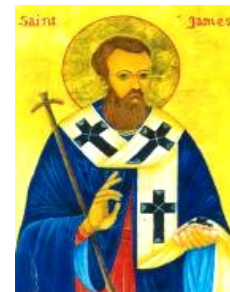


**21ST SUNDAY  
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23 AUGUST**

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



**CONGRATULATIONS to Reverend Deacon Tuan Anh, OSA!**

**He is now bringing the message of our Lord to our community “*through the dust*”.**



*Receive the Gospel of Christ,  
whose herald you have become.  
Believe what you read,  
teach what you believe,  
and practice what you teach.*

*From the Rite of Ordination of a Deacon*



## **Parish Pastoral Council**

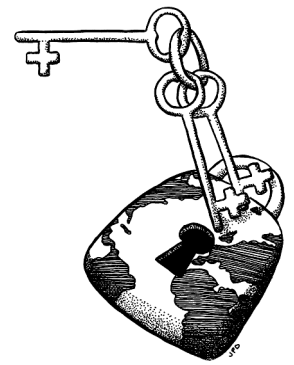
The interim members of the St James Parish Pastoral Council met last Monday and had, what I could honestly call as, ‘a hope-filled and promising discussion’ around our **IDENTITY** as Catholics taking on the mission of Christ. The open conversation aided by some principles from the *Divine Renovation* by James Mallon facilitated more awareness of the Great Commission given by Christ himself. This helped in the process of clarifying ‘**WHY ARE WE HERE?**’ as Christians, and in effect, as a parish community. Very briefly, we are here **TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS!** Now, what that really means in practice, in our ministries, in our schedules, in our faith-formation, in the way we see ourselves as a community—**AS A PARISH**, we are yet to find out with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and only when we continue to be open to the Holy Spirit can this finding out really be able to continue. We are only at the very early stages of this process of rediscovering and refocusing on *who we are* and *where we are going* — but I am very pleased that we are intentionally asking these very essential questions especially as we’re navigating through an ever changing culture. God bless everyone!

**- Fr Francis, osa**



# Just "Say" It

Jesus questions the faith of his disciples by asking them, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" The responded that some say he is John the Baptist, others believe him to be the prophet Elijah or Jeremiah. Peter answers, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus blesses him by giving him the keys to the kingdom, making him the head of the church.



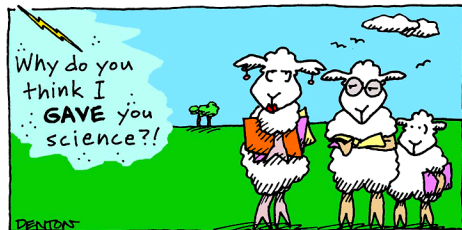
Peter, the apostle who sank while trying to walk on water because of his lack of faith, receives Jesus' highest affirmation. "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it" (v. 18). Peter goes on to deny Jesus, repent, and eventually become the leader Jesus knew he could be. Peter is so wonderfully human in all the stories we hear about him. He is impulsive, he blunders, and he makes mistakes. Sometimes he seems almost childlike when he is around Jesus. Perhaps it is that childlike quality in Peter that allows him to see who Jesus really is, the Christ, son of the living God.

Children can be so incredibly honest. They can see right through facades

and superficial appearances to the core of a person or situation. They blurt out what they think, sometimes to our own embarrassment. They are as quick to forgive as they are to condemn.

Then, one day when they are eight or nine or ten, they begin to learn how to hide their thoughts and feelings. They begin to practice saying what they know or think we want them to say. They are maturing and this is good, but how can we help them keep the best of their childhood qualities and still be able to go out in polite society?

I think the process must have something to do with being consistent in our patience and love. It involves giving enthusiastic affirmations and gentle, private corrections. That is certainly how Jesus treated Peter, and look how well he turned out—first pope, leader of the church, and the holder of the keys.



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## Sheepish Question:

How has your knowledge of God grown in the last year? And who is the Son of Man?

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## Month of August - Augustinian Appeal Fundraiser

Go to [MYCAUSE.com.au](http://MYCAUSE.com.au), and look for: **NOT A BAD HAIR DAY: An Augustinian Vietnam Mission Fundraiser**

Donations to this Fundraiser will be used to assist in the living expenses of our new Augustinian Community in Saigon, especially in this time of the Pandemic. Fundraiser ends 7th September, but our date to reach our target is 30th August 2020. As of writing, we've received from 24 donors totalling **\$1,655.00**

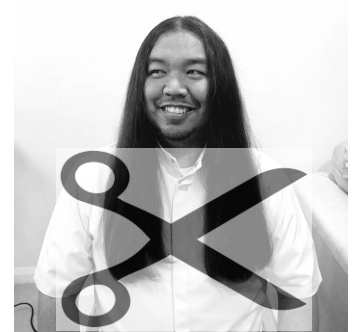
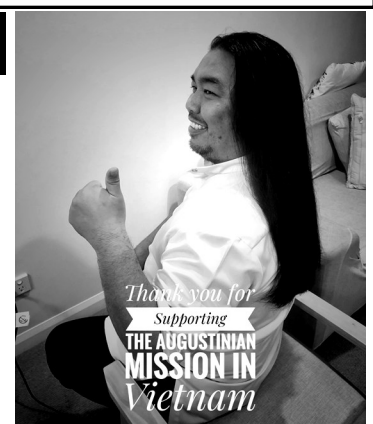
Let us help reach our target and support the Augustinian Vietnam Mission!



