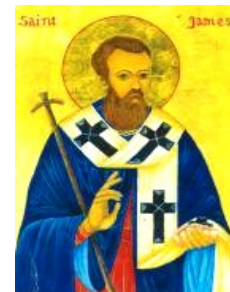


**24TH SUNDAY  
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14 / 15 SEPTEMBER**

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



## Bringing Home the Gospel

# The Story of the Prodigal Son

*When the scribes and Pharisees chastise Jesus for associating with sinners, Jesus tells them a parable about a rich young man who takes his inheritance and squanders it. When he returns home to beg for mercy, his father greets him with love and forgiveness. Jesus is telling us about the unconditional love of God our Father. "But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him" (v. 20).*

I know I affirmed my children when they were growing up, but I wish I had done it more often. In hindsight, I realize I got so caught up in the tremendous responsibilities of parenting that sometimes I missed what they needed most. Helping five youngsters grow up to be healthy—physically, emotionally and spiritually—is an awesome task. There were so many things to teach them and to protect them from. Too often, my conversations with them were not conversations at all; rather they were more like sermons with me preaching, teaching or warning against some danger or other.

One of the traits of a strong family is that its members affirm each other often. They congratulate one another on their achievements. They are quick to say "good job" or "well done." Even more important, they affirm each individual not just for what he or she does, but for who he or she is. It is our job as parents to model this love and affirmation, so our children learn to compliment each other and us, too.

We do this by offering gentle hugs and unequivocal compliments—words or actions that let our toddler or teen or young adult know they are loved no matter what. This does not mean we stop teaching or even preaching. It does mean we take care in what we say and how we say it. It also means we spend time each day listening to our children, affirming them and assuring them that they are loved. In short, we are asked to reflect God's unconditional love to our children.

Mirroring that love can be a difficult task if we do not first accept God's unconditional love for us. We need to remind ourselves that we, too, are God's



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### PERSONAL RESPONSE

Do you find it difficult to believe that God loves you unconditionally? Why or why not? How can you bring yourself to trust more deeply in God's love?

### FAMILY RESPONSE

Have family members write or draw one or two things they most like in each of the other family members. Show what you have each written or drawn.



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"Rejoice with me for I have found my lost sheep."

### Sheepish Question:

Hmm...how can I be a good shepherd?

**Hear our prayers, O God, for the efforts  
to quench the fires that rage in our land;  
And, sustaining our spirits,  
Keep us from all harm  
And give success to the work of our hands.  
Through Christ our Lord.**

**Collect Prayer from  
the Roman Missal  
in time of Bushfires**

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** *Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14* The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened. **Second Reading**

*1 Timothy 1: 12-17* Christ came to save sinners. **Gospel Reading** *Luke 15: 1-32* There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

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:** Fr Pat Codd OSA; Margaret Osborne; Margery Keller; Madeleine Anderson; Loreto McCafferty.

**And these anniversaries:** Catherine Sullivan; Eileen Doring; John Romano; Concetta Romano.

**Please pray for these unwell:** Nigel Richards; Steven McSwan; Jenny Porter; Rosa Marin; Katrina Newdigin; Jocelyn Tibayan; Fred Mulcahy; Jan Evans; David Lindsay; Carmel & Bryan O'Connell; Michael, Kathleen & Mary-Clare Simpson.



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

Sadie Spurling; Frankie & Pippa Feuerriegel.



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

## Social Justice

**SIGNIFICANT DATES**  
**SEPTEMBER:**

**Saturday 14:** 1981: Pope John Paul II encyclical 'On Human Work'.

**Sunday 15:** International Day of Democracy.

**Monday 16:** International Day for Preservation of the Ozone layer.

**Wednesday 18:** 1961: death of UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld.

**Saturday 21:** International Day of Peace.



**26th September International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons...**

If we also take into account the risk of an accidental detonation as a result of error of any kind, the threat of their use is to be firmly condemned. For they exist in the service of a mentality of fear that affects not only the parties in conflict but the entire human race. International relations cannot be held captive to military force, mutual intimidation and the parading of stockpiles of arms. We must be inspired by an ethics of solidarity.

*Pope Francis, Vatican City, November 2017.*

## Parish news

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September** (Social Justice Statement 2019) for the discussion on ***Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world***. This discussion will take place **St James Hall 6.45pm to 9pm**. Noticeboard has list of speakers and notes Archbishop Mark Coleridge will officially launch this discussion. Gold coin entry for St V de P. **Clipboard for attendees at the side entrance to the church or call parish office 3397 1671 to note your attendance. RSVP 23rd September.**

Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary together with family & friends, are invited to the annual Mass with Archbishop Mark Coleridge. As the Archdiocesan Assembly for the Plenary Council has been convened for the date we had previously advertised for this special occasion, the Mass will now be celebrated on **Saturday 28 September, @ 10.00am**. For catering purposes please RSVP to [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au) or telephone 3324 3030 by Friday 20 September. The Cathedral car park will be available.

Next Scripture Study (new): **The Gospel of Matthew: The King and His Kingdom by Jeff Cavins**. The Study will commence on **Tuesday Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> at St Thomas' Camp Hill / St James' Coorparoo at 6.30pm or Wednesday Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> at Our Lady of Graces' Carina at 10.30 am**. Louise Simento email: [gps23@bigpond.com](mailto:gps23@bigpond.com)

Parishioners are invited to a family night of Irish music, dance, singing and laughter with fine food and drink. 6pm Saturday 28th September in St James Hall. Robbie Dunne Ceilidh – Pipers, drummers, Irish dancers, Irish jam session and Singalong. Admission only \$10 per head. Be quick – only room for 100 people.

