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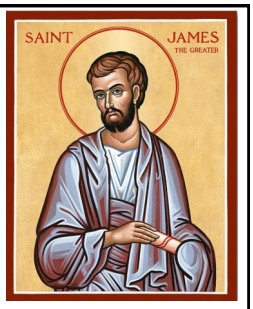
IS A PARISH OF ACCOMPANIMENT WHERE WE ENCOUNTER AND KNOW CHRIST, DEEPEN OUR FAITH, AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY



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"God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

Sheepish Question:

What can I do each day to embrace God's love and understand salvation in Jesus?

Gospel Reflection

The readings selected for Trinity Sunday provide an opportunity to reflect on the nature of God. Over recent weeks, we have celebrated the Ascension and Pentecost – both of which reveal something about the nature of God through Jesus and the Spirit. Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the unity of God whom we acknowledge as Father, Son and Spirit. Today's gospel reminds us that there is a seamless continuity between the different experiences of God. Although we sometimes regard the God of the Old Testament as judging and vengeful, today reminds us that God is, was, and always will be a God of love. The gospel reminds us that 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.' Love is the characteristic of God that is experienced as Father, Son and Spirit. God loved the world into being and loved the people so much that God made a covenant relationship with them and repeatedly drew them back into that relationship when they strayed. God loved the world and the people so much that God became physically present through Jesus as yet another attempt to draw all people into an awareness of the loving relationship God desired for them. When Jesus could no longer remain a physical presence in the world, God's Spirit became more evident to continue the work of drawing people into that loving relationship with God.

Rather than focusing on the mystery of the Trinitarian God, today is an opportunity to marvel at the single-mindedness of God who is so determined to reveal the length and breadth of God's love to us. That revelation has been made manifest in different ways throughout time but remains constant and unchanging.

Historical Context – We believe…

The teaching on the Trinity was not formally constructed until the 4th Century and was documented in the creed that emerged from the Council of Nicaea. The Creed that is said today in the Sunday liturgy is a version of that original Nicene Creed. The Nicene Creed spells out Christian beliefs about the nature of God, Jesus and the Spirit and was worded very carefully to negate a variety of heretical views that were held at the time. It is as much a statement about what we do not believe as it is a statement about what we do believe!

Living the Gospel – Sign of the Cross

Every time we bless ourselves or begin prayer with the sign of the cross, we reaffirm our belief in the Trinity. That seemingly simple prayer, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,' is, in fact, a confirmation of our belief in a triune God – three in one. The earliest use of the sign of the cross only involved tracing a small cross with the thumb or finger on the forehead as it is still done in baptisms or blessings today. Later, describing the shape of the cross on forehead, abdomen and shoulders became the common practice.

Scriptural context – Trinity

At no point in the New Testament is the term 'Trinity' used. That understanding of the nature of God came much later. However, there are a number of scriptural references that led to this theological understanding. The Annunciation, the baptism of Jesus and the great commissioning of the disciples to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all examples of the three persons of God being recognised or active in the gospels. Today's second reading shows St Paul using the three experiences of God as a blessing of the people of Corinth.

Greg Sunter has worked in Catholic Education (Brisbane) for many years, most recently as a member of the Religious Education team and Mission and Formation team. He has extensive experience of praying with young people and forming others to lead prayer with young people. He is the author of books on adolescent faith, is a regular

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Friends of St Augustine (FOSA)

Weekly prayer taken from Augustine's writings in a booklet, "Augustine Day by Day", compiled by the late Fr. John E. Rotelle, O.S.A.- an American Augustinian.

31st May

"Give Yourself to me, O my God, for I love You. And if that is not enough, let me love You more ardently." *Confessions 13, 8*

This Sunday's Readings

Most Holy Trinity (Year A 31st May)
First Reading *Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9 The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.*
With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.
He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52 Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. (R.) Blest your glorious holy name. (R.)	You are blest in the temple of your glory. (R.) You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)	You are blest who gaze into the depths. (R.) You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R.)

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*
Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.
Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Reading *John 3: 16-18 God sent his Son to save the world through him.*
Jesus said to Nicodemus,
'God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.
No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.'

