

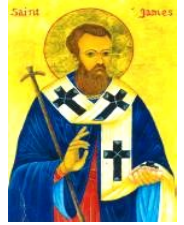
**10TH SUNDAY  
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9 / 10 JUNE**



# **The Parish of St James**

**Coorparoo.**

**An Augustinian Parish:  
Archdiocese of Brisbane.**



## **From the Outside of the Window**

Growing up in Europe, I have learnt to appreciate the freedom of expression. It is an essential part of human rights. Hence, the freedom of speech includes the power or the right to express one's opinions without censorship, restraint, or legal penalty. At the same time, rights also set boundaries that warrant freedom for all. Whichever is the form one chooses to express one's personal opinion, it should not deliberately cause harm to others' character and / or reputation by false or misleading statements. Clearly, freedom of speech excludes defamation through the conscious spread of fake news!

While social media is a welcoming tool for communication, it has also become an instrument of vilification. The invisibility of social media creates a seemingly "safe" dugout from where one can fire shoots of attack against others, with the malicious intent to destroy the integrity of others.

The Bible calls such sort of verbal aggression "Blasphemy". The Gospel of this Sunday goes even a step further by saying that the "blasphemy against the Holy Spirit" will not be forgiven because it is considered as "culpability" that will last all eternity.

Any sin mankind wants pardon for is forgivable. However, if we turn our backs on the voice of the Holy Spirit, we begin to silence His convictions and eventually we cannot hear His convicting power. This effectively blocks the working of God in our lives because we have reached a point where we are unable to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

**Consider this illustration of the unpardonable sin.** Imagine you are tired of the Holy Spirit convicting you of a particular pet sin. You want to completely remove His promptings, even though the voice is warning you of danger and lovingly trying to show you the right path. So what do you do? You begin building a theoretical brick wall to block your conviction. Each brick in the wall represents a singular time you reject the conviction of the Holy Spirit. As you continue to reject the Holy Spirit, the "voice" you hear gets softer and softer. You become more and more confident in your current pathway of life. Eventually, as you lay more and more bricks down you cannot hear the Holy Spirit anymore, thus effectively cutting off your way of repentance and therefore salvation. Then, you live a **fake** life because your path of life leads to nowhere.

Through our baptism, we belong to God who commands us to speak the truth in love, whereby we encourage each other and build up each other (see *Ephesians* 5:11). This is the essence of an authentic Christian life inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Perhaps, you may want to learn more about the essentials of being an authentic Christian. As a former university professor, I would like to offer a 4 week seminar (weekly meeting) on the topic **"Being Authentic: Essentials of Being Christian"**. I am currently engaged in preliminary talks with various Archdiocesan agencies. I hope that we can give a certificate for attendance. At this stage, I am planning the seminar for October 2018. You are welcome if you are interested (see noticeboard).

***I have great pleasure in announcing that Lenore Girard is the recipient of the Archdiocesan Quinn Medal. The Medal is given in recognition and thanksgiving for her generosity and loyalty to the Church and its ministries. On behalf of St. James, I congratulate Lenore and thank her for her bigheartedness. The award is well deserved!!!***

As I have written earlier, I would like to organise a parish pilgrimage next year. This trip will take us to Italy (Rome, Sicily), Malta and Greece, places of Saint Paul's ministry. For organisational purpose, I need your **expression of interest**. So, please give Trish or Deacon Dang a buzz if you are interested.

As always, let us pray for each other.

Have a great weekend,

Fr. Joseph OSA

## TODAY'S READINGS:

**First Reading** *Genesis 3: 9-15* I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring.

**Second Reading** *2 Corinthians 4: 13 - 5: 1* We believe, and therefore we speak.

**Gospel Reading** *Mark 3: 20-35* It is the end of Satan.



**Please pray for recently deceased:** Keith Barrett; Kay Crew; Jo-Anne Healy; Brian Morley; Pat Gillespie.

**And these anniversaries:** Cheryl Moran; Muriel McCann.

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

**Please give prayers and welcome to these Baptismal Children:**

Thomas Keller; Francesca Cagnolini; Gabrielle Elchico.

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



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

## Social Justice

**SIGNIFICANT DATES — JUNE:**



**Sunday 10:** 1838: massacre of up to 30 Aboriginal people at Myall Creek, NSW

**Monday 11:** 1975: ratification by Australia of International Convention Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

**Tuesday 12:** World Day Against Child Labour.

**Friday 15:** World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Eid-Al-Fitr: Muslim Breaking of the Fast.

**World Environment Day...** is the people's day for doing something to take care of the Earth or become an agent of change. The 'something' can be focused locally, nationally or globally; it can be a solo action or involve a crowd. Over the years, people have organised thousands of events, from neighbourhood clean-ups, to action against wildlife crime, to replanting forests. Pope Francis insists: "more balanced levels of production, a better distribution of wealth, concern for the environment and for the rights of future generations."

### Planned Giving for the Week ending 3rd June (Week 1)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian	\$907.70	\$449	\$265	Week 4	\$1621.70
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Parish	\$506.20	\$429.60	\$260	only	\$1195.80

## Parish news

**Parish Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Sunday 24th June after 9am mass (in the church)**. Attendees, please note your name on the clipboard (available at both entrances). See noticeboard for more

**information!** All parishioners are cordially invited to attend. **Sausage sizzle supplied! Free childminding as children session with Carole Danby will be at the hall (same time).** Parish Finance Committee meeting on 26th and Parish Pastoral Council meeting on 25th have been cancelled, so all parishioners are free to attend this important general meeting.



THE PROVINCIAL OF THE ORDER OF SAINT AUGUSTINE cordially invites you to the Solemn Profession of Br Huyao Zhang, OSA Br Quang Tuyen Pham, OSA.

