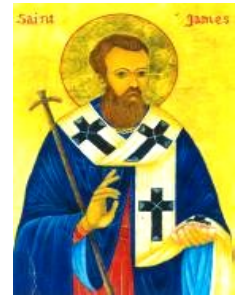


18TH SUNDAY ORD TIME YR A 2020 2 AUGUST

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



Parish Updates and Reminders

As of this writing, a new case of COVID-19 in QLD has just been reported. The person who has recently come from interstate has unfortunately contracted the virus; she is a school employee from the Logan area. On how things will unfold in the next couple of weeks (and what impact this may have with the continued reopening of our church), your guess is as good as mine.

Complacency vs Vigilance. St James Church has reopened for masses with a congregation for at least two months now with the last few Sundays a congregation of up to 100. I would like to express my appreciation to everyone who has been mindful and consistent with registration for use in contact tracing, and for the fact that most were happy to use the hand-sanitisers and hand wipes available inside the church. Now, perhaps speaking from my own experience, one of the very natural tendencies that I could see myself doing- once something is carried out with some regularity- is resorting to some degree of complacency. I hope we would not become complacent in regards the system we have set in place, which is there for our own protection. Just to encourage everyone, let us continue to be vigilant in complying with the protocols.

Let us be aware of these basic reminders to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Clean your hands often. Use soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Maintain a safe distance from anyone who is coughing or sneezing.
- Wear a mask when physical distancing is not possible.
- Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Cover your nose and mouth with your bent elbow or a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Stay home if you feel unwell.
- If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention.



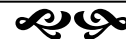
Last Sunday's 9am Mass was our final live-streamed regular *Sunday mass* from our church. We had a total run of 17 weeks of streamed Sunday Masses thru Facebook Live across four (4) months. When we began with this initiative, my Augustinian brothers helped me with this, and we took turns in operating the video camera and streaming software. So I would like to extend my thanks to Fr Dang and Br Tuan for taking on this task which was new to all of us. When we reopened the Sunday Masses with

a congregation, we were able to find a volunteer to help us with this task. We thank Matheus for being the operator in the last few weeks of our streaming.

The experience was also new to him, and so I thank him for the willingness to learn a new set of skills needed for this. He is happy to come back for the streaming of Tuan Anh's Deaconate Ordination.



Matheus behind the videocamera.



For this weekend, the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 2 August 2020, the available masses in the church are only the **Saturday 6pm VIGIL Mass** and **SUNDAY 9am Mass**. Also, as advised weeks prior, our Facebook live streaming ended with last Sunday's streaming.

From **August 8th / 9th**, we will **conditionally** return to our 4 masses on the weekend. There was uncertainty in the weeks prior to this coming Sunday (2nd August) as to whether we could continue to get marshals; marshal roster was available for a month before that and still only a couple were volunteering then. This is one of the reasons for the hesitancy in re-offering the other mass times. But now, a few parishioners have responded positively to our call, and so again from **August 8th / 9th**, we will **conditionally** return to our 4 masses on the weekend. But we need more marshals for other dates.

Please be reminded that if we don't have a marshal registered for a particular weekend mass slot, then the registration for parishioners via Eventbrite for that mass slot will not be made available. *(For example, if there is no marshal registered for Sunday 7am, then there is no registration for parishioners for that Sunday 7am mass as a result).* This is an essential criterion for the reopening of our churches. The Marshal monitors the numbers, and sees to it that parishioners use the hand-sanitisers and hand wipes available in the church *(just a clarification: marshals do not do the cleaning for the parishioners. Parishioners should attentively clean after their own touch areas).* AND SO, we need more parishioners of marshal age to please book up the marshal spots for all the weekend masses in eventbrite. Let us continue to pray for one another.

- Fr Francis, osa

Meeting the Needs (and Wants) of the Many

Jesus leaves his friends to find some quiet time for prayer, but the people follow him. Once again he finds himself surrounded by a crowd. When evening comes, Jesus' disciples tell him to send the people home. There is not enough food for all of them. Instead, Jesus takes the few loaves and fishes available, blesses them, and feeds the thousands.

One of the messages we can take from this Gospel is that God's love will take care of our every need. When I think about this reading, it doesn't surprise me that God is called Father (or Mother for that matter). A parent's love is an awesome thing. I remember when my children were infants; their every need was anticipated. I would do anything humanly possible to take care of them and keep them close.

When they got older and began confusing wants with needs, life became more difficult. For example, to our fourteen-year-old, buying the latest sneakers that everyone was wearing was clearly a need. As bill payer in a family with five growing children, expensive sneakers were definitely a want. When our children's wants weren't met, life sometimes wasn't easy. Their anger at not receiving what they wanted would often separate us.

Too often, my own reaction to their feelings or moods only exacerbated the situation. It was only when I could remember that I was the grown-up and stay calm and firm in a just decision that we could sometimes negotiate a happy ending. (Shoes were certainly a need, so we would set a reasonable amount to put toward sneakers. If my son wanted to buy the more expensive brand, he could earn the money to make up the difference.)

