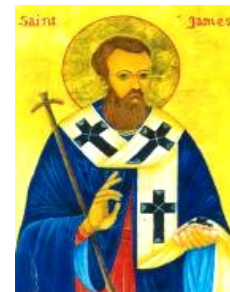


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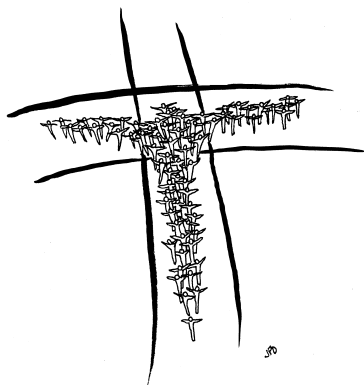


Bringing Home the Gospel

Be Perfect As Your Heavenly Father is Perfect

We find this reading from Matthew about a third of the way into Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Jesus begins his teaching with the Beatitudes at the beginning of chapter five and for the next three chapters reveals his "code of conduct." This gospel offers some quite difficult challenges. We are told not to seek revenge; to turn the other cheek, and to walk the extra mile. Then comes the most difficult challenge of all. We are told to love our enemies and be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect.

When Jesus tells us to love our enemies that doesn't mean we are expected to have warm, fuzzy feelings toward them. In fact, we don't even have to like them, seek them out, or sit down to dinner with them. We are expected, however, to love them as God loves them. This means respecting them, wishing them no evil, and even praying for them.



This teaching offers us a chance to remind our children that it is not wrong to be angry at someone. Anger is a feeling and, like all feelings, it is not sinful or wrong. It is what we do with those feeling that is important. It is our actions, angry words, and hurtful thoughts that get us into trouble. Teach your children to count to ten and say a prayer before walking away.

Jesus' second command, to "be perfect," sounds like an impossible challenge. How can we do this? The answer is hidden in the meaning of the word "perfect." The word comes from the Greek *teleios*, meaning complete or whole. Simply put, Jesus wants us to become the wonderfully unique people we were created to be-and it doesn't take

long to realize we'll need lots of help.

It is a lifetime of work to figure out and develop our talents. In the same lifetime, we need to learn which virtues come easily and which need more effort. On the journey of becoming our best selves, it doesn't take long to discover that without God's help, it is easy to get lost.

Only God is perfect. Only God is complete. However, if we are open to God's love, call on God's strength, and do our best to listen and live Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, one day we will get there. We will find our perfection; the person we were created to be, complete within the arms of the Divine.

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Love of Enemies

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Matthew 5:43-44a)

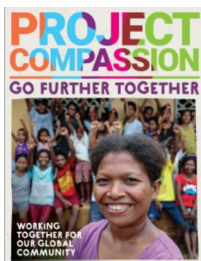


- ▶ Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 - Various rules of conduct
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 - The work of God's ministers
- ▶ Matthew 5:38-48 - New law of retaliation; love of enemies



- ▶ **Adults:** What is the point of "turning the other cheek" in an argument, and why is it so hard to do?
- ▶ **Kids:** Who are the people you find it most difficult to forgive?

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Project Compassion Sunday 23rd February 2020

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Go Further Together". Your generosity will assist some of the world's most vulnerable communities to lift themselves out of poverty. When we Go Further Together in love and compassion, the whole world thrives. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes (on our church seats), or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Today's Readings

7th Sunday Ordinary: First Reading

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18 You must love your neighbour as yourself. **Second Reading 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23** All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Reading Matthew 5: 38-48 Love your enemies.
For complete Sunday's readings, visit our St James website (look for the Prayer tab).

Prayer Requests

Please pray for recently deceased:

Fr John Downey OSA;
Ric Enright; Fr Fernando Suartz; Clare Petersen; Daphne Thorpe; Anson Palakkan; Danny Moritcho; Rita Moriarty.

