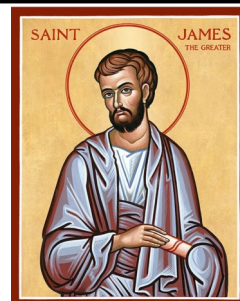


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**BRINGING
HOME THE
GOSPEL**

Being the Mustard Seed

Jesus continues to talk to the people in parables. He uses everyday things to help them remember the point of his teaching. He tells the crowd that the kingdom of God is like a tiny mustard seed that grows into a huge bush that can serve as a nesting place for the birds in the sky.

When I think about that tiny mustard seed and the kingdom of God, I think about the rippling effect one small act of kindness can have. When a person offers a smile or a simple courtesy, it can sometimes change the course of another's day.



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"You taught your people by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind."

Sheepish Question:

Which is more difficult for me: being good and just, or being kind? What must I fix?

I am not a morning person, and with very little effort I have managed to raise a whole family of morning grumps. I remember the days when all seven of us were playing "beat the clock" at 6:30 AM. At best, our "good mornings" were grumbled as we tried to keep out of each other's way. Some mornings our house felt like the proverbial powder keg, just one missing sock away from disaster. On those mornings, one person's outburst over an empty milk carton could sour everyone's day.

I developed my mustard seed theory by watching how that powder keg could be defused—a shared cinnamon bun, some help searching for missing keys, or a ride offered to school. One person's act of kindness could affect everyone. Since I am not my best at daybreak, it took a conscious effort for me to be that person.

I discovered that when I started the day with prayer I could often find a quiet peace inside myself that helped me respond rather than react. It was wonderful to watch how sometimes that mustard seed experience of peace could even grow to fill a household. I picture the kingdom of God as an eternal experience of that peace—an experience we can sometimes taste even on grumpy mornings.

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FAMILY RESPONSE

Ask family members to share what gets them out of grumpy moods. How can they get themselves out of a bad mood?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What are some of the things that set you up to be grumpy? How can you avoid them or work around them? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

Sacrament of Confirmation 2023:

Year 3 children (8+yrs of age) or older.

Please send the parish office a copy of your child's baptismal certificate, and an A5 photo or printed picture of your child before the program commences. osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au

This coming

Monday 17th July 6pm Parent Info Session (church)

Sunday 23rd July 9am Rite of Enrolment during Mass

Monday 24th July 6pm Family Session 1 (church)

Monday 31st July 6pm Family Session 2 (church)

Sunday 6th August 9am Sunday - Mass, Presentation Creed

Monday 7th August 6pm Family Session 3 (church)

Sunday 13th August 9am Sunday Mass – Confirmation Day followed by Morning Tea (parents to bring a plate to share)



This Sunday's Readings

15th Sunday Ordinary (Year A/1)

First Reading *Isaiah 55: 10-11* *The rain makes the earth fruitful.*

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Psalms 64(65):10-14 *The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.	And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows; you level it, soften it with showers; you bless its growth.	You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.	The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing.
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Second Reading *Romans 8: 18-23* *All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.*

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 13: 1-23* *A sower went out to sow.*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

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Call for Catholic Mission Ambassador

Join us as a Catholic Mission Ambassador, and you will be our voice and presence during World Mission Month this October 2023 for our annual appeal in a Brisbane parish.

You will be:

- Engaging in mission through prayer, advocacy and fundraising.
- Raising awareness of the work of Catholic Mission in 160 countries around the world, including Australia.
- Raising funds for mission projects supporting children, communities and church leaders.

Email us on brisbane.admin@catholicmission.org.au for more information.



Augustinian news

Pope Francis appointed Archbishop Prevost OSA the Prefect of the

Dicastery for Bishops in January 2023. Archbishop Prevost OSA is originally from Chicago USA and has worked in Peru, America and now Rome.

Cardinal-designate Prevost recalled the words of St Pope Paul VI saying that "being a cardinal is a mission of love with Christ, our Saviour"



and that "a cardinal is called to give his whole life in service to the Church." He says, "I just pray to the Lord that I will be faithful in trying to fulfil what Pope Francis and the Church is now asking me."

We pray for Archbishop Prevost OSA as he embarks on this new phase of his service to the Lord.

Adult Faith Formation

The Adult Faith Formation Team is

seeking your input to organise activities that will offer parishioners opportunities to understand, grow, and deepen their faith. To do so, we encourage all parishioners to complete a short survey.

Please find below our link to the Adult Faith Formation Ministry survey:



<https://forms.gle/Ddz5TMZLwJscLarA7>

The Parish of St James acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country upon which it lies and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and culture and pays respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Prayers

Please pray for recently deceased:

Nonie Scaini; John Canavan Snr & Danny Canavan; Miriam Martin; Anne Biggs; Marj Richardson; Margaret Hogan; Dominick Gaudio; Kenji Kawamoto. **And these anniversaries:** Sr M Dorothea RSM; Lorenza Rivera; Mary Tallon; Keith Wallace; Aileen Pearsall; Mae-Cheryl Berdin Salundaguit.

