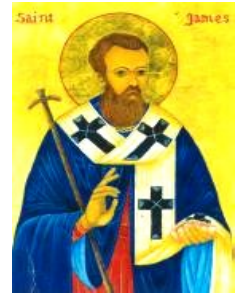


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The Parish of St James Coorparoo A Vibrant, Prayerful, Inclusive Augustinian Parish Archdiocese of Brisbane



Parish Priest

Allow me to share with you an illustration which has helped me navigate and understand better the different aspects of a parish life. This is called the “5 Systems”, which refer to the following: (1) Worship, (2) Evangelisation, (3) Ongoing Formation or Discipleship, (4) Fellowship or Community, and (5) Ministry [from *Divine Renovation*]. Anything that we do in the parish falls under one of these systems. I would liken these systems to the 5 systems of the human body: nervous, digestive, circulatory, respiratory, skeletal. The latter systems need to work together in order to promote health and to meet the challenges of daily life. Now, this analogy only takes us so far, but I could point out that for both the 5 bodily systems and the 5 parish systems, each system is essential, and at certain times a particular system may need more immediate attention than the other systems.

Let us briefly examine the 5 parish systems: under **(1) WORSHIP**, we have the Eucharist (weekday and weekend masses); prayer meetings and worship gatherings. **(2) EVANGELISATION** involves the proclamation of the Kerygma or the basics of our Christian faith, and the bringing of people, those beyond and within the parish community, to a personal encounter with Jesus. All other systems might be considered ‘evangelistic’, however evangelisation refers to the explicit proclamation of the Good News. Pope Francis wrote in *Evangelii Gaudium*, “there can be no true evangelisation without the explicit proclamation of Jesus as Lord, and without “the primacy of the proclamation of Jesus Christ in all evangelising work” (EG, 110). A tool that is recently, and currently the only one, used in the parish that falls under this system is **ALPHA**.

(3) DISCIPLESHIP is the lifelong process of growing, maturing and learning about our life as disciples of Jesus. This involves catechesis, prayer life and discernment of gifts or charisms. Sacramental Programs (to some extent), Lenten reflection, and Bible study fall under this system.

(4) FELLOWSHIP is the experience and commitment to “meaningful community in the body of Christ”. Current parish groups that foster this community spirit include the Friends of St Augustine (FOSA) & YYAM. There are other gatherings that foster fellowship to some degree, like morning tea, MultiCultural celebrations, BBQ Fellowships, etc. But perhaps a more meaningful fellowship experience would be thru groupings that meet regularly and where each member is known and feels a sense of belonging (this could be a family group, or a prayer group, or individuals in the parish who decide to regularly meet). And the last, but definitely not the least is **(5) MINISTRY** which involves service to others, this is primarily understood as works of justice, especially to those

outside the community. SVDP, and commitment to helping refugees, and visitations to the sick and homebound fall under this system.

Now while each system is essential, in our context as a Catholic Church in Australia, there is a need to give a disproportionate amount of energy towards **EVANGELISATION**, which is also the weakest working system in our life as Catholics, broadly speaking, and in our parish, particularly speaking. When was the last time that you remember when you had a face to face conversation with someone and introduced him/her (of course, in a charitable and non-proselytising way) to the person of Jesus Christ? I could be wrong, but my guess is not recently (or not ever!). To be honest, I don’t think I’d score high in this aspect myself, at least not at the present time. We may be natural at inviting someone to ‘Mass’, which is part of our “Worship” life, but still find it awkward to drop the name of Jesus in that invitation. Yes, we are all a work in progress.

The church’s crisis in terms of its identity, lack of volunteers, decline of membership, leadership crisis, may at times be considered simply as a problem of lack of information or an absence of formation... but I do not think it is that simple. I was actually once convinced that if only more would attend courses and programs about the Church, or if only more would pick up the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and if only more parishioners would just study more about Christianity, then the church would have solved its many problems. I didn’t realise how lacking my perspective was, not until I considered the importance of Evangelisation.

Relating evangelisation to the gospel passage this Sunday, we might say that “being evangelised” is the capacity of the soil to receive the seed, i.e., God’s Word. We can give a person all information about the church, theology and biblical studies, etc., but if the heart is not open (not evangelised) to receive Christ and acknowledge him as His saviour, then all is just head knowledge. Evangelisation, which relies on the Holy Spirit, connects the mind to the HEART.

