

**14TH SUNDAY
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8 / 9 JULY**



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



From the Outside of the Window

The Gospel of this weekend reports about the rejection of Jesus by his fellow compatriots. In spite of the great deeds he had done for many people, his fellow Jews still did not accept him as a man of God. What was the main reason for this rejection? The principal accusation the Pharisees raised here was not so much the carpentry. In the time of Jesus it was a craft that earned respect and was well paid. Let us recall here that Paul was proud that he was a carpenter (in Greek tekton). However, the Pharisees did not call Jesus a carpenter, but rather the “son of a carpenter”. Hence, the Pharisees intended to scorn Jesus who claimed to be a prophet. For the Pharisees, Jesus was not even a rabbi because as a “son of a carpenter”, he was not even trained as one. In their eyes, Jesus did not have the formal training required for rabbis. He lacked the credentials expected of a teacher. If Jesus was not even a teacher, he could not claim to know God. If he did not know God, how could he call himself a prophet of God? Naturally, the Pharisees took offense at Jesus’ claim.

In contrast to the learned Pharisees, the townspeople were aware of Jesus’ wisdom and his mighty works. Not only are they familiar with them, but they are also astonished that Jesus would possess such wisdom and be able to perform such mighty works. Yet they still cannot bring themselves to believe. They are unwilling to confer extraordinary status on Jesus in spite of his extraordinary wisdom and works. It is hard to imagine what it would take to convince them to give Jesus his due.

Are we perhaps not like these townspeople? Has God not done miracles for us, in times of darkness and without hope? Yet, did we accredit them to Jesus? Perhaps, we might even think that the miracles were the results of our hard work and capacities.

The Pharisees were people of laws! And, laws cannot not be changed. The Pharisees concluded: it is better not to trust Jesus who proposes dangerous novelty. This incredulity, however, has always dramatic consequences. Jesus is reduced to impotence, becomes unable to make those miracles that his word and contact with his person produced everywhere. He offers his salvation, but he cannot impose it, because he loves and love respects freedom. Because of this freewill, God even accepts that there might be persons who do not want to be saved.

Yet, Jesus did not just give up. With his message and actions, Jesus broke the balance, demolishing the house in which they have placed all their hopes. They feel challenged; they capture, in his words and in his choices, the call to abandon the safety offered by the religion of their fathers, to embrace the risks of the kingdom and enter his house, in his new family, made up of disciples who believed in him.

As Christians, we should imitate Jesus: we should not just give up because faith creates wonders. Faith works wonders, and such wonders stir up faith. Let the gospel of salvation in Jesus be proclaimed to all, and let all be awed by the glorious wonders of God. “This report about him spread through the whole of Judea and in all the surrounding region.” (Lk 7:17).

As always, let us pray for each other.

Have a great weekend, Fr. Joseph OSA

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading *Ezekiel 2: 2-5* The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst. **Second Reading** *2 Corinthians 12: 7-10* I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. **Gospel Reading** *Mark 6: 1-6* A prophet is despised only in his own country.



Please pray for recently deceased: Jan Dooley; Albert Heeg Jr; Bill Rogers; Roem Arbolado; Lisa Lander.

And these anniversaries: Jill Marshall; Catherine Campbell; Val Killin; Maureen Rogers; Anne Wilson.

Please pray for these unwell: Mary-Jo Vidler; Bernie O'Hara; John Mulcahy; Vickie Davies; John & Angela Carolan.

Please give prayers and welcome to these Baptismal Children: Thomas Keller; Francesca Cragolini.



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

Social Justice

SIGNIFICANT DATES — JULY:



Saturday 7: 1945: Blessed Peter To Rot - killed in Papua New Guinea, recognised as a martyr.

Sunday 8: Sea Sunday (Apostleship of the Sea).

Tuesday 10: 1985: sinking of Greenpeace ship *Rainbow Warrior* in Auckland.

Wednesday 11: World Population Day.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Pope Francis' message... I send cordial greetings and best wishes to you and the entire Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the visit of Saint John Paul II to Alice Springs. I assure you of my spiritual closeness as you reflect on the many ways in which Almighty God has blessed your community through that historic visit. I willingly impart my Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in the Lord.

Planned Giving for the Week ending 1 July (Week 1)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 st Collection Augustinian	\$643.80	\$450.50	\$265	Week 4	\$1359.30
2 nd Collection Parish	\$555.05	\$366.55	\$260	only	\$1181.60

Parish news

Envelopes available at side entrance - many thanks for your continuing support of our Augustinians (first collection) and our parish (second collection). Would you like to use the thanksgiving envelope system? There are spare envelopes available. Please take a set and let us know your name :)



Many thanks for the socks that you have donated. Now that enough socks have been given, can we please ask that you give underwear? Many thanks for your fabulous donations.