Please pray for these unwell: Michael & Mary Clare Simpson; David & Kerry See; Tess Revilla; John Canavan + family; Rosa Maria Celis; Lucia Monterde; Maylene Nator; Robbie Haley; Aoife Stephenson; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan.

Please pray for these Baptismal children: Preston Carroll.



Parish news

Please be aware of TEXT Scams

doing the rounds, claiming to be from parish priests asking for money. Our Clergy would never seek to contact you in this way, or require of you that you provide them with cash or store cards to get them out of a bind. Please be vigilant.



Many thanks to parishioners for generous donations of blankets for the needy - very gratefully received. (No more needed now thank you). Also, thanks to St. James School for tins of soup etc. - gratefully received also.

Catholic Mission Ambassador Open Day - Saturday 12th August at St James Parish Hall Coorparoo.



Save The Date

Catholic Mission Ambassador Open Day 2023

We invite you to come along and find out more about the work of Catholic Mission and how you can engage in mission through our ambassador training.

Date: Sat - 12th Aug 2023
Time: 10.00 AM to 12.00 PM

St James Catholic Parish, Coorparoo
Parish Hall: 92 Kirkland Ave, Coorparoo

More details will be provided by email.
RSVP: Mon 31st Jul 2023



July 2023 Catholic Leader \$4 at church entrances.

How to place names of loved ones in our prayer list for masses and bulletin... We do not keep an annual list of names to be prayed for. Let us know your loved one/s name/s; occasion for prayer: *ill; anniversary; recently deceased*; date / day for mass - and make a donation with these details on your envelope. * **Drop the envelope** in collection plate / in letterbox at Priory doorbell / in Sacristy book. * **or Visit Sacristy** after mass and ask our priest to place details in Prayer book.



JULY

15 / 16 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; 15th Sunday Ordinary Time (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); Baptisms.

16 Sunday Fundraiser brekky for WYD - Portuguese brekky under the mango tree after 9am mass

17 Monday Parent Info session 6pm in the church for Sacrament of Confirmation

Tuesdays Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration after 8am mass: (8.30am till Wednesday 8am)

22 / 23 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; 16th Sunday Ordinary Time (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); No Baptisms.

23 Sunday 110 years St James parish; Rite of Enrolment for Confirmation children during 9am mass.

24 Monday Family Session One 6pm in the church for Sacrament of Confirmation

25 Tuesday St James Day

Tuesdays Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration after 8am mass: (8.30am till Wednesday 8am)

YAM Raffle for World Youth Day will be drawn 16th July after Fundraiser Brekky for WYD (see front page)



Annual Feast of Our Lady of Madhu **Saturday July 22nd** - Rosary 10.30am; Mass 11am. Marian Valley Shrine of Our Lady. **Bus service available** if there are enough bookings - see church door for information. Email Pushpa Eleanor Jayasekera <jayasekera05@gmail.com>



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Saturday 22 July, 9:15-11:15am Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre (196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City) (followed by optional 11:30am Mass at the Cathedral)

Cost: \$15 RSVP: Monday 17 July

Register here: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/grandparents>



110yrs as a parish... We will celebrate this milestone during the celebration of the **Feast of St James during our 9am mass on Sunday 30th July.**



"A Morning's Prayer" will take place on **Saturday, July 29th from 9am to 12pm** Ormiston Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre; Cost: \$25 (includes morning tea)
https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amp23_3



Back Page for Ministry Teams.



Welcome to St James Parish pamphlet is available at the side church entrance.

There's also a QR code so you can give us your details.



Planned Giving for the Week of 9 July 2023

Collection <u>Account numbers</u>	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$944.65	\$345	\$507	\$170	\$1,966.65
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100018086	\$653.30	\$310	\$427	\$170	\$1,560.30

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Counters

July 22 / 23 Sylvia & Kate

July 29 / 30 Karleen & Sandra

Next week	16th Sunday Ordinary July 23rd	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (4th weekend)	Dan F	n/a	Jan Q	
COMMENTATOR	Helen D	Merina M	Leo B	
LECTOR	Lorie R	Jana V	Amor McC	
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POWERPOINT	Paul D	Gilbert or helper	June S	
WELCOMERS	Karen +		Cathy + John + Darren	

Masses & Services

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.

Sunday 7am, 9am, no longer 6pm.

MASS SERVICES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am.

MASS SERVICE: Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30pm.

PERPETUAL ADORATION: (Tuesdays 8.30am till Wednesday 8am) Vicky brisbane.adoration@gmail.com

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Friday 4th August @ 9am.

FIRST FRIDAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 4th August @ 7pm.

PRAYER MEETING: Every Friday (Except 1st Friday of the month) @ 7.10 pm (Rosary), 7.30 pm (Praise & Worship followed by Message)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: continues weekly @ 9am mass.

families.stjames@gmail.com Just a reminder that the school playground is out of bounds outside school hours. Children should be under parent supervision and remain in line of sight at all times.



Next Sunday's Readings

16th Sunday Ordinary (Year A/1)

First Reading *Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19* In the place of sin, you give repentance.

Second Reading *Romans 8: 26-27* The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 13: 24-30* Let them grow together until the harvest.

