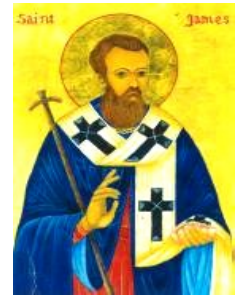


**13TH SUNDAY
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**The Parish of St James
Coorparoo
A Vibrant, Prayerful, Inclusive
Augustinian Parish
Archdiocese of Brisbane**



You Tube

The Facebook streaming of our **Sunday Mass at 9:00AM** 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.

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From the Parish Priest

In last week's parish bulletin, I started drawing your attention to things that, in my reflection, were exposed or brought to light, thanks to having a more pensive space while in the thick of this COVID-19 episode. The first thing that was exposed and mentioned was on **(a) on CONNECTION** and how important it is for us to looking at where we are with this as well as our gift of hospitality as a parish. Are we making meaningful connections? I expressed how we need to bring the whole parish, not just the volunteers, to the awareness of co-responsibility in this regard. According to the 2016 St James Coorparoo parish profile (NCLS), the gift or skill that attenders identified as their strength is "hospitality" (welcome, host, provide food). In the year that I've been here, this has continued to be one of the strengths of the parish which I'm sure most of you have witnessed too, if not yourselves being involved in offering hospitality itself. The call is to challenge ourselves to make meaningful connections, and then also fulfil the practical aspect of having individuals and families be part of the parish data system. Establishing "connection" and the strength of hospitality express a value that is immensely linked to the Augustinian charism.

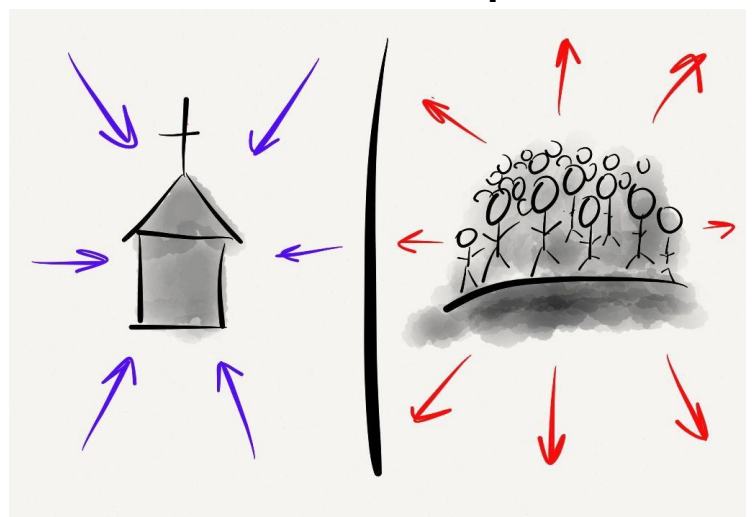
This week I would like to bring to light another point of my reflection since the imposition of restrictions, and this is **(b) on MAKING DISCIPLES and EVANGELISATION**. *Making disciples* and *evangelisation* are probably terms that we as Catholics have always heard of somewhere, but may not necessarily know what to do with it, or know where we are at it.

On MAKING DISCIPLES. The period from mid-March till late May has permitted me to re-examine where I am with the mandate from Jesus to "Go and make disciples". And obviously (I'm hoping that it is), this is not just a mandate that I see for myself, but one that I share with all of you who read this, together with all the baptised. "The clergy and laity *together* with God's grace are co-responsible for responding to the commission of Christ. And the fruitfulness of that co-responsibility is making disciples" (S. Weddell). There is no group of professionals to whom we delegate this responsibility, not to priests or religious, not to

R.E. teachers, not to those who have taken units in theology, not to those who show interest or liking to religion, no – this is a mandate to each baptised. I also know that the desire or the fire within us to make disciples does not just come to us just because we hear that it is a mandate. This takes a lot of unlearning and relearning about our faith. And that takes time.

What the 'imposed retreat' has exposed to me is the fact that I have made myself busy with administrative things in the parish, and heaps more has been added due to streaming and the logistical demands of re-opening, all of which are important (I am NOT suggesting even a bit that they are not important). However, I am glad I was able to stop and ask myself, "Which of these things that you find yourself immersed in or busy doing, involve the call to make disciples? Have I used these as opportunities to promote and champion the mission of Christ? Is there a plan? Or is it just haphazard?" Honestly, it is mostly a hit-and-miss. But I also know that our Lord's mission deserves more than the current dedication and focus that I am giving it.

The questions above might be good questions that we could ask ourselves, on a parish level. And perhaps we could add the following as well: Do our existing groups in the church intentionally promote this mission of Christ and the Church? Is there a sense of ownership of this mission among parishioners? Has this mission been a key consideration in the parish pastoral council? Are we willing to re-examine as a parish on how we are addressing this? Or are we just doing this haphazardly? [end of part 1 of (b) MAKING DISCIPLES & EVANGELISATION.]



We try to shelter our children from harm. But eventually there comes a day when we realize we can no longer protect them from an imperfect world. They have to deal with illness, a pet dying, or friends talking about them behind their backs.

Crosses are a part of the human condition. Jesus asks us to

accept our crosses and instead of feeling sorry for ourselves to pick them up and somehow be graced through them.

Jesus was fully human, as human as we are, and he accepted his humanity. I think that is what Jesus asks of us, to simply accept the fact that we are human

with all the limitations and restrictions that being human brings with it. We fall down and we get hurt. Friends and family disappoint us and sometimes even abandon us. Life is difficult, and no one

can escape its crosses. Not even Jesus.

We can work hard to change the things we do not like, but inevitably we cannot control our lives. When we accept this fact in our heart of hearts, we can surrender control and begin to experience the peace of Christ's divinity. We

can walk through the bitter haze of any physical or emotional pain because we share in Christ's strength and courage. We have his divine light to shine in all the dark corners.

Teach your children how to accept their disappointments and crosses by carrying your own crosses with grace. Help them to figure out what pain can be legitimately avoided and what pain just has to be suffered through. Allow them to face the

consequences of their actions. And when they are old enough, pray with them the Serenity Prayer,

"God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen."

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

June 28, 2020 • 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 10:37-42

Take Up Your Cross

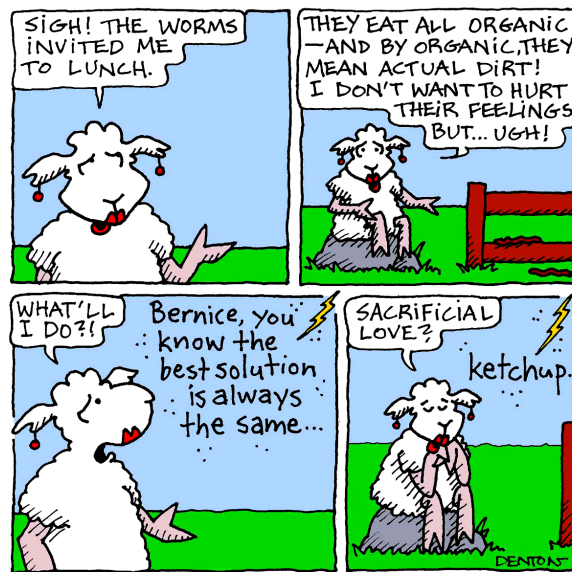
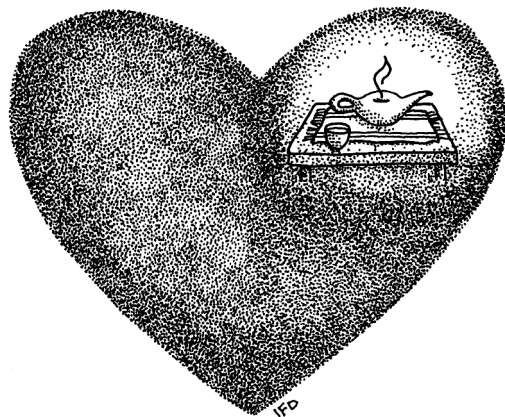
Jesus continues to prepare the apostles to go out into the world. He tells them that his message of peace may sometimes provoke people. He tells them again that they will have to face suffering.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What are some of the crosses in your life right now? Which ones can you let go or find a way around? Which ones do you need to just pick up and carry? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

FAMILY RESPONSE

Talk about how everyone has crosses in life, some are big and some are small. Ask everyone to share a cross they carried last week. End with the Serenity Prayer.



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"Whoever receives you, receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

Sheepish Question:

How have I been blessed by the hospitality of another? How did I express my gratitude?

Prayer Requests

Please pray for recently deceased:



Nazarita Tacandong; Fr Noel Connolly SSC; V M Joseph; John Glynn; Terry Fry; Jim Wilkie.

And these anniversaries: Valerie Killin; Mae Cheryl Berdin; Lorenza Rivera; John Sullivan; Teresa & Vincent Tongue; Mary

Tallon.

Please pray for these unwell: Pat Mammone; Meighan Harris-O'Reilly; Sylvia Wilson; Jocelyn Ti-bayan, Veron Forsyth; Fr Ron Mollison; Noela McCormick; Brent & Margaret Hill.

Parish news

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 available at the church entrance for parishioners who are attending weekday or weekend masses. Letterdrop of Envelopes to our close suburb areas is currently occurring. Please call us if you are able to collect from the parish office.

Offering
Envelopes



More than 1100 students in Years 6 -12 from a range of BCE schools completed this survey. Students were overwhelmingly positive about the work of teachers and school leaders in quickly working together to ensure

that the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students learning was reduced. Students shared that while learning from home was very challenging, they understood the health and safety of vulnerable community members needed to be prioritised. You can read the report [here](#).



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. Register [here](#) for the parent session.



Please find your child's baptism certificate and copy it for us.



The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Vinnies CEO Sleepout might have been socially distant this year, but it still raised more than \$5 million for the charity's homelessness services. The funds will go to homelessness services run by the St Vincent de Paul Society across the country, providing shelter, food, clothing and other support for people experiencing



Vinnies
good works

homelessness, or at imminent risk of losing their home. Source: *The Catholic Leader*

Today'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.

Parish news

• Please be aware that according to the COVID-19 Safe

Plan for Parish Communities which we are adapting, Mass attenders will be up to **100 people from 10 July** (St James church is able to accommodate 100 after complying with the 4-square metre rule and physical distancing requirements).

- For the whole month of July, the weekend (Sunday) masses will remain to be the 6pm Vigil on Saturday and the 9am Sunday.
- As with all gatherings, please maintain physical distancing still, and use the hand-wipes and hand sanitisers available.

Archdiocese news

In these uncertain times it is good to

know that **Catholic Healthcare's Villa Maria** in Fortitude Valley is still able to let potential new residents tour the Home before deciding whether Residential Aged Care is right for them. With a beautiful new wing and a dementia secure area with private courtyard, you'll be proud to call Villa Maria your home. Call Maddie on 1300 951 501 for more information.



Archbishop Coleridge said Australian state and federal governments had so far done well in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, big decisions lay ahead "in a strange, fast-moving environment". He said the Church could make a unique contribution – not as politicians or economists but as people of faith – while the Church has an extraordinary reach into communities with tens of thousands of workers in schools, hospitals and at the frontline of social services. "We are in this together – all Australians". Source: *The Catholic Leader*

Significate Dates JUNE/JULY:

Monday 29: Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical Charity in

Truth '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.'

Tuesday 30: 1945: unemployment benefits in AU.

Wednesday 1: 2012: Fair Work Amendment Act.

Thursday 2: 2016: election of Linda Burney as first Aboriginal woman member of Australian Parliament.

To love someone is to desire that person's good and to take effective steps to secure it. 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 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.

1st Collection: Augustinian Order	2nd Collection: St James Parish
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- **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:

14th Sunday Ordinary Time First Reading *Zechariah 9: 9-10* See how humbly your king comes to you!

Second Reading *Romans 8: 9, 11-13* If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 11: 25-30* I am gentle and humble of heart.

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