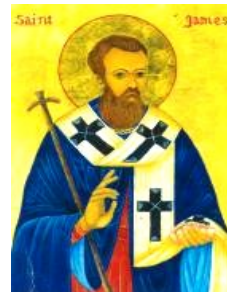


**21ST SUNDAY  
ORDINARY  
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24 / 25 AUGUST**

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



## Bringing Home the Gospel

# Jesus Talks About the First Being Last

*When Jesus is asked if only a few people will be saved, he answers his questioners indirectly. He tells them that it will take more than familiarity with him or his teachings to get into the master's house, suggesting that they may be surprised to see who will be at God's table. "Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last" (v. 30).*

**M**any of Jesus' sayings are hard. Surely this one, "the last will be first," is one of them. We live in a culture where success means being number one. Coming in last is unacceptable. Yet, by his words and actions, Jesus teaches just the opposite.

Seeing the virtue in being last is difficult enough for us adults, but for a youngster, being last or left out can be traumatic. It can be wrenching to sit with a child who has been left out of a game or chosen last. I remember being barraged by all sorts of feelings—empathy, anger, frustration—when this happened in our household. It was hard to face the reality that I could not make the hurt go away.

So what can we do when our children encounter rejection? First, love them and listen to their pain. Allow them time to talk about the experience. Help them find words to express their feelings. Perhaps you can share a story from your own childhood about a time you felt rejected or left out. Later, you might read or tell them a relevant story from Scripture. For example, you could recall (or read from a good child's Bible) the story of David, the last brother chosen who became Israel's greatest king. Or retell or read the story of Zacchaeus, who was

disliked by everyone but chosen by Jesus to share a dinner.

When you share your stories and the stories of our faith family, you not only comfort your children but also plant seeds and provide a tool to help them grow. You are teaching them to connect their stories with the stories of others, and to discover that they are a part of a larger family where success and being first are measured with a different yardstick.

### FAMILY RESPONSE

After discussing how it feels to be left out, talk about people in your own circle (school, work, neighborhood) who might feel excluded. What can you do about it?

### PERSONAL RESPONSE

How do you deal with rejection? Do you get angry, cry, make excuses? Remember that even Jesus was rejected by his friends. How did he respond? How can you respond?



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## Bishop Robert Barron's CATHOLICISM THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS

Perhaps the premier example of how faith in Christ can change a person, St Augustine's narrative of personal transformation provides a template for life in Christ that still captivates today.

In this episode of the series CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players, Bishop Barron and his team travel to Rome, Milan and all of the locations that played a significant role in the formation and vocation of St Augustine, which in turn formed the life of the Church.

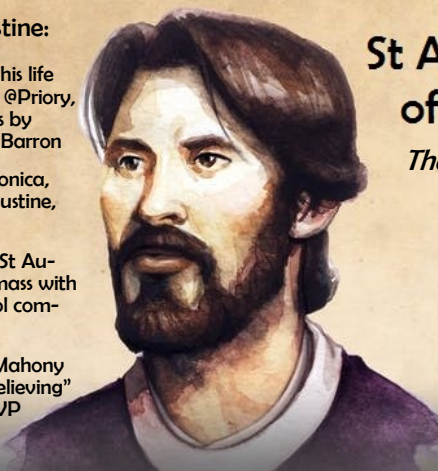
### Feast of St Augustine:

26 Aug: Learn about his life and teachings, @Priory, Pivotal Players by Bishop Robert Barron

27 Aug: Feast of St Monica, Mother of Augustine, 8am mass

28 Aug: Solemnity of St Augustine, 9am mass with St James School community

31 Aug: Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA: "Joy In Believing" 9:30-4:00 (RSVP by 26 August)



**St Augustine  
of Hippo**  
*The Teacher*

26 August, Monday: Come at 6.45pm for a 7pm—9pm. Food, Learning and Sharing!

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** *Isaiah 66: 18-21* They will gather all of your people from all nations. **Second Reading** *Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13* The Lord disciplines those he loves. **Gospel Reading** *Luke 13: 22-30* From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

For complete Sunday's readings, visit our [St James website](http://www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings) (look for the Prayer tab).

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**Please pray for recently deceased:** Madeleine Anderson; Loreto McCafferty; Ailsa Rose; Joan O'Leary.

**And these anniversaries:** Robert Romano; Neil Pedrazzini; Wyn Lunney; Marie O'Reilly; Kevin Doring.

**Please pray for these unwell:** Katrina Newdigin; Martin Devine; Lara Clark; Margery Keller; Angela & Brian O'Hanlon; Jocelyn Tibayan; Fred Mulcahy; Jan Evans; David Lindsay; Carmel & Bryan O'Connell; Michael Simpson.



