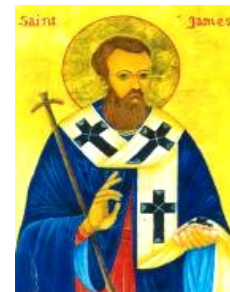


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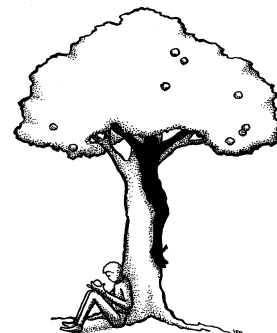
**The Parish of St James
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Bringing Home the Gospel

Get Away, Satan!

Jesus goes into the desert to pray and to fast. At the end of forty days he is tempted three times, first with food, then with power, and finally with riches. Jesus answers the tempter by quoting Scripture. The tempter responds with his own quotes from Scripture. Finally, Jesus tells the devil to go.



Temptation is a part of life. Everyone must deal with it, even Jesus. One of our jobs as parents is to help our children develop a right conscience so they can face temptation. I remember when my young children were watching the movie Pinocchio and I was wishing my children had their own Blue Fairy.

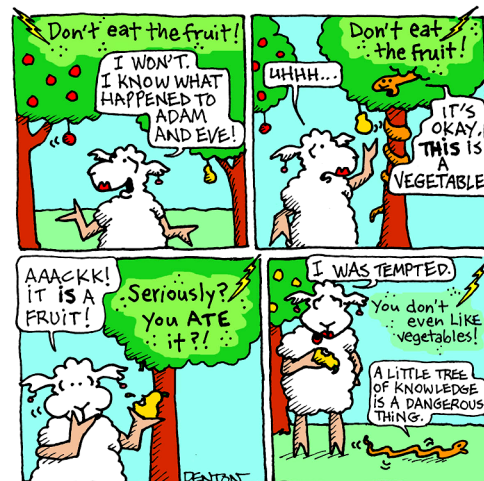
There is a very solemn scene in the movie where the Blue Fairy asks Jiminy Cricket to kneel as she dubs him the "Lord high-keeper of right and wrong, counselor in moments of temptation." Wouldn't it be great if all our children were given tiny umbrella-wielding consciences to keep them on the straight and narrow?

As Christians, we have very definite ideas of what is right and wrong. We are called to value others as much as we value ourselves and to value ourselves as much as God values us. We can try to help our children internalize this message by taking the time to listen and ask questions as they unpack their good deeds and bad. Why did they do what they did? How did they feel? Did the action help or hurt others or themselves? How was the action wrong or right? We will do well if we teach our children to ask themselves these questions before they act.

We play the role of Jiminy Cricket for the first few years of our children's lives. We are the outside voice that points out right from wrong, until, we hope, like Pinocchio, they learn from their mistakes and successes and begin to listen to the quiet voice inside.

Then, like that little wooden boy, they, too, are on their way to becoming all their Creator hopes they will be.

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"The woman answered the serpent: 'God said, You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'"

Sheepish Question:

But seriously, about temptation: How am I like Adam or Eve?



- ▶ **Adults:** What helpful advice could you offer someone faced with a temptation?
- ▶ **Kids:** What helps you do the right thing when you want to do something wrong?

From the Parish Priest

A blessed Sunday to everyone!

On the weekend of the 15-16 Feb, during the Saturday Vigil Mass, one of our parishioners became almost unconscious; he had to be taken by an ambulance to a nearby hospital. Good thing this person's family was there when this happened. What was clearly apparent inside the church building during the mass, or on that weekend, was the heat! Based on several remarks from parishioners, it was not only this weekend that the church building was observably warm, but for most of summertime. In relation to this, the suggestion of installing an air-conditioning system for the church building has been raised. This suggestion, by the way, is not raised only due to what recently happened to a parishioner, but as an unofficial proposition that I have heard from parishioners on several random occasions since early last year when I arrived in the parish.

In relation to this, I would like to seek some professional advice from parishioners who may be into this line of work or field. This is not asking for a quote for an air-conditioning system, but for a study or perhaps looking at possible scenarios on how we best approach this issue. Should installing solar panels first be considered to help in regularly offsetting electricity bills? What is the most efficient way to go about this financially in the long term? My hope is to submit this study and report this to our Finance Committee for a serious consideration.

If you are able to assist us in this, I would really appreciate if we can meet and have a chat, please email me at pp.stjames@bne.catholic.net.au.

On another note, as we begin this week with the Lenten Season, I pray that your Lenten journey will afford you times for silence, moments of reflection and perseverance! God bless you always! *In Deum! -Fr Francis, OSA*

Today's Readings

1st Sunday Lent:

First Reading *Genesis*

2: 7-9, 3: 1-7 Creation of our first parents, and sin.

Second Reading *Romans* 5: 12-19 Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Gospel Reading *Matthew* 4: 1-11 Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

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

Prayer Requests

Please pray for recently deceased:

John Donnelly; Caroline

& William McCarthy; Fr John Downey OSA; Ric Enright; Fr Fernando Suartz; Clare Petersen; Daphne Thorpe; Anson Palakkan.

And these anniversaries: Luke O'Reilly; Robert Romano; Merle Chapman; Drago

Andreis; Gilles Debert; Gerard O'Reilly; Gerald Doyle; Cheeku Thomas.

Please pray for these unwell: Tina Romano; Anne Holroyd; Fr Ron Mollison; Greg Whitney; Steven McSwan; Tess Walsh; Rodrigo Urbano; Santina Romano.



Social Justice

SIGNIFICANT DATES

MARCH:

Sunday 1: Zero

Discrimination Day.

Tuesday 3: World Wildlife Day.

Wednesday 4: 1979: Pope John Paul II's encyclical *Redeemer of Man*.

Thursday 5: 1970: International Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

Friday 6: 1970: International Day of Unplugging.



USA National Day of Unplugging

The Reboot Network initiated the National Day of Unplugging to encourage people to unplug, unwind, relax and do things other than using digital technology, electronics, and social media for twenty four hours beginning at sundown on the first Friday in March. It builds on the Sabbath Manifesto which draws on and adapts the Jewish tradition of the Sabbath. As Christians in Australia, we can also reflect on the meaning for today's world of the commandment to keep the Lord's day holy. Do we need rest and respite from digital technologies? Might we at times fall into servitude or even worship of social media? Find out more about the Sabbath Manifesto and the National Day of Unplugging: sabbathmanifesto.org/unplug



Parish News

St James School—

This week we have just had a Council

kerb-side collection. In preparing for this, we assisted the parish removing the old chairs from the Church carport to the footpath. Whilst starting to get the chairs out, a gentleman from Africa pulled up and asked if he could take the chairs. After some discussion, we asked where he was going to take them. He explained that he was going to ship them to Liberia where they will be used in a school and refugee camp there. We were thrilled that they will be put to good use rather than head off to the tip.



March 2020

Pray for Zimbabwe

World Day of Prayer

Venue: Regina Caeli