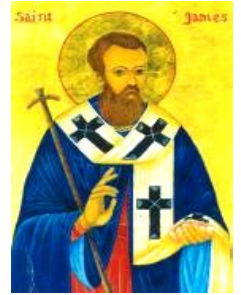


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**The Parish of St James  
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**Fresh from the Press!**

On Monday, 20 July 2020, the Holy See Press Office released an 'Instruction' called **"THE PASTORAL CONVERSION OF THE PARISH COMMUNITY IN THE SERVICE OF THE EVANGELISING MISSION OF THE CHURCH."** JD Flynn has written for the *Catholic News Agency* this article below, which gives us a few themes and takeaways from the recently Vatican-published instruction (click [here](#) for the link to this article):

Denver Newsroom, Jul 20, 2020 / 01:20 pm MT ([CNA](#)).  
- The Congregation for Clergy on Monday [published new guidelines for the world's parishes](#), which aim to encourage parishes to think of themselves as missionary communities of evangelization.

The guidelines do not publish new norms or policies for parish life, but they do encourage Catholics to think prayerfully about what their parishes are, and what they're for.

Here are a few themes and takeaways:

**The parish is mission.**

The guidelines offer parishes "a call to go out of themselves, offering instruments for reform, even structural, in a spirit of communion and collaboration, of encounter and closeness, of mercy and solicitude for the proclamation of the Gospel."

"Since its inception, the Parish is envisioned as a response to a precise pastoral need, namely that of bringing the Gospel to the People through the proclamation of the faith and the celebration of the Sacraments," the document says.

To meet its mission, "a renewed vitality is required that favours the rediscovery of the vocation of the baptised as a disciple of Jesus Christ and a missionary of the Gospel." Especially in parts of the world where many people do not know or practice the faith, the document encourages parishes to discern how to think of themselves as missionary communities, and how to focus on proclaiming the Gospel to all who will hear.

**The Eucharist and the poor should be central to parish life.**

"The celebration of the Eucharistic mystery is 'the source and summit of the whole Christian life' and accordingly, the essential moment for building up the Parish community," the guidelines instruct.

The Mass should be the center of parish life, the document says, and the place from which the parish receives its mission. In the Mass, the parish "welcomes the living presence of the Crucified and Risen Lord, receiving the announcement of the entire mystery of salvation."

And, the document says, the poor should be invited to the heart of parish life.

"A 'sanctuary' open to all, the Parish, called to reach out to everyone, without exception, should remember that the poor and excluded must always have a privileged place in the heart of the Church," the document says.

"The Parish community evangelizes and is evangelized by the poor, discovering anew the call to preach the Word in all settings, whilst recalling the 'supreme law' of charity, by which we shall all be judged."

**Territoriality matters, but can't be a limit.**

Most parishes are defined by territory. With few exceptions, a parish is, properly speaking, the communion of the baptized within the limits of a certain territory, which is defined by the bishop. In the West, that concept has mostly been forgotten, Catholics tend to go to Mass at the parish where they feel most welcomed or fed, and despite encouragement from some bishops, many Sunday Massgoers don't know about parish boundaries.

The Congregation for Clergy's guidelines recognize that reality. "Increased mobility and the digital culture have expanded the confines of existence," the guidelines state, "people are less associated today with a definite and immutable geographical context, and 'digital culture has inevitably altered the concept of space, together with people's language and behaviour, especially in younger generations."

But the document insists that territoriality matters. That "interpersonal relationships risk being dissolved into a virtual world without any commitment or responsibility towards one's neighbor."

The parish is not a self-selected or self-defined community, but a set of people with obligations to each other, and the guidelines warn against losing that sense.

Because the parish is intended to encourage in neighbours a sense of Christian responsibility for one another, the document is clear that parishes building plans for evangelization and missionary work must take into account "those who actually live within the territory. Every plan must be situated within the lived experience of a community and implanted in it without causing harm, with a necessary phase of prior consultation, and of progressive implementation and verification."

Still, the guidelines say, a parish's mission doesn't end at its territorial boundaries. In light of a changing world, "any pastoral action that is limited to the territory of the Parish is outdated."

In short, the guidelines urge

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**facebook**

This is our last streaming of **Sunday Mass at 9:00AM on Facebook Live** and at **10:30AM on Youtube**, with an exception for Bro Tuan Anh's Deaconate Ordination on 15 August (Saturday 10am) which will be live streamed for parishioners who are unable to join physically due to restricted numbers in the church, and also for Tuan Anh's family back in Vietnam who are unable to come.

**You Tube**

# BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

July 26, 2020 • 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 13:44-52

## Putting the Good in Baskets

*Jesus talks about the value of the kingdom by comparing it to treasure buried in a field, or a pearl of great price. When someone finds something of such value, he or she is willing to sell all he or she has to possess it. The kingdom is also like a net thrown into the sea to collect fish of every kind.*

Jesus' parables are about claiming what is of value and discarding what is not. We spend a lifetime choosing what is important to us—not just the physical things we own, but also those personal characteristics we call values. The foundation for this choosing begins in the home in our earliest years.

Unless a family consistently articulates its values, its members will assume the values of the culture around them. This can be a pretty scary thought today when we consider how society's values are portrayed on television, social media, and in movies. The truth is, if we want our children to grow up with Christian values, we need to name those values for them, talk about them, as well as live them. If we want our youngsters to identify themselves as Catholics (not just Christians), we have to articulate that, too.

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### Commitment

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. (Matthew 13:44)

- ▶ 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 - Wisdom of Solomon
- ▶ Romans 8:28-30 - God's love for all
- ▶ Matthew 13:44-46 - The treasure and the pearl
- ▶ **Adults:** What would you be willing to "sell," or do without, in order to achieve your dreams for yourself or your family?
- ▶ **Kids:** What good thing do you want so much that you would give up something else to get it?

rules and customs distinguish us from other families (TV families included), and give us a reason to act differently from more prevalent, but not-so-Christian values.

Make sure one of the don'ts firmly implanted in your family's values is "people don't have to be perfect." We don't want youngsters ever to think that mishaps or even big mistakes can separate them permanently from their family, and that includes their Catholic family.

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Catholics to think of their parishes as a community, with obligations of neighbours to one another, who share a mission to proclaim the Gospel, together, beyond the limits of their own community.

### Structures are for mission, but bureaucracy kills.

The guidelines emphasize that while the parish needs policies, programs, and structures to fulfill its mission, it must "avoid the risk of falling into an excessive and bureaucratic organisation of events and an offering of services that do not express the dynamic of evangelization."

To overcome a tendency towards bureaucratization and formalization of the Church's sacramental and catechetical life "conversion of structures, which the Church must undertake, requires a significant change in mentality and an interior renewal, especially among those entrusted with the responsibility of pastoral leadership."

The guidelines also urge dioceses to consider developing new structures and roles that can coordinate activity between parishes, especially those in close geographic proximity to each other.

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"Give your servant an understanding heart... to distinguish right from wrong."

### Sheepish Question:

When was the last time I asked God to help me form my conscience? Where have I fallen short?

### FAMILY RESPONSE

Ask everyone to name his or her favorite saint. Search online for information about them including their feast days. Mark the days on the calendar, and let each person pick a favorite food or activity for each day.

### PERSONAL RESPONSE

Which Catholic value do you most appreciate? How can you help your children develop that value? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

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

## Prayer Requests

**Please pray for recently deceased:**

Augusto Sauini; V M

Joseph; P S Mathappan; Jerry Lausa; Glenda Hirst; Sean Lavin; Alice Mollinson.

**And these anniversaries:** Angela Romano; Ginolamo Romano; Bernadette Andersen; John Sowter; Eipanio; Tran;

Paul; Abraham Garcia.

**Please pray for these unwell:** Susan Blunt; Sylvia Wilson; Jocelyn Tibayan, Veron Forsyth; Fr Ron Mollison; Noela McCormick; Brent & Margaret Hill.

**Give prayers and welcome to our Baptismal Children:** James Burton; Rory, Ellie, Rosie Kernot.



## Parish news

**Trish's work hours will return to normal in August.**

Last week: Mon / Wed 8.30-2.30 (from Priory office)  
Fri 8.30-2.30 (from home)



**Sacrament of Confirmation Program continues here at St James...**

Today July 26th 9am Rite of Enrolment for all children in the Program, during mass.

August 3rd Monday 6pm family session 1  
August 10th Monday 6pm family session 2  
August 23rd Sunday 9am Presentation of the Creed during mass.

August 31st Monday 6pm family session 3 / rehearsal

September 2nd Wednesday 6pm Confirmation

September 6th Sunday 9am Thanksgiving Mass

**Please give a copy of your child's baptism certificate to us.**



Healing Mass on **Friday 7th August, 10am. There will be no morning tea.**  
All Night Vigil will return to St James, **Friday 7th August evening.**



Please pray for Tuan Anh on Saturday, 15th August, when he has his Ordination to the Diaconate of Lê Tuấn Anh OSA (Tuấn Anh) by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at St James' Church, Coorparoo.



## Australian Bishops Social Justice Statement

Official Brisbane Launch by Archbishop Mark Coleridge  
Theme: MENTAL HEALTH  
**Wednesday 19th August, 2020**  
7pm for 7.30pm start.

St James Parish Hall  
92 Kirkland Ave, Coorparoo  
Gold Coin Entry - Proceeds to St. Vincent de Paul Society.  
RSVP: Monday 17th August 2020

**Scan with your phone camera to register.**



Thank you Don Tallon for donating the coffee machine currently used for parishioners and staff in the Priory Kitchen.



## Today's Readings

**17th Sunday Ordinary Time**

**First Reading** 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12 You have asked for wisdom.

**Second Reading** Romans 8: 28-30 He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 13: 44-52 He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

## Parish news

**Roster for our August– October weekend masses**

is now available in Sacristy and via email. August–October ministry will not require Hospitality ministers. There will be 2 Eucharistic ministers required at each weekend mass. Ensure you register for each mass you are rostered on here: [Marshals register here for each weekend mass.](#)



### St James Day Prayer

Loving God, through your apostle James, we seek your guidance and constant protection for our parish community.

Gathered together as your people, we come as we are,

to live out the Gospel message, in a faith-filled, welcoming and caring community.

Grant us your help in our weakness, that we may proclaim to all,

Your abundant goodness.

We praise and thank you for your gifts, given freely to us.

May we never lose faith in you

and always strive to learn,

in a spirit of strength and gentleness.



Visit our [Parish Website](#) for our August Masses  
Eventbrite Registration Link. [Volunteer as a Marshal!](#)



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**Responsibility for the parish mission belongs to everyone, but each has a role to play.**

The document emphasizes the co-responsibility of clergy, religious, and laity for the mission of the parish in the world. But the document also emphasizes that each person work for the Kingdom in the role to which he is called by baptism and vocation.

The guidelines emphasize that the parish pastor is entrusted with the full "care of souls" in the parish, a role unique to priests.

The document acknowledges a canonical provision that allows lay people to be entrusted with pastoral care in a parish because of a shortage of priests, but emphasizes that such a situation should be rare, and "a temporary and not a permanent measure," that can only be used when there is a true lack of priests.

"We are dealing here with an extraordinary form of entrusting pastoral care, due to the impossibility of appointing a Parish Priest or a Parish Administrator, which is not to be confused with the ordinary active cooperation of the lay faithful in assuming their responsibilities."

"Furthermore, it would be preferable to appoint one or more deacons over consecrated men and women or laypersons for directing this kind of pastoral care," the guidelines suggest.

The document takes care to urge against the "clericalization of the laity" so frequently warned about by

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### HELPING THE AUGUSTINIANS - DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS



This year's Annual Appeal to support our Vietnam Mission, Seminary Trust Fund and Augustinian Volunteers will be held in August, around the time of St Augustine's Day. Thanks to those who may have made donations prior to the end of the financial year. There are various ways you can contribute to the Order and receive a tax deduction:

**Augustinian Seminary Trust Fund** – Donations are used exclusively for the ongoing provision for our seminarians. Envelopes are available in our parishes and you can make a donation by cash, credit card or direct deposit - **Account Name:** Augustinian Seminary Trust; **BSB:** 082 146; **Account Number** 13 610 4220; **Reference:** Please include your name.

**Augustinian Volunteers Australia Trust Fund** - If you would like to know more about this ministry, please visit our website: [www.augustinianvolunteersaustralia.org](http://www.augustinianvolunteersaustralia.org) You can donate via our website or by direct deposit - **Account Name:** Augustinian Volunteers Australia Trust Fund; **BSB:** 062 287; **Account Number:** 1043 4293; **Reference:** Please include your name.

**Augustinian Vietnam Mission Fund (Not tax deductible)** - Donations will assist the recently established Augustinian Community in Vietnam. You can make a donation by cash or direct deposit - **Account Name:** Augustinian Vietnam Mission Fund; **BSB:** 082 146 **Account Number:** 7359 03067; **Reference:** Please include your name.

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Pope Francis, in which laity are urged to take up roles more typically occupied by priests.

At the same, the document says that laity are called to give their lives to the mission of the Gospel and the work of the Church.

Laity are called "to make a generous commitment to the service of the mission of evangelisation, first of all through the general witness of their daily lives, lived in conformity with the Gospel, in whatever environment they are in and at every level of responsibility; in a particular way, they are called to place themselves at the service of the Parish community."

The guidelines also encourage a vision of deacons as ministers of service, rather than as assistants to parish priests, and of religious men and women as contributors to the evangelizing mission of a parish through the witness of their religious consecration.

#### **"Outgoing dynamism."**

The guidelines conclude with a call for "outgoing dynamism" that directs parishes toward an evangelizing mission, the task of the entire People of God, that walks through history as the "family of God" and that, in the synergy of its diverse members, labours for the growth of the entire ecclesial body.

It urges that "the Parish might rediscover itself as a fundamental place of evangelical proclamation, of the celebration of the Eucharist, a place of fraternity and charity, from which Christian witness can shine for the world." (end)

### **Next Sunday's Readings: 18th Sunday Ordinary Time**

**First Reading** *Isaiah 55: 1-3* Hasten and eat.

**Second Reading** *Romans 8: 35, 37-39* No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 14: 13-21* They all ate and were satisfied.

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