**Please give prayers and welcome to these baptismal children:**

Elsie Leask.



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

## Social Justice

**SIGNIFICANT DATES AUGUST:**



**Sunday 25:** Refugee and Migrant Sunday.

**Monday 26:** 2001: rescue of 433 asylum seekers by MV Tampa, intercepted by Australian troops to prevent disembarkation.

**Tuesday 27:** 1999: death of Dom Helder Camara.

**Thursday 29:** International Day Against Nuclear Tests.

**Friday 30:** International Day of the Victims of Forced Disappearances.

**Dorothy Tangney**, one of the first women to be elected to Australian Parliament, was born in Perth in 1907. During her childhood she saw the terrible effects of the Depression and her strong sense of social justice drove her to become politically active. In her maiden speech to the Senate, Tangney spoke of the inadequacy of pensions and the need to guarantee to all people access to medical treatment. She campaigned vigorously for improvements to housing, medical benefits and social security and was a strong advocate for free university education. Dorothy served in the Senate until she retired in 1968 and died in 1985.

## Parish news

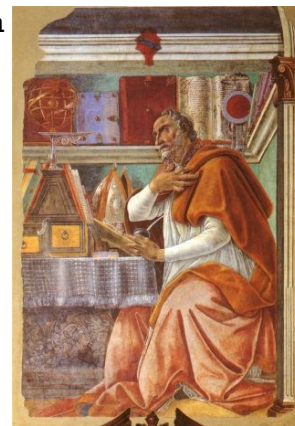
**Let there spring up in you this affection ...** let it come to such strength that you may also say from the whole heart, "My soul has been glued on behind you." What is that glue? The glue itself is love. Have love by which, as with glue, your soul may be glued on behind God. Not with God, but behind God, that he may go before you, and you may follow. (*On Ps 62, 17*)

**Leave the Past to God's Mercy,**

**the Present to God's Love and**

**the Future to God's Providence.**

I find no safe dwelling for my soul except in you. Only in you are all my scattered desires brought into unity; from you no part of me ever strays. At times you fill me with feelings wholly new and indescribably sweet; if these ever reached their fullness within me, it would be something alien to this present life. (*Confessions X, 40.65*)





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**AVAILABLE AT BOTH ENTRANCES FOR YOU TO TAKE HOME AND ENJOY**

**Sacrament of Confirmation program continues...** August 25<sup>th</sup> (Sunday 9am mass Church) Presentation of the Creed; September 16<sup>th</sup> (Monday 6pm Church) Family session 3 + practice; **September 19<sup>th</sup> (Thursday 6pm Church) Confirmation Ceremony with Archbishop Mark.**



## Planned Giving for the Week ending 18 August (Week 3)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian</b> [BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006160102]	<b>\$831.31</b>	<b>\$366</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>Week 4</b>	<b>\$1,247.31</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Parish</b> [BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006161103]	<b>\$390.95</b>	<b>\$475</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>only</b>	<b>\$895.95</b>



## HELPING THE AUGUSTINIANS - DONATIONS

This year's Annual Appeal to support our Seminary Trust Fund and other ministries will be held this month in August, around the time of St Augustine's Day. (ENVELOPES ON PEWS) 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 student-seminarians. Envelopes will be available in the next few days in our parish 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 establishment of an Augustinian Community in Vietnam later this year. You can make a donation by cash or direct deposit - continued...

**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](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.

**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](mailto:anna.heath@osa.org.au) for further information.

*We thank you for your generous support!*

*Friends of St Augustine Travelling Congress Presents Keynote speaker—Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA has changed his discussion... Joy In Believing: As our Church grapples with many difficult and challenging issues we can, if not vigilant, become disillusioned and despondent and be as Pope Francis warns against "Christians whose lives seem like Lent without Easter". This day will be a joyful celebration of our faith, an opportunity to explore the ways we can live the Gospel in today's complex world as we look to the future of our Church and our role as laity.*

*Saturday 31st August 9.30am to 4pm St James Catholic Parish Hall. Cost: \$20—includes morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea. Registration Closes: Monday 26 August via bookings to Parish Office 3397 1671*

(see our noticeboard for more information)



## AUGUST

26 Monday "Pivotal Players: St Augustine" by Robert Barron @ Priory 6.45pm for 7pm start

27 Tuesday Feast of St Monica, Mother of St Augustine, 8am mass - 7.30pm Parish Finance Council Meeting

28 Wednesday **SOLEMNITY OF ST AUGUSTINE of HIPPO** 9am mass with cake under the trees afterwards

31 Saturday Joy in Believing by Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA; 9.30am to 4pm St James Catholic Parish Hall

