

12TH SUNDAY

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The Parish of St James

Coorparoo.

An Augustinian Parish:

**{member of
Brisbane East Deanery}**



Moderator's Musings

Our Multicultural Mass Day: Personally, I was delighted with the day over all. The atmosphere we created at the Eucharist, where we experienced the involvement of quite a number of people from different cultures, sharing their skills. It gave me the sense that we can work together very well.

The atmosphere after mass, in the hall and around the various stalls, was underpinned by a sense of excitement. We encountered colourful displays with parishioners from every culture. Parishioners shared their gifts and food of their culture with all-comers.

We have done well. However, a question arises for me. How do we create a more welcoming inclusive atmosphere, where a person from each culture is in a leadership role?

- 1. Last year, we had a designated person as announcer who directed us to the various stalls – many commented on the need!**
- 2. People on our leadership team commented on the need for a representative from each culture on the team. In this way, every culture has a say on what we present, and how.**
- 3. By definition, for an event to be truly called multicultural, we need representatives of as many cultures as possible, offering ideas on what better represents each culture. The way forward is each culture presents a person to be a member of the organising team.**

LOOKING AHEAD:

The transfer of toilets to a new area: a gathering space for parish meetings, an area for a cuppa after a meeting, etc. We are in the process of achieving our goal and as soon as things pass through Council, we will be under way.

October: the month of Mary is fast approaching. This will mean a week of daily rosary, ending with a Talk on Mary and a cuppa in the parish hall. Please keep October free for Mary.

Peace, Fr Brian.