Water inside the house



During a recent flooding just a couple of weeks ago. This is in the house of the Augustinians in Vietnam.



## Prayer Requests

Please pray for recently deceased:



Ralph Thayer; Josie Gibson; Luis Toto Cavello; Bernard Cochran; Bradley Wenceslaus; Cecily McMahon; Purificacion Nicolas; Thomas Herman.

And these anniversaries: Kathy Grant;

Mary Collins; Keith Wallace; Marie O'Reilly; Luis Arana Senior.

Please pray for these unwell: Lynne Carl; Karen Bird; Susan Blunt; Neil Scanlan; Ava Pearce; Fr Ron Mollison; Jocelyn Tibayan; Susan Blunt; Veron Forsyth.

Give prayers to our Baptismal Children:

Felix Vizzone; Edward Robinson.



## Parish news

Weekend mass – we have returned to all weekend

masses—Saturday 6pm; Sunday 7am; 9am; 6pm.

Ensure you register for the mass you attend.

Marshals register here for each weekend mass.

No need to register via Eventbrite for 7am mass only — list of names available at the entrance.

(Marshal needed for each weekend mass slot please)



Link to the Augustinian fundraiser appeal

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

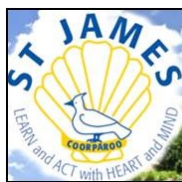
A weekend experience for married couples, daytime, going home on the Saturday evening – away from the distractions of everyday living. Our next COVID-SAFE live-out weekend will be held from 24-25 October 2020 at Hendra (Brisbane inner suburb) from Saturday morning until Sunday afternoon (including Mass).

Watch our video For bookings/details contact:

Maria and David Murphy, ph (07) 3342 1456,

dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au

Information website: [www.wvme.org.au](http://www.wvme.org.au)



Around this time every year, we celebrate Catholic Education Week in Queensland. Of course, everything is different this year with COVID-19 but we're pushing on because this is the 175th anniversary of Catholic education in our state. It all started in a school on

the site of the current Myer Centre in the Brisbane CBD, where lay people Mary and Michael Bourke were the first teachers with 56 students. How times have changed - that one school has become 144 within Brisbane Catholic Education alone while another 160 or so Catholic schools are spread across the state. Since 1845, Catholic education in Queensland has survived floods, cyclones, wars, pandemics and the rest. We're being tested now by COVID-19 but we know we'll emerge from this also. It's a good time to give thanks for Catholic education in Queensland, made possible by the support of so many families.

## Today's Readings

21st Sunday Ordinary Time

**First Reading** *Isaiah 22: 19-23* I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

**Second Reading** *Romans 11: 33-36* From him, through him, and in him are all things.

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 16: 13-20* You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

## Parish news

The photos and story of Deacon Tuan Anh's celebration is in August 23 edition of

[The Catholic Leader](http://TheCatholicLeader.com.au)

The Catholic Leader digital newspaper, free for all to read during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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



## Social Justice

Please remember that the Social Justice Statement on **mental health** will be

launched in August and that Social Justice Sunday will be celebrated on August 30. If you are planning ahead, the theme for 2021's statement will be integral ecology. Find out more at:

[www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/)



Fr Francis on annual leave August 20th—August 29th.

## 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](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!**



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**August 22 / 23** Paul & Cecilia

**August 29 / 30**

Sylvia & John

NEXT WEEK August 29 / 30	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	David P	Berenice T-F	June S	Bill S
LECTOR	Helen D	Merina M	Anna E	Marie G
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION (2)	Collette S Paul D	Yen Mai Vu Marj N	Morag S Ray M	Romy U Christy U
HOSPITALITY	None	during	CV19	restrictions
ALTAR SERVERS	*(assistance needed, please contact parish)	Gene	Lea/ Joe	Rodel/ Ramil/ Alyssa/ Klaris
POWERPOINT	Cecilia	John/ Gilbert	Di/ June	Sydel
MARSHAL	Karen P Lorie R	Brendon G	<b>NEEDED</b>	Leo B Mark G



Ensure you register for the 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 4th September.

**NEXT HEALING MASS:** Friday 4th September, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

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

## Next Sunday's Readings: 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

**First Reading** *Jeremiah 20: 7-9* The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

**Second Reading** *Romans 12: 1-2* May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 16: 21-27* Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

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