WINTER APPEAL

"ORDINARY PEOPLE CAN MAKE AN EXTRAORDINARY DIFFERENCE"

Every Winter the number of requests for help grows from people struggling to pay their bills. Envelopes have been placed on the seats for this purpose. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**
TOGETHER WE CAN DO HEROIC THINGS...



Fr Joseph Lam's book "Late Have I Loved You" is available in the church. For \$17, all proceeds are going to the establishment of a new Augustinian Community in Vietnam 2019. Please support this important initiative to share the joy of the Gospel in a country which needs to hear God's invitation to an authentic Christian life. Payment can be given to the Augustinians (Sacristy) or parish secretary (letterbox near steps of Priory).

Date claimer— Ordination of Dn Dang OSA on Saturday 22nd September at 10am, by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2018: National Catholic Youth Conference on 27-30 September. Held in Rothwell, QLD. www.igniteconference.com.au/register

Trish (parish secretary) on annual leave: 10 July – 4 August (Volunteers will assist your enquiries).
 Fr Joe away: 11-14 July: wedding / baptism / meetings in Sydney; 22 July – 26 August on annual leave.
 Fr Saldie has been promoted to be Administrative Caretaker (50% boss and 50% servant).

St James Parish Coorparoo (date claimer for Term 3)... Children who are 8 years & in Year 3 or older, (and who have been baptised), are invited to prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Contact our Parish Office to register your interest and come along to the Information session being held on **Tuesday 21st August** (phone 3397 1671 / email osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au). All relevant information will be provided at this session, including Family session dates and Practice date.

Confirmation Ceremony will be held on Thursday September 13th (7pm St James Church).



Devotional candles at each side of church – please remember each candle is 30c.



St James School Fete
29th July 10am-2pm



Fr Joe is seen here congratulating and thanking Lenore for her bigheartedness. She is recipient of the Archdiocesan Quinn Medal. The Medal is given in recognition and thanksgiving for her generosity and loyalty to the Church and its ministries.



Deanery news

Brisbane East Deanery Scripture Study Group Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible concludes this **Thursday / Monday 7pm at St James**

SESSION 8 (FINAL): MESSIANIC FULFILLMENT - PART 2, THE CHURCH, CONTINUING THE JOURNEY...

Information from Camp Hill Parish... (email) stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au

Archdiocese news

Nightfever will be back in 2018 on Friday, August 3rd!

Nightfever is an open night of prayer and Eucharistic Adoration.

It involves the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament while volunteers outside invite people to come in and light a candle.

6pm - Nightfever mass and Blessed Sacrament exposed in St Stephen's Cathedral

6:30pm - Light snacks and drinks and training for Nightfever volunteers in the Francis Rush Centre

7pm - 10pm - Rotations of street teams and adoration

10pm - Benediction



Youth and Vocations Expo 5th August 2018... Venue: St. Stephen's Cathedral Precinct (249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane)

Time: 11am Stalls open

12pm Vocations Mass at St Stephen's Cathedral, presided by **Archbishop Mark Coleridge** and concelebrated by Fr Stanley Orji (Vocation Director) and Fr Marty Larsen (Associate Director)

1pm – 2:30pm Vocations and Youth Expo We hope that during this Year of Youth, the 2018 expo can invite young people to explore their call to a vocation of ordained ministry, marriage, religious life or single life.

The ACU Centre for Liturgy, in partnership with Liturgy Brisbane, is offering a public Short Course “**From death to new life: preparing and celebrating Catholic funerals**” at St Francis of Assisi Parish, West End, over two Saturdays, July 21 and 28. Dr Jason McFarland will investigate a Christian theology of dying and death and explore how the Order of Christian Funerals celebrates death in a specifically Catholic way. Fr Tom Elich will dialogue with an experienced funeral director on how clergy and funeral directors together care for the dead and for those who grieve. There will also be an opportunity to prepare a Catholic funeral for yourself or a loved one. The cost is \$60 and registration is essential, at: http://www.acu.edu.au/acu_centre_for_liturgy/short_courses. For more information phone 02-9701 4751.

Archdiocesan
MULTICULTURAL MASS
2018



Sunday, 26 August
2:30 pm
Cathedral of St Stephen

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Counters

July 7 / 8 Sylvia & Lorie

July 14 / 15 Phill & Danielle

NEXT WEEK July 14 / 15	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM CHN'S LITURGY	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	K. O'REILLY	D. TALLON	J. KISSANE	*
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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 3rd August 2018.

NEXT ANOINTING MASS: Friday 3rd August 2018, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

NEXT MASS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sunday 5th August, 2018 — 9am mass.



"For all the obstacles we see before us, gratitude and appreciation should prevail over concerns and complaints." - Pope Francis

Year of Youth December 2017 to January 2019 (WYD in Panama)