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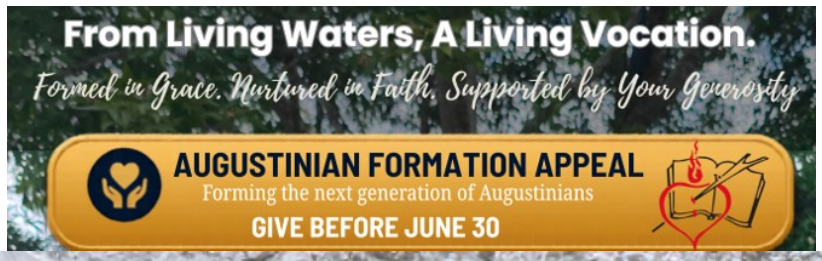

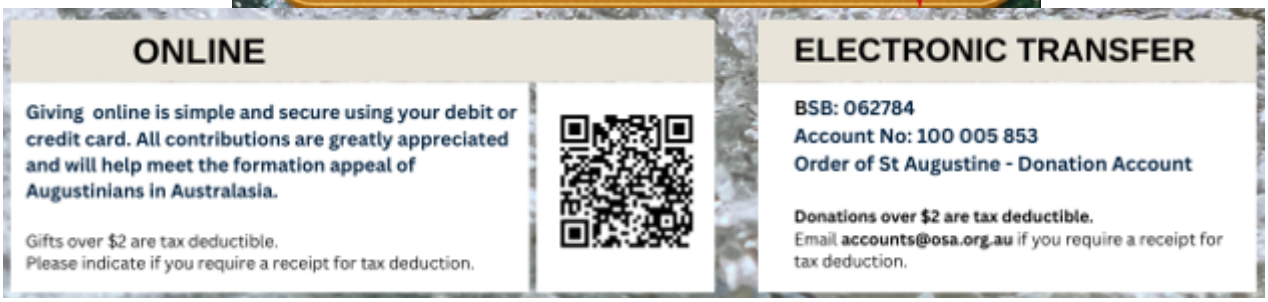

menALIVE Weekend for Men is SOON. It is happening on the *13th and 14th June 2026* in *St James church and parish hall*. Like thousands of other Catholic men who have already been on menALIVE weekends, you will be inspired and encouraged to renew your faith and rediscover God's purpose in your life. Experienced leaders from MenAlive Team will be running the weekend. There is still time to register. Forms are available in the church or contact DARREN dmcconville1970@gmail.com, or *parish office ph 33971671*

The Parish of St James acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country upon which it lies and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Prayers

Please pray for recently deceased: Graham Streets; Leo Kelly; Denise McKenna; Fr Peter Hayes OSA; Noel Guillermo; Eileen McErlain; Maria Villoso; Margaret Bub; Gregory Mitchell; Ellen Bright.
And these anniversaries: Bradley Wenceslaus; Marie Reilly; Noel Guillermo; Rebecca Herft; Mary Lou Heiser; Loreto Paterson; Eileen Healy; Ty DePaoli; Noela McCormick; Lucinda Rosa; Jocelyn Ann Garlin.
Please pray for these unwell: John McAuliffe; Bridget David; Stephan Grant; May Hillotedt; Joe McKee; John Carnay; Elena Tolo; Ian Gillespie; Roy Vanderstraaten; Zeb Peries; Tony Ting; Benedict Rivera; Elisabeth Cortezano; Bill Mumma; Arlina Diaz; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan.

What's on

MAY 2026

30 / 31 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; Holy Trinity; Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); Rite of Enrolment within 9am mass for Sacrament of Confirmation children; NO Baptisms.
31 Sunday 10.30am-12pm Friends of St Augustine gathering in our priory dining room—all welcome.
31 Sunday Kerala Community mass 4pm

We welcome back Fr Anson and Fr Francis.

***Confirmation Sacrament for Children 2026*—we welcome children to Rite of Enrolment this Sunday 9am mass. Please note: Wednesday 24th June 6pm Children Celebration of Confirmation @ 6 pm Church**

House keys on ring left at parish office—call the office.

Caritas Australia End of Financial Year Appeal
As we approach the end of the financial year, Caritas Australia invites you to help families facing conflict, hunger and displacement. Your support is needed to get critical aid into countries like Sudan, which is facing the largest humanitarian crisis in the world today. Over 30 million people are in urgent need of assistance, the healthcare system has collapsed, and families are facing chronic food insecurity. Your tax□deductible gift this End of Financial Year can provide lifesaving essentials such as nutritious food, clean water and vital medicines to families in need.
Make a donation today at **www.caritas.org.au/make-hunger-history**

Sunday 7th June, starting at 2pm, we ***Walk with Jesus*** through the streets of Brisbane City as we pray, sing, praise and honour Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Led by **Archbishop Shane Mackinlay**.
https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/WalkwithJesus26
Bus departing from Our Lady of Graces Parish, 100 Mayfield Road, Carina, 1pm on Sunday 7 June to the Corpus Christi Procession. The bus will depart the Cathedral at 4pm. Cost for the bus is $5 return per person, $15 return per family (up to 3 children). To book for the bus, either go to https://carinacatholic.flocknote.com/signup/258530, scan the QR code. Alternatively, you can contact Caroline on 0411 863 850 to book and for further information.