Received by Most Reverend Alejandro Moral Anton, OSA (Prior General) at

**ST KIERAN'S CHURCH, 2 King Street, Many Vale, NSW 2093 on**

**Sunday 1st July 2018 at 6PM (Parish Mass).** Refreshments to follow in the Parish Centre. Kindly RSVP by 21 June 2018 Mrs Kay Stenner Phone: 02 9938 0200 Email: [osaadmin@bigpond.com](mailto:osaadmin@bigpond.com)

If you're unable to join us in person on the day, please keep us in your prayers. (see noticeboard)



## 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. TOGETHER WE CAN DO HEROIC THINGS...





Parishioners, please pray for a child during their progress towards Holy Communion:

**First Holy Communion** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 9am mass.

**Parish Celebration Living Eucharist for children** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June after 9am Mass: 10.15am - 11.30am (Sausage Sizzle lunch from 11.30am)

## Date claimer: ST JAMES DAY FETE - SUNDAY 29 JULY

**10.00am – 2.00pm; 92 Kirkland Ave, Coorparoo**- it attracts over 1,000 people from the local parish, school and greater community. **DONATIONS NEEDED:** VINTAGE CLOTHES pre-loved clothes, handbags, shoes and accessories; PRE-LOVED TOYS; CRAFT anything craft-related: sewing, knitting, making and creating. Parishioners, if you have any items you can add to assist St James Fete, please phone Trish (parish secretary-details back page) for drop off/ contact details.



### SOCKS FOR WINTER APPEAL

This winter, let us bring some warmth to the homeless in our city of Brisbane.

Socks are one of the most needed items for the homeless that are often forgotten when making donations.

The YAG (Young Adults Group) are organising a 4 week "socks for winter" collection to be distributed to the homeless in July. Donations of clean socks for adults and children are much appreciated. Should you wish to donate other winter items such as beanies, blankets, jackets and basic toiletries items, your contributions are most welcomed. Baskets will be placed at the entrance of the church to drop off your contributions.



### Deanery news

Worldwide Marriage Encounter & Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church are hosting

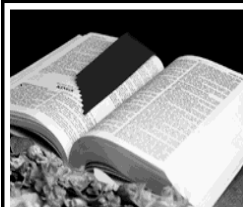
The 5 Love Languages. Enquiries : 0403 514 454 Lolita Norris. Bookings : <https://trybooking.com> Cost: \$60 per couple (includes course materials, lunch and morning & afternoon cuppa) (see noticeboard)

**9 June 2018 | 9am – 5pm**

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary School Hall  
Norfolk Street, Coorparoo QLD 4151



East Deanery Alpha 2018



Brisbane East Deanery  
Scripture Study Group  
Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible continues on

Thursdays 7pm St James  
Parish Coorparoo (priory

dining room) or Mondays 7pm St James  
**SESSION 3: PATRIARCHS**



"I feel like I have connected with a new community of people and have been pleasantly surprised by how much are seemingly diverse group of people can have in common."

East Deanery Parishioner

**East Deanery Alpha 2018**  
**Opening night 25 July @ Mt Carmel**

### Archdiocese news

**Peter's Pence Collection – Sunday 1 July 2018**

As you are aware, in every diocese around the world, the faithful are to be given the opportunity once a year to make a contribution to the Holy Father in support of his global ministry as Successor of Peter. From this year onwards, and in keeping with the practice in most other dioceses, we will now hold the collection on the first Sunday after the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul.

The Cathedral of St Stephen Art Group holds an exhibition every June of art prize finalists. The theme this year is "I Thirst..." The exhibition opening night is **Friday 15th June from 6pm**. Everyone is welcome for light refreshments and prize winner announcements.

Featuring the work of over 30 artists the exhibition is open from 10am to 4pm, 15th June to 18th June. The art exhibition is held in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre, 249 Elizabeth Street (next to the Cathedral).



**Applications are open for a Parish Finance Officer position at the Jubilee Catholic Parish, Paddington, Brisbane. A person with excellent financial experience and skills is required on a part time basis, for 3 days per week (see noticeboard).**

### Other news of interest

The Loft, Student Accommodation- a few rooms still available for Mid-Year 2018 intake. Affordable accommodation for tertiary students and apprentices in Brisbane. A project of St Paschal's Church, Wavell Heights. Current tenants attend QUT, UQ, ACU and TAFE in Brisbane. If rooms are available, we will also consider short term stay for students doing placements at hospital or at TAFE. For further details or inspection, please contact 0468 515130, (07) 33590239 or email: [theloftsa38@yahoo.com](mailto:theloftsa38@yahoo.com)



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## Administration

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## Counters

June 9 / 10 Anne & Margaret

June 16 / 17 Lenore & Brendon

NEXT WEEK June 16 / 17	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM CHN'S LITURGY & FIRST HOLY COMM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	R. STEPHENSON	D. TALLON	R. MITCHELL	H. DEAKIN
LECTOR	K. O'REILLY	M-J VIDLER	J. SPENCER	A. IBARRA
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ALTAR SERVERS	MAX	DON, GENE, DENE	ROWAN, LUCY, BEN, JHONALENE	RODEL, ALYSSA, KLARIS
POWERPOINT	CECILIA	GENE, GILBERT	DI, OLIVER, JUNE	SYDEL

## Mass Times

**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 6th July, 2018.

**NEXT ANOINTING MASS:** Friday 6th July 2018, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

**NEXT MASS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Sunday 17th June, 2018 — 9am mass.



"The lord has loved me so much. We must love everyone, we must be compassionate." - Saint Josephine Bakhita

Sudanese religious sister who suffered slavery at age 8

*Year of Youth December 2017 to January 2019 (WYD in Panama)*