31/1 Saturday 4.30–5.30pm Reconciliation; **22nd Sunday Ordinary Time**

## SEPTEMBER

6 Friday Anointing mass 10am with cuppa afterwards - All Night Vigil in our church

7/8 Saturday 4.30–5.30pm Reconciliation; **23rd Sunday Ordinary Time**

10 Tuesday Liturgy meeting 7.30pm in the Priory

12 Thursday Trish to Professional Office Day for Archdiocese Parish staff

Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary together with their family and friends are invited to Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at the Cathedral of St Stephen on 28<sup>th</sup> Sept at 10am. Light refreshments in the Hanly Room will follow the mass. For catering purposes, please RSVP by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019 T: 3324 3030



**Date Claimer:** Peter Arndt has confirmed **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September** for the discussion on Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world (Social Justice Statement 2019). This discussion will take place St. James Hall **6.45pm to 9pm.**

## Deanery news

**Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> bus to Esk Bush Bashers (Entertainment and Lunch).** Depart 8.30am, BYO Morning Tea. \$50 each trip (subject to change - see noticeboard) Regina Caeli church...81 Waverley Rd Camp Hill, 4152 ph: 07 3398 3697

St Thomas' Camp Hill 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary – please join us for a community celebration honouring the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of St Thomas School. Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September (10 Stephen St, Camp Hill) with mass at 9am; community morning tea and memorabilia display.

**Next Brisbane East Deanery meeting: Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Mt Carmel.**

## Archdiocese news

**Annual Catholic Campaign for Brisbane Archdiocese: 7-8 September**

**ARCHDIOCESAN MULTICULTURAL MASS** This week is National Migrant and Refugee Week and there will be a Mass held at St Stephen's Cathedral on Sunday 25 August at 2:30pm. St James families are very welcome to attend.



## SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is an ecumenical celebration each year beginning on the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, September 1, through to the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, October 4. The 2019 theme is the "Web of life." Through ongoing prayer, changes in lifestyle, and advocacy, the Season of Creation inspires hope in our communities to live Laudato Si' year upon year. Endorsed by the Pope and the Vatican Dicastery for Integral human Development, it's globally connected work that's urgently needed. [www.seasonofcreation.org/](http://www.seasonofcreation.org/)

**Mass of Creation on Sunday 1 September 2019 (12 Noon)** Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane (with Welcome to Country at 11:30 am) concelebrated by Archbishop Peter Loy Chong, Archbishop of Suva and President of the Oceania Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences, Archbishop Mark Coleridge & Bishop Ken Howell. All welcome and following Mass join us in the Cathedral grounds for a **Living Laudato Si' Picnic Sunday 1 September 2019 (1:15 – 3:00pm)** in Cathedral of St Stephen grounds. Bring a BYO lunch, blanket and keep cup; coffee van on site.

Evensong to Celebrate the Season of Creation on Sunday 1 September 2019 (6:00pm) at St John's Anglican Cathedral, 373 Ann Street, Brisbane. Archbishop Chong will join church leaders and Christians in this ecumenical time of prayer and sacred song. All welcome.

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Parish Secretary	Trish Rashad	3397 1671
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Finance Committee	Paul Davey (outgoing)	0437 730 792
Pastoral Care	Parish Office	3397 1671
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## Counters

August 24 / 25 Karleen & Sylvia

Aug 31 / Sept 1 Anne & Margaret

NEXT WEEK Aug 31 / Sept 1	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM CHN LITURGY	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	Bill S	Gene T-F	June S	Bill S
LECTOR	Helen D	Don T	Anna E	Christine M
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Sylvia P Paul D *	Yen Mai Vu Berenice T-F *	Pat P Yen N Ray M	Romy U Christy U Barbara D
HOSPITALITY	Therese K Michelle C	Leonie D	*	*
ALTAR SERVERS	Deneb	Oliver, Gene	*	John, Rodel, Ramil, Alyssa, Klaris
POWERPOINT	Margaret	John, 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 September 2019.

**NEXT ANOINTING MASS:** Friday 6th September 2019, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

**NEXT MASS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Sunday 8th September 2019 — 9am mass.

**Next Sunday's Readings** **First Reading** *Wisdom 9: 13-18* Who can comprehend the will of God?  
**Second Reading** *Philemon 9-10, 12-17* Receive, him, not as a slave any-  
more, but as a very dear brother. **Gospel Reading** *Luke 14: 25-33* All who do not renounce their  
possessions cannot be my disciples.

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