***Cuppa every first weekend** after 9am mass—held by Community / Hospitality team. You're invited to bring along a plate to share.*
***Cuppa every third weekend** after 9am mass—held by Young Adults group—you're always invited to take part.*

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END OF AN ERA—END OF FINANCIAL YEAR DONATION ENVELOPES As we all know, there have been less folk donating by cash through envelopes over the last 10 years. This last year, we had less than 10 families. From July 2026, we will no longer offer envelopes for cash donating. Please consider: donating via ArchBne direct debit form; or donating via BSB details (at bottom of this page); or donating via our tap machine at entrances; or donating via cash into the collection plate.
As always, we thank you for your generous donations that assist the Augustinians and our parish.

Friends Of St Augustine (FOSA) is a parish group striving to know more about this great saint and Doctor of the Church. St Augustine is the patron of St James priests. They belong to the Order of St Augustine (OSA) also known as ***The Augustinians***, one of whom is none other than Pope Leo XIV himself.

Our group gathers every 3 months over light refreshments—ALL WELCOME. If you can, please bring a plate.
Next gathering **Sunday 31st May, 10.30am to 12pm in St James Priory. We warmly invite you to come along.**
Dates for the remainder of the year are: Sunday 30th August (Priory), Sunday 29th November (Priory), Christmas Celebration Wednesday 9th December (Easts Leagues Club 6.30pm). Want to know more? Contact Sylvia <syldavid@optusnet.com.au>
or Karleen <telemon1106@gmail.com>

Join Our Parish Choirs & Music Ministry
Love to sing or play an instrument?
Share your gifts and help lead our parish in joyful worship through music.
Whether experienced or simply willing to serve, all are warmly welcome to join one of our existing choirs or form a new choir!
"Those who sing pray twice." — St Augustine
For enquiries or to join:
* Amor McConville * Helen Deakin * Sylvia Phillips
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Planned Giving for the Week ... 2026

Collection Account numbers	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Credit card	Total	
1st Collection Augustinian Priory *BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791*	**$905.95**	**$115**	**$237**	**$710**	**$225**	**$2,192.95**	
2nd Collection St James Parish *BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891*	**$839.65**	**$105**	**$347**	**$710**	**$405**	**$2,406.65**	

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Ministry Teams—get involved...

We offer many opportunities to get involved and participate in our vibrant multi-cultural community… Send your enquiries to the email below...

Children & Families (Brent)	Families.stjames@gmail.com
Worship (Amor) 2nd Tue of month 6.30pm	Worshipandliturgy.stjames@gmail.com
Young Adults (Thesi +)	Youthandyoungadults.stjames@gmail.com
Adult Faith Formation (David, Darren)	Adultfaithformation.stjames@gmail.com
Hospitality & Community Life (Jaque, Melissa)	Communitylife.stjames@gmail.com
Social Justice (Dan) 1st Sunday of month 10.45am	Socialjusticeoutreach.stjames@gmail.com Meet in the Priory Dining Room

Counters

May 30 / 31 Brendon (away) + Kevin

June 6 / 7 Paul + Cecilia

Next week — Corpus Christi 7 June	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR	Chris + Sylvia	n/a	Dan F
COMMENTATOR	Helen D	Barbara DeP	Mirielle M
LECTORS	Pat W	Patricia McK	Libby C
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Collette S Sylvia P (singing) Priya H	Jan L ... Don T	Maria N Mel N Jaque S
ALTAR SERVER/S	Joe R + Yohaan	Priya	Chelsey / Lea / Doreen
POWERPOINT	Paul D	Trish	June S
WELCOMERS	Helen D / Edward	…	Darren Charlotte Melissa Bettina
COLLECTORS	Charles / Ron / other helpers	Stuart / David / John	Waiting names

Masses & Services

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm. Sunday 7am, 9am.
MASS SERVICES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am.
MASS SERVICE: Friday 9am.
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30pm—5.30pm.
PERPETUAL ADORATION: Tuesdays 8.30am—5pm.
Vicky *brisbane.adoration@gmail.com*
HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Friday 5th June at 9am.
FIRST FRIDAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 5th June.
KERALA COMMUNITY MASS: Sunday 28th June at 4pm.
PRAYER MEETING: Every Friday (Except 1st Friday of the month) @ 7.10 pm (Rosary), 7.30 pm (Praise & Worship followed by Message)
CHILDREN: Kids Bulletin available each week, go to: copyright *https://thekidsbulletin.com/about/*

All Parishioners Please register to FLOCKNOTE using this QR code

Next Sunday's Readings

Corpus Christi (Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ) (Year A 7th June)

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First Reading *Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16 He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.*
Second Reading *1 Corinthians 10: 16-17 Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.*
Gospel Reading *John 6: 51-58 My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*
www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings