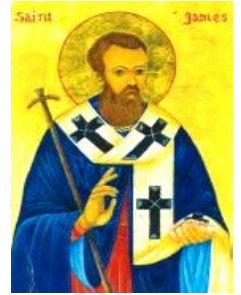


**12TH SUNDAY  
ORD TIME  
YR A 2020  
20 / 21 JUNE**

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



The Facebook streaming of our **Sunday Mass at 9AM** will continue until further notice. A YouTube streaming of the same mass will take place at 10:30AM for the benefit of those who have no access to FB.



**From the Parish Priest**

It is truly wonderful to be seeing parishioners back in our church since we reopened and celebrated masses though with a limited number for the congregation. I just want to reiterate how much I am grateful and

enthusiastic about all of you and your presence in parish.

COVID-19, in certain ways, has pushed us in a corner. Unsuspectingly, we find ourselves with a space around us where issues, whether personal, or work-related, or family-related, etc. that we have either taken for granted or chosen to deal with indefinitely in the future, are exposed to us. This exposure, of course, is subject to whether we are sensitive enough to notice the surfacing of these issues. The gain of acknowledging the presence of these issues is when we are able to go beyond looking at them as nuisance, which they could truly turn out to be, and instead put a spotlight on the opportunities of changing for the better that this space gives us.

In my experience in the parish, COVID-19 has definitely exposed some parts of our parish life that need urgent attention whether for short term or long term benefits to the parish community. Here is one (1) issue that I would like to impart to you for this week (hopefully I can impart some more in the following weeks):

**A) CONNECTION.** Some of you may know already that at the beginning of the closure of our church, a couple of members of the parish staff worked tirelessly for several hours (spread through days) in looking at our parishioner-contacts list for both phone and email. Before COVID-19, we were not sending out parish bulletins through emails and to letterboxes, we printed them out and have them available at our masses on Sundays; these are also downloadable through our website.

The line of communication thru email only really took place among and between existing groups in the parish (parish pastoral council, finance council, Young Adults group, liturgy committee, Friends of St Augustine, SVDP, hall renters, etc.). The communication is mostly about organising a meeting or reminding those involved about an upcoming meeting.

What this exposes is that if a parishioner is not involved in any group, then the parish's connection with this particular parishioner only tangibly happens during the one hour at mass, and through the bulletin that he/she brings home after mass (if this bulletin is indeed brought home and read), unless home visitations or individual meet-ups are otherwise organised.

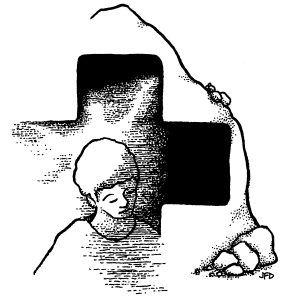
A related issue under "connection" is the having a competent gathering of parishioners' data and putting them into our parish system. Now one might remark, "Isn't this a lone task of the parish staff? My answer to this is a big **NO**. Let us try to put this into perspective, the fact is the parish office only comes right at the end. The task of the parish office, through the secretary, is only the manual entering of the gathered data into the **Parish Administration & Communication System (PACS)**, or into the computer. What is the assumption here? The assumption is that the bulk of the task needs to happen outside the office. This task involves the whole community, and this involves re-examining our parish culture and practices. When was the last time you have intentionally approached a parishioner because he/she/they is/are new to the parish? Is there fear involved in approaching new faces? Are there steps we have undertaken as a parish to address this fear? Is there even a group in the parish that discusses about these things? (since I arrived in the parish, this has not been tackled as an issue about connection, perhaps only as a data entry issue). Who takes ownership in identifying parishioners who are new, or ascertaining whether they are already part of our data system, or if they are not new, whether their information needs updating, etc. Is this left to current volunteers and welcomers, most of whom are already in their twilight years? Or would it be better if the whole parish develops a culture of inclusion and welcome and true hospitality? New parishioners rarely approach current parishioners and that is never a fair thing to be expected of them; nor do they automatically ask to be part of the parish data system; and not all parishioners whose details need updating would communicate their updates to the parish office.

What this issue "on connection" exposes to us and forces us to re-examine goes to the very core of who we claim to be as a parish. Every week in our bulletin, we and all others out there who read the top front page of our bulletin read that St James Coorparoo is a vibrant, prayerful, and inclusive parish. Perhaps it is high time when we revisit where we are in our mission to be "inclusive". When was the last time we really examined whether we have grown to be better at this? Or do we even bother?



- Fr Francis, OSA

# BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL



June 21, 2020 • 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 10:26-33

## The Gift of Faith

*Before the apostles leave to begin ministering in the world, Jesus warns them that there will be people who will hate them and try to hurt them. He tells them to fear no one, and reminds them that God is aware even of a fallen sparrow.*

I want my children to share my faith. Not because they will be damned if they don't, but because faith can get them through pretty much anything. When you

are certain that God is not just with you but in you and believe you are taking the Spirit in with every breath, you can't help but feel invincible in a healthy, non-destructive sort of way.

I'm not saying you can leap from rooftops or stop a bullet in midair, but with faith in an ever-loving

God, it is easier to feel like you can face any obstacle or enemy and know you are going to be okay. Consider the early martyrs who walked into amphitheaters singing hymns, ready for death, or modern martyrs who worked with the poor in developing countries and were shot to death for their efforts.

Understand I am not saying they didn't feel fear when they saw the lions or faced the gunmen. I am saying they could breathe in the Spirit of strength and courage and know that ultimately they would be fine. Death is not the end. They were invincible, and would live forever in God.

### PERSONAL RESPONSE

Try the breathing prayer yourself. Think of something you are worried or concerned about. Write down how you felt before, during, and after the prayer. What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

Witness this kind of faith to your children. Try this little exercise with them when they are hurt or afraid. Hold their hands and teach them to take in slow, deep breaths. Ask them to picture themselves breathing in God's strong, all-powerful Spirit, breathing in God's strength and courage. Ask them to consider their situation and decide what the worst thing that can happen is. Remind them that no matter how things turn out, God will always be with them; God is always in them. In this world of escalating fear and uncertainty, you will be teaching them a life skill that will help them cope with whatever the future may bring.

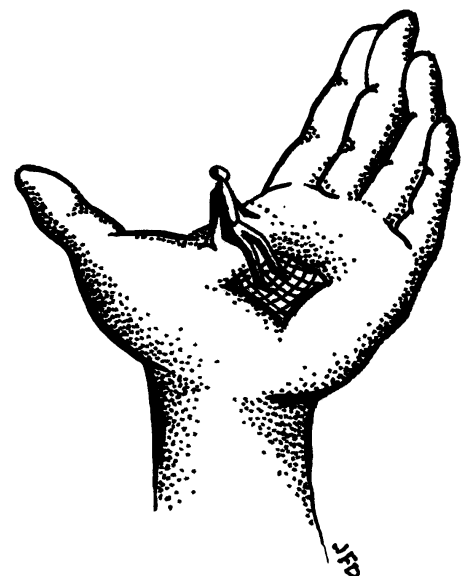


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"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."

### Sheepish Question:

For what do I need courage (OR wisdom) right now?



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



## Prayer Requests

**Please pray for recently deceased:**



V M Joseph; John Glynn; Terry Fry; Jim Wilkie; Catalino Villegas Snr; Maureen Forster.

**And these anniversaries:** John Sullivan; Cheryl Moran; Mary Tallon; Rebecca Herft; Muriel McCann.

**Please pray for these unwell:** Pat Mammone; Helen Deakin; Hazel Yared; Meighan Harris-O'Reilly; Sylvia Wilson; Jocelyn Tibayan, Veron Forsyth; Fr Ron Mollison; Noela McCormick; Brent & Margaret Hill.

## Parish news

**Private Prayer in the Church** has been closed while



Marshalling duty will now redirect towards our Sunday masses (includes the Vigil Masses).

**If anyone has the natural inclination and time to spare, please offer your services to us, in regards Work, Health, Safety. You will assist the parish in re-opening our church further. Email or call 33971671.**



**Saturday, 15th August, 2020** (Solemnity of the Assumption, Tuan Anh's Diocese Patroness), 10 am—**Ordination to the Diaconate of Lê Tuấn Anh OSA (Tuấn Anh) by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at St James' Church.**



**Envelopes for planned offering 2020 / 2021** will be available at the church entrance for parishioners who are attending weekday or weekend masses. We will also letterdrop the Envelopes to our close sub-urb areas. Please call us if you are able to collect from the parish office.



**Sacrament of Confirmation Program** at St James Parish will occur in Term 3 – contact parish phone 3397 1671 or email. Term 3 (Yr 3 or older, or 8yrs minimum)) for **St James School and parishioner families only.** Date claimer: July 20th, Monday 6pm for the Parent info session which will be held in our church.



**Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday - 5 July**  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is the first Sunday in July. Usually the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council produces liturgical materials to help parishes to celebrate this special Sunday in an appropriate manner. This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be an online Mass.



St James Statue end of Term 2 to the start of Term 3 on Monday 13/7/20, work commences at the front entrance of the school, preparing the area for the arrival of our St James statue. Due to Covid restrictions, the artists are unable to travel to Queensland from Victoria,

## Today's Readings

**12th Sunday Ordinary Time**

**First Reading** *Jeremiah 20: 10-13* He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

**Second Reading** *Romans 5: 12-15* God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 10: 26-33* Do not fear those who can kill the body.

## Updates & Resources:

**See this tab on our website page also..**

Links to Eventbrite registrations to join our Weekday Masses and Sunday masses



**21 June - 5 July + Reconciliation** are now published ([click here](#) if you are accessing the bulletin on your computer). We suggest that you book for one (1) Sunday for the duration of Stage 2, and then once QLD moves to Stage 3 (from July 10), we will send another link where you may book more than once. If you register for your family, first choose the number of people attending, and secondly fill-out

## Parish news

Currently, we are offering each family an individual baptism liturgy during this next phase -



20 people maximum during June 2020; this will probably increase in July 2020 at some stage.

**Baptismal preparation** - Br Tuan-Anh is offering 2 baptismal preparation sessions. On offer: Zoom ... or Priory ... Email/call our parish to show you are interested.

**Baptismal Welcome** to our parish - has currently been postponed and will be on offer again in late 2020.

**Baptismal Liturgy** - Fr Francis, Br Tuan Anh and Fr Dang have created a calendar via Eventbrite so that each family can choose a date. Baptisms will occur each Sunday at 10.30am, (to be attended by baptismal parents; baby; godparents; family & friends according to number restrictions given by Qld Gov't and Arch Bne). Email/call our parish for information.

**29 JUNE:**

**Caritas in Veritate (Charity in Truth)**

## Social Justice

To love someone is to desire that person's good and to take effective steps to secure it. Besides the good of the individual, there is a good that is linked to living in society: the common good. It is the good of 'all of us', made up of individuals, families and intermediate groups who together constitute society. It is a good that is sought not for its own sake, but for the people who belong to the social community and who can only really and effectively pursue their good with it. To desire the common good and strive towards it is a requirement of justice and charity.



*2009 Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical Caritas in Veritate*

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## Thank you very much for Financially Supporting Your Parish:

- **Thru Direct Debit (this is the recommended option).** Kindly complete the ["Direct Debit Request - Offertory Giving" form](#), and drop the completed form in the Priory Letterbox, or scan it (or take a picture of it) and send it via email to the parish office. This *direct debit request* gives you the option to nominate your donation to the Augustinians and/or the Parish. We will then submit your form to ADF for processing. (If you're receiving this by email, you may click on the link and access the form; if you're receiving this by post, the form is available on our parish website).

With the Direct Debit method, one has the liberty to decide on the amount to be donated as well as the frequency of this (weekly, fortnightly or monthly). This donation method mirrors our Sunday collection: 1st Collection (**Augustinian Order**) and/or 2nd Collection (for the upkeep of **St James Parish**).

- Thru processing your own transfer using your bank account app or website.

<b>1st Collection: Augustinian Order</b>	<b>2nd Collection: St James Parish</b>
Account Name: Augustinian Priory	Account Name: St James Parish
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Account #: <b>006160102</b>	Account #: <b>006161103</b>
Reference: (Surname, & First Name if first name fits too)	Reference: (Surname, & First Name if first name fits too)

- **Thru the Planned-Giving envelopes** which you already have. You may drop them off at any time in the letterbox at the top of St James Priory steps.
- You may mail in a cheque at any time. Please indicate if it's going towards **ST JAMES PARISH** and/or the **AUGUSTINIAN ORDER**.

## Next Sunday's Readings:

**13th Sunday Ordinary Time First Reading** 2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16 That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

**Second Reading** Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11 Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 10: 37-42 Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.