As a parish, we certainly still have a lot to work on, so that we may confidently say that all systems are working. But being honest about where we are currently is already a big step towards moving forward to where the Holy Spirit leads us. As I indicated earlier, we are all a work in progress.

Finally, as a point of individual reflection in regards the 5 systems, may I suggest making a self-diagnosis by reflecting on these questions: Which of the 5 parish systems are present in my life at the moment? And which systems are non-existent as far as I’m concerned? How can I help the parish create an environment for these 5 systems to function well?

Fr Francis, OSA

Being the Mustard Seed

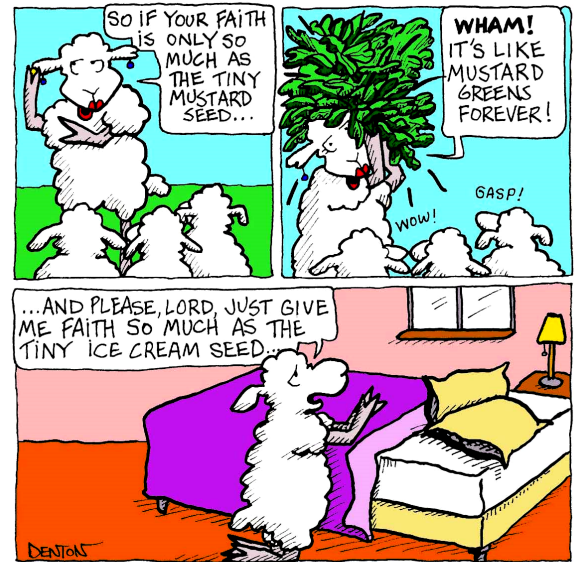
Jesus continues to talk to the people in parables. He uses everyday things to help them remember the point of his teaching. He tells the crowd that the kingdom of God is like a tiny mustard seed that grows into a huge bush that can serve as a nesting place for the birds in the sky.

When I think about that tiny mustard seed and the kingdom of God, I think about the rippling effect one small act of kindness can have. When a person offers a smile or a simple courtesy, it can sometimes change the course of another's day.

I am not a morning person, and with very little effort I have managed to raise a whole family of morning grumps. I remember the days when all seven of us were playing "beat the clock" at 6:30 AM. At best, our "good mornings" were grumbled as we tried to keep out of each other's way. Some mornings our house felt like the proverbial powder keg, just one missing sock away from disaster. On those mornings, one person's outburst over an empty milk carton could sour everyone's day.

I developed my mustard seed theory by watching how that powder keg could be defused—a shared cinnamon bun, some help searching for missing keys, or a ride offered to school. One person's act of kindness could affect everyone. Since I am not my best at daybreak, it took a conscious effort for me to be that person.

I discovered that when I started the day with prayer I could often find a quiet peace inside myself that helped me respond rather than react. It was wonderful to watch how sometimes that mustard seed experience of peace could even grow to fill a household. I picture the kingdom of God as an eternal experience of that peace—an experience we can sometimes taste even on grumpy mornings.



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"Planted in the house of the Lord, the just shall flourish."

Sheepish Question:

What kind of seeds do I want to plant in faith this week?

FAMILY RESPONSE

Ask family members to share what gets them out of grumpy moods. How can they get themselves out of a bad mood?

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HELP END THE PAIN OF POVERTY

Every day at the St Vincent de Paul Society, we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We are inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter. The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture, and inspire – the power to change lives – is in everyone.



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As we enter this winter in the shadow of coronavirus, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated.

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SVDP St James Conference Coorparoo...

THANK YOU for your generous support.



Prayers

Please pray for recently deceased:

Stan Taschke; Hugh Crilly; Nigel Richards; Martin Dalton; Bree Elbourne; June Deane; Leopoldo Ignacio; Gail Davies; Nida Bongcayao; Desley Whitehouse; Julie Darling.

And these anniversaries: Charles Macrae; Astilla Adlawan; V.M. Joseph; Bradley Wenceslaus; Max Spencer; Ted Nelson; Barbara Sanguio.

Please pray for these unwell: Alana Petersen; Des Crawford; Susan Blunt; Frank Cassidy; Manon Hollander; Hugo Abril; Marilou Balatinsayo; Lani & John Szeremeta; Paolo Primavera; David Lindsay; Michael Simpson; Bronis & Gail Dmitronow.

Please pray for our Baptismal children:

Ken Marsden; Harriet Toon.



JUNE

16 **Sacrament of Confirmation** – 7pm in the church.

18 Friday 9am mass.

19 Saturday evening St James School Trivia Night (parish hall).

19 / 20 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); **Year B/1 12th Sunday Ordinary Time (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am) No Baptisms.**

20 Sunday 9am **Thanksgiving mass** for Confirmandees: Sacramental Program children.

26 / 27 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); **Year B/1 13th Sunday Ordinary Time (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am) No Baptisms.**

26 June–July 12 Fr Tuan Anh away .

JULY

1 July Coming of the Light is celebrated annually by Torres Strait Islander peoples. It marks the adoption of Christianity

Parish news

Confirmation Sacramental

Program for our children...

Wednesday 7pm June 16th

Confirmation with Bishop Ken Howell.

Please Pray For Me sheet—please take one home.



Sts Peter and Paul's Parish in Bulimba

REFUGEE WEEK – 20 June, 2:30 – 4:30pm

warmly invite our neighbouring Parishes to: "BE THE VOICE". The Social Justice Committee is hosting an afternoon tea gathering to provide an update of our Step Up Parish Project (SUPP) supporting refugees and asylum seekers. Venue: Parish Hall, Sts Peter and Paul's Parish, 25 Main Avenue Bulimba.

RSVP to Bulimba@bne.catholic.net.au

Sacrament of First Holy Communion Program for Year 4 children - 9 years old, and other children who are older than this.

Wednesday 6pm July 21st Parent info session in the Art room / Church.

First Communion Mass will be held on **Saturday 6pm September 4th OR Sunday 9am September 5th**. Please email osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au with your interest and let us know which First Communion Mass your family prefers.

It's not too late to register. A big thank you to those who have already joined or donated to the inaugural **Romero Centre Welcome Walk on 20 June**. Walk with us, for 3/6ks Orleigh Park, West End from 8am.

Roster for Mass Ministry July–September emailed and also printed and available in Sacristy, thankyou.

Offering Envelopes



Thanksgiving donation envelopes (for July 2021–June 2022) are now available at the side entrance—please take your envelopes home with you. If you would like to contribute via this way, please give us a call—office 3397 1671.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites you to celebrate with us, the 45th Anniversary of Marriage Encounter in Queensland, to be held on **Sunday 20th June 2021** at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 9 Bowman St, Hendra. This event will commence with Mass at 2pm followed by a social gathering. Please register the names of those attending with David and Maria Murphy, who will advise COVID requirements. dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au

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1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$1, 014.90	\$295	\$485	Week 4	\$1,794.90
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891	\$669.25	\$225	\$455	only	\$1,349.25

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This Sunday's Readings **11th Sunday Ordinary Time First Reading** *Ezekiel 17: 22-24* I have made the small tree great.

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 5: 6-10* Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

Gospel Reading *Mark 4: 26-34* The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest

Weekly Mass times **WEEKEND:** Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.
Sunday 7am, 9am, no longer 6pm.

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am **WEEKDAY:** Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30pm... by [Eventbrite link](#) or call parish office.

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Friday 2nd July @ 9am.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 2nd July.

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY (at this stage).

Counters

June 12 / 13 Lorie & Lea

June 19 / 20 Sylvia & John

Next week 12th Ordinary June 19 / 20	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR	G & D Dizon	n/a	Canossa Choir
COMMENTATOR	Karleen O'R	John D	Cathy M
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ALTAR SERVER/S	Joe R	Gene T-F	Leah S
POWERPOINT	Cecilia D	Gilbert / John D	Di / June S
MARSHAL	Lorie / Karen / Edward	Brendon G / Trish R	Cathy M

Next Sunday's Readings **12th Sunday Ordinary Time**
First Reading *Job 38: 1, 8-11* Here I have set the

boundaries of the sea.

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 5: 14—17* All things are made new.

Gospel Reading *Mark 4: 35-41* Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.

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