And these anniversaries: Drago Andreis; Gilles Debert; Gerard O'Reilly; Gerald Doyle; Cheeku Thomas.

Please pray for these unwell: Anne Holroyd; Fr Ron Mollison; Greg Whitney; Steven McSwan; Tess Walsh; Rodrigo Urbano; Santina Romano; Jocelyn Tibayan; Michael Simpson.

Give prayers and welcome our Baptismal Children: Kye & Alexis Aldridge; Sienna Roche.

Social Justice

SIGNIFICANT DATES FEBRUARY / MARCH:

Friday 21: International

Mother Language Day.

Saturday 22: The Chair of St Peter.

Wednesday 26: Ash Wednesday.

Project Compassion begins.

Sunday 1: Zero Discrimination Day.



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. The theme for Caritas

Australia's Project

Compassion campaign this year is "Go further together".



This week the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice. We encourage you to put your compassion



into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion.

Parish News



February 26th Ash Wednesday
Masses at 8am and 7.30pm



March 2020

Pray for Zimbabwe



World Day of Prayer


Venue: Regina Caeli

Catholic Church

Friday March 6th @ 10am



Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation Program
(Year 5 or older; or 10 years old, minimum)

February	
24 Monday 6pm	Parent info session in the church for Sacrament of Reconciliation
March	
1 Sunday 9am	Rite of Enrolment during 9am mass for Sacrament of Reconciliation children
2 Monday 6pm—7.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation children Session 1 & pizza (priors or hall)
9 Monday 6pm—7.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation children Session 2 & pizza (priors or hall)
16 Monday 6pm—7.30pm	Rite of First Reconciliation (church)
22 Sunday 9am	 Thanksgiving during 9am mass for Sacrament of Reconciliation children and morning tea afterwards, sponsored by children and parents (church & grounds)



NEXT ANOINTING MASS: Wednesday 1st April, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

None in March due to World Day of Prayer.



Thank you John Bates (principal) and **Peter Gibson** (assistant principal) for working hard and clearing out the priest's garage prior to the yearly Council kerbside clean-up.



Planned Giving for the Week ending 16th February (Week 3)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 st Collection Augustinian [BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006160102]	\$953.50	\$255.50	\$70	Week 4	\$1,279
2 nd Collection Parish [BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006161103]	\$505.30	\$361.50	\$70	only	\$936.80

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



FEBRUARY

22/23 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; Year A 7th Sunday Ordinary Time

23 Br Tuan Anh returns

24 Monday 6pm Parent info session in our church for Sacrament of Reconciliation

25 Shrove Tuesday

26 Ash Wednesday 8am and 7.30pm

26 Ash Wednesday St James School Liturgy 11.30am

27 Thursday St V de P meeting in Priory 6.30pm

28 Friday Lenten Program meeting in Priory after 8am mass

MARCH

29/1 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; Year A 2nd Sunday Lent Project Compassion begins?

1 Sunday Rite of Election at St Stephen's Cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent. time?

1 Sunday 9am Rite of Enrolment for Sacrament of Reconciliation children during mass

2 Monday 6pm Child Session 1 & pizza for Sacrament of Reconciliation children (Priory / Hall)

THANK YOU from St V de P for supporting Queensland Bushfire Appeal: see our noticeboard



2020 Lenten program, Be Opened – A journey to new life (Reflections on the Sunday Gospels – Lent and Easter Sunday – Year A); 7 week program: 6 sessions in Lent and 1 session for Easter Sunday. This Lent and Easter, we are called to be open to the fullness of life in God – to be opened ... to be led by the Spirit; to listen; to the living water; to see; to believe; to death; to new life.

Gospel reflections for 2020 have been written and presented by popular speakers Dr Michele Connolly rsj (Catholic Institute of Sydney) and Dr Ian Elmer (Australian Catholic University).

First session for St James Parish will be Friday 28th February, straight after 8am mass, in our Priory. Books available \$10 at your first session.



Little King Movement invite you to our **Golden Years Day**, last Friday of each month. 10am mass; morning tea; concert; lunch. All free. Call 33911432 for info.

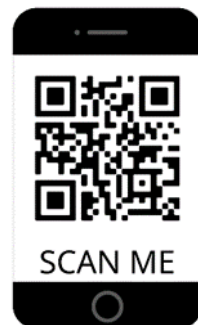


Anyone able to volunteer some time to taking **Holy Communion to folk in their home?** Let us know. Volunteer process explained by Parish staff.



HOW SACRAMENTS WORK - THERE'S MORE TO THIS THAN MEETS THE EYE

Fr Paul Turner from the United States, renowned teacher and speaker, liturgist and prolific author, will speak to us about how sacraments work. We can see, taste, feel the sacramental signs of water, bread and wine, oil and the human touch. But how do these sacramental signs open up for us the mysterious and powerful action of our loving God? Join us for this rich and inspiring exploration of how sacraments connect us to saving grace. Brisbane: **Friday 6 March 5:30pm-7:30pm.** Individual \$10. Group \$40. <https://liturgybrisbaneworkshops.weebly.com/paul-turner.html>



PARISH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DAY

- the intentional parish -

Date: Saturday 28th March

Time: 8:30am - 3pm

Location: Dominic Centre, (100 Mayfield Rd, Carina)

Register:

ebab.weebly.com

RSVP due:

Wednesday

18th March

More info: (07) 3324 3440

PROGRAM

- Mass with Archbishop Mark
- Archbishop's Address
- Intentional Leadership
- Morning Tea
- Why Discipleship Matters
- Intentional Parish
- Lunch
- The Future of Your Parish
- How to Become an Intentional Parish



Position Vacant – Youth Ministry Coordinator

Applications are open for a position at the Kedron Brook Catholic Community, Enoggera/Wilston parish. Youth Ministry Coordinator for a 12 month contract position for 10 hours per week. (see noticeboard)



Our Lady of Graces Parish is holding an **Ageing Wisely Seminar** on **Monday 24 February, 9.30am – 2pm.** 100 Mayfield Road, Carina Parish Library & Hospitality Area (see noticeboard)

Entry is free. Morning Tea & Lunch provided...

A wonderful opportunity to engage with organisations who offer support and assistance at a time when it is most needed.



\$2 at entrances

*Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge heads to Rome for high-level Vatican talks on the Plenary Council 2020, Cardinal George Pell and the Holy See's response to Australia's Royal Commission. *Four young men cast their nets out into the deep, entering Brisbane's vocational house this year.



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February 22 / 23 Lorie & Lea

Feb / Mar 29 / 1 Greg & Kate

NEXT WEEK Feb / Mar 29 / 1	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	Bill S	Berenice T-F	June S	Bill S
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HOSPITALITY	Therese K Michelle C	Leonie D	*	*
ALTAR SERVERS	Deneb	Gene	*(assistance needed, please contact parish)	Rodel, Ramil, Alyssa, Klaris
POWERPOINT	Cecilia	John, Gilbert	Di, June	Sydel

Mass Times & Services:

WEEKEND: Saturday 8 am; Vigil 6 pm;
Sunday 7 am, 9 am, 6 pm.

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8 am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30 pm.

ADORATION: Thursday 8 am.

PRAYER GROUP: each morning prior to Mass.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 6th March.

NEXT ANOINTING MASS: Wednesday 1st April, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

(none in March due to World Day of Prayer)

NEXT CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sunday 1st March, at 9am mass.

Next Sunday's Readings:

1st Sunday Lent: First Reading *Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7* Creation of our first parents, and sin.

Second Reading *Romans 5: 12-19* Where sin increased, there grace

abounded all the more.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 4: 1-11* Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

For complete Sunday's readings, visit our St James website (look for the Prayer tab).

www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings.