

Counters

July 21 / 22 Mark & Celeste

July 28 / 29 Anne & Margaret

NEXT WEEK July 28 / 29	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	D. PHILLIPS	N. POKARIER	J. RICHARDS	B. SCHLECHT
LECTOR	A. CHANDLER	M-J VIDLER	M. SLACK	M. REA
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HOSPITALITY	M-R DEAKIN C. WHELAN	E. GANNON	N. RICHARDS J. MILLER	J. REA
ALTAR SERVERS	MAX	DON, GENE, DENEK	*	JOHN, RODEL, RAMIL, ALYSSA, KLARIS
POWERPOINT	CECILIA	GENE, 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 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.

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).

Friends of St Augustine meeting... held at the Priory dining room... August 8th (to avoid Ekka holiday) at 6.30pm in the Priory. Phone Ray 3892 1682 for apologies.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh your relationship. **3 to 5 August 2018:** Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend – relationship enrichment for married couples at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston QLD (on Brisbane's bayside) **For bookings/details contact:** Maria and David Murphy, ph (07) 3342 1456, Information website: www.wwme.org.au **Watch our video -** <https://youtu.be/-EXg5wPahFc>



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...

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



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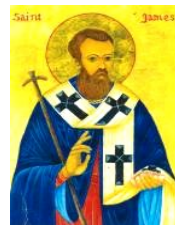


The Parish of St James

**16TH SUNDAY
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**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 Sunday tells us how Jesus' heart was moved by a vast crowd who from all the towns hastened on foot to the deserted place where because they wanted to see him. Jesus and his disciples have relocated themselves to there to find rest from exhaustion, a result of their labour for the Kingdom of God. Seeing the people who hungered for his words of enduring peace and truth, Jesus could not simply indulge himself, but to listen and to care for the needs of the crowd.

Today, it is quite a different scenario. Of course, there are still more than 1.2 Billion Catholics in the world. Taken all Christian denominations together, we account together one third of the entire world population. However, we cannot ignore the fact that for many Christianity is not more than just a name. Not a vast crowd, but only a few will intentionally live their Christian call. With Catholics, it is even perhaps worst. The public scrutiny of the clerical misconducts and scandals has left many Catholics with bewilderment and frustration.

Yet, as the Gospel of this Sunday reminds us, essential is the personal encounter with Jesus Christ. He is the One who fills our empty heart with real food of love and peace. So, our common effort is to invite all to this personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

I was very happy to see around twelve parishioners participating in the PROCLAIM conference from July 15th-17th. All were taken by the image of St. Peter whom Jesus called to "get out" of the boat and to walk towards Jesus, his friend. Of course, Peter did not ignore his incapability to walk over the water and therefore was afraid and insure. Yet, his desire to be with Jesus was his strength letting him to take the leap of faith. He trusted Jesus and in this he knew that Jesus would not let him go down with the waters. Translated to our situation as Catholics living in a moment of crisis, we should also "get out" and be transformed by the encounter with Jesus Christ. We should accept this call and change our "culture" of the past, a culture that has cemented our hearts into stones. Of course, the question is: What do we need to change? And, what kind of culture are we speaking about here at St. James?

Perhaps, the Plenary Council 2020 will be a chance for us to bring about a new culture. This is a unique opportunity because for the first time in the history of the Australian Catholicism, bishops do not set the agendas, but rather wish to listen to the "needs" of the "ordinary" Jim and Mary. So, let us seize this opportunity to set the agendas that hopefully transform and bring our Catholic culture in line with what Jesus asked of us. If you wish to know more about the Plenary Council 2020, please visit the very informative website: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

At St. James, we need to listen to the needs and aspirations of our young parishioners. I am very grateful to the YAG who have taken the lead in coordinating the Youth Mass commencing with this Sunday 6pm evening Mass. During the Mass, some young adults will share with us their inspirational and personal encounter with Christ. They will also tell us about their struggles of being young Catholics in a more and more secular world. So, please join the YAG for this event.

I also would like to this opportunity to thank Kim Jeffes who have helped us in the organisation of our first Parish AGM. Together with John Walsh, Kim "donated" a great part of her weekend to shop and to stand at the BBQ. This is amazing given the fact that Kim is not a parishioner and even does not share with us the faith in Jesus Christ. Many thanks to Kim and John for this wonderful contribution of our Parish life.

This is my last "From the Outside of the Window" commentary for the next four weeks. Fr. Saldie and Dcn Dang will fill this space instead of me. I thank them both for stepping up. I am sure they will do a great job in my absence. I also welcome Fr. Brian OSA, former PP of St. James, who will assist Fr. Saldie with Masses. Thank you, Brian and welcome back to you Parish.

As always, let us pray for each other.
Fr. Joe OSA