administration

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Parish Moderator	Fr Jaison Nedumparambil OSA	On leave
Parish Secretary	Trish Rashad	3397 1671
Parish Council Chairperson	Ray Mitchell	3892 1682
Finance Committee	Paul Davey	0437 730 792
Pastoral Care	Parish Office	3397 1671
Safeguarding Officer	Kate Pearson	capearson@optusnet.com.au

Counters

May 12 / 13 Paul & Cecilia

May 19 / 20 Sylvia & Liz

NEXT WEEK May 19 / 20	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM FAMILY CUPPA	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	R. STEPHENSON	J. DUNGAN	G. EGERT	J-P PEREIRA
LECTOR	L. JAYALATH	N. POKARIER	P. MULLINS	C. MANALAC
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POWERPOINT	MARGARET	GENE, GILBERT	DI, OLIVER, JUNE	SYDEL

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 1st June, 2018.

NEXT ANOINTING MASS: Friday 1st June 2018, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

NEXT MASS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sunday 20th May, 2018 — 9am mass.

May our young people who are discerning the gentle call
of the Lord to serve, be filled with courage and determination
to follow you in service with humility and love.
With Mary, Star of the New Evangelization,
may we continue to be instruments of the Gospel
in our country and in the world. Amen.