It's hard to say no to our children; after all we want them to be happy. But we are circling a bottomless pit if we give into their every want, and we are teaching them a dangerous lesson if we reinforce the notion that things can make them happy. Our responsibility is to teach them the difference between wants and needs, and then, like God, the all-loving parent, provide as best we can, all that they truly need.

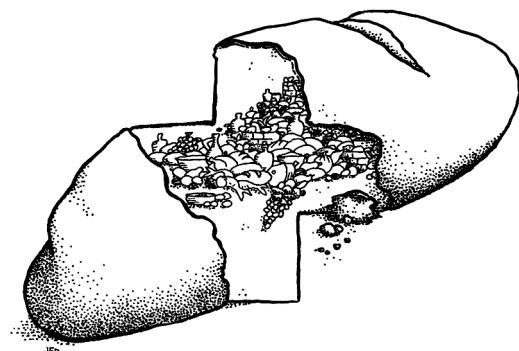


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"Come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost."

Sheepish Question:

Wow—and why such measly gratitude?



FAMILY RESPONSE

Talk about needs and wants. Ask everyone to give two examples of each.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What is your greatest need right now? How can you go about getting what you need? If you are not able to get what you need, how will you do without it? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

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Planned Giving for the month of July 2020 (100 people per mass started from July)

Collection (info back page)	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total	Compare to month of June 2020
1 st Collection Augustinian	\$832.80	\$2,343.65	\$1,674	\$110	\$4,960.45	\$2,564
2 nd Collection Parish	\$815.45	\$2,094.60	\$1,579.70	\$110	\$4,599.75	\$2,886.70

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:

Maria Ly; Augusto

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

And these anniversaries: Kathleen Ryan; Regina & Lourdes John; Angela

Romano; Ginolamo Romano; Bernadette Andersen.

Please pray for these unwell: Sylvia Wilson; Carmel Curran; Ava Pearce; Fr Ron Mollison; Jocelyn Tibayan; Veron Forsyth.

Give prayers and welcome to our Baptismal Children:

Maxin Gabor; James & Edward Burton.



Parish news

See back page for our 'return to normal' rosters for weekend ministries (masses, counting, etc)



We pray for... William; Julian; Ivy; Ashley; Alex; Eamon; Oscar; Daniel; Jade; Bud; Dominic; Michael as they continue our Sacrament of Confirmation Program here at St James...

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. (no refreshments—BYO flask)



Please pray for Brother Lê Tuấn Anh OSA (Tuấn Anh) on Saturday, 15th August, in these days leading to his Ordination to the Diaconate 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.



Scripture Study (Matthew / Kingdom) has returned to our Priory on Tuesdays and Fridays.



Today'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.

Parish news

Roster for our August–October weekend masses is

now available in Sacristy and via email... 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.



Sad news for us from St James School

Principal John Bates who has announced to his St James staff his appointment to The Principal Position at Our Lady of the Rosary School, Kenmore, to commence in 2021.

Whilst this is very exciting news for me professionally, at a personal level I am saddened by the thought of leaving the St James School community at the end of the year. My connection to St James stems back to 1992 when I taught a wonderful Year 3 class in the original school building which was located on our current oval space. My memory of that year is so vivid that I could name every child I taught. The important process of selecting a new Principal for our community will commence in the next few weeks.



Augustinian Appeal

This year's Annual Augustinian

Appeal to support our Vietnam Mission, Seminary Trust Fund and Augustinian Volunteers will be held this month of August. These are the 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 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.

Augustinian Volunteers Australia Trust Fund

- If you would like to know more about this ministry, please visit our website: 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.

Mailing address is: Order of St Augustine, PO Box 7278 Warringah Mall, Brookvale NSW 2100. Please contact the Province Office on (02) 9938 0200 or Anna Heath at anna.heath@osa.org.au for further information.

We thank you for your generous support!

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August 1 / 2

Anne & Margaret

August 8 / 9 Karleen & Sandra

NEXT WEEK August 8 / 9	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	Sylvia P	Berenice T-F	Pat M	Jincy CJ
LECTOR	David P	Don T	Judith R	Bill S
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION (2)	Paul D Priya	Marj N Jan L	Yen N Pat P	Denis S Rosemarie Y
HOSPITALITY	None	during	CV19	restrictions
ALTAR SERVERS	*(assistance needed, please contact parish)	Gene	Lea/ Joe	Rodel/ Ramil/ Alyssa/ Klaris
POWERPOINT	Paul/ Margaret/ etc	John/ Gilbert	Di/ June	Sydel



Ensure you register for each mass you are rostered on please... ↑

Mass Times & Services: **WEEKEND:** Saturday 8 am; Vigil 6 pm (marshal required)
Sunday 7 am, 9 am, 6 pm (marshal required each mass)

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

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30 pm...by appointment [Reconciliation Booking](#)

ADORATION: Thursday 8 am (postponed until further notice)

PRAYER GROUP: each morning prior to Mass.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 7th August.

NEXT ANOINTING MASS: Friday 7th August, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

NEXT CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sunday at 9am mass (postponed until further notice)

Next Sunday's Readings:

19th Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading 1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13 Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

Second Reading Romans 9: 1-5 I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

Gospel Reading Matthew 14: 22-33 Command me to come to you over the water.

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