RSVP 21<sup>st</sup> September to Mavis 3849 8271


## Planned Giving for the Week ending 8 September (Week 2)

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]	\$662.60	\$330	\$115	Week 4	\$1,107.60
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Parish</b> [BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006161103]	\$383.70	\$325	\$115	only	\$823.70

## SEPTEMBER

14/15 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; 24th Sunday Ordinary - Children's Liturgy  
16 Monday 6pm Family session 3 + practice - Sacrament of Confirmation  
18 Wednesday 7pm for 7.30pm start Brisbane East Deanery meeting: Our Lady of Mt Carmel.  
19 Thursday 6pm Confirmation Ceremony with Archbishop Mark (celebration cake afterwards in the hall)  
19 Trish on holidays (till 7th October) volunteers manning our parish phone :)  
21/22 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; 25th Sunday Ordinary  
22 Sunday 1st year anniversary of Fr Dang's priesthood.  
22 Sunday YYAM Spring BBQ after 6pm mass: gold coin donation.  
23 Monday 7pm Pastoral Council Meeting in the Priory  
24 Tuesday 7pm Parish Finance Meeting in the Priory  
25 Wednesday (Social Justice Statement 2019) Hall 6.45pm - 9pm.  
27 Friday 10am mass at Little Kings

**St James Youth & Young Adults invite you to a Spring Cookout under the stars - Sunday 22nd September, after 6pm mass. Gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated to support the ongoing youth activities of our parish.**

 You will note that we have new updated evacuation diagrams for our parish church and the Priory. Check our exits and main thoroughfares for these evacuation diagrams. These evacuation diagrams are permanently displayed and show easiest and fastest exits to our emergency meeting point at St James Centenary Garden.



### RCIA - ST JAMES (2019-2020)

Would you or anyone you know like to learn more about the Catholic Faith and Practice or how to become a Catholic? Starts in November 2019. Please contact Kevin on 38475778 / email [kevmahoney2@bigpond.com](mailto:kevmahoney2@bigpond.com), or the parish office 33971671



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This weekend is the last weekend to place your donation envelopes in the collections - many thanks.



Sacrament of Confirmation program concludes... 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.

Date claimer (all parishioners interested in social justice Health4Kids is a charitable organisation) St James hall Saturday 19th October: dinner and fundraiser event, an evening of great food, drink and friends (5-8pm). \$20 per person; plus a raffle to raise money for the campaign. (RSVP Dupsy 10<sup>th</sup> October 0481352292) Health4Kids is a charitable organisation that is officially registered in New-Zealand, Africa and recently registered here in Australia. Health4Kids primary goal aims at promoting long term health benefits to children by encouraging the avoidance of lifestyle that may lead to serious health consequences in adulthood. visit our website [www.health4kidstrust.org](http://www.health4kidstrust.org) Dupsy Alofokhai

## Deanery news

**Next Brisbane East Deanery meeting: Brisbane East Deanery meeting has been CANCELLED for Wednesday Sept 18, 2019 at OLMC.**

 **Palms Australia** *Global Volunteering* Encounter Myanmar (see noticeboard) Still two places left on an enlightening journey with the Executive Director of Palms Australia. Travelling November 16-29. Enquire via email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au) or call 02 9560 5333.

## Archdiocese news

**menALIVE - Authentic Intentional Manhood Afternoon**  
**Sunday 22 September 2019 | 11.30am to 5.30PM**

Connect with the manhood God created for each of us to LIVE. Joining the menALIVE team and the Men of the Sunnybank Parish for an afternoon of connecting, listening and sharing on the way of manhood in which a man: Intentionally; rejects Passivity; accepts Responsibility; lives Courageously; and Loves God with all his being. **Cost: \$10 including lunch. Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sunnybank Parish, 121 Mains Road, Sunnybank. Fr Stephen Parish Office (07) 3345 3766**

**ST WILLIAM'S GROVELY PARISH invites applications for the Part-Time position of Administration Assistant 2 days a week 7 hours per day...3 month contract position with possible extension (see noticeboard)**



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## Administration

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Retired	Fr. Peter Hayes OSA	3397 1671
Parish Secretary	Trish Rashad	3397 1671
Parish Council Chairperson	Ray Mitchell	3892 1682
Finance Committee	Paul Davey (outgoing)	0437 730 792
Pastoral Care	Parish Office	3397 1671
Safeguarding Officer	Kate Pearson	capearson@optusnet.com.au

## Counters

September 14 / 15 Paul & Cecilia

September 21 / 22 Sylvia & ...

NEXT WEEK September 21 / 22	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	Bill S	Berenice T-F	Marina Y	Young Adults
LECTOR	Ron S	Don T	Kate P	Group
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Paul D Sylvia P *	Gene T-F Marj N *	Di M J. Butoyi Martin D	John W Barbara D *
HOSPITALITY	Sandra G Cathy W	Esme G	Joan S	*
ALTAR SERVERS	Deneb	Oliver, Gene	*	John, Rodel, Ramil, Alyssa, Klaris
POWERPOINT	Cecilia	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 4th October 2019.

**NEXT ANOINTING MASS:** Friday 4th October 2019, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

**NEXT MASS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Sunday 6th October 2019 — 9am mass.

## Next Sunday's Readings

**First Reading** *Amos 8: 4-7* The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money. **Second Reading** *1 Timothy 2: 1-8* Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved. **Gospel Reading** *Luke 16: 1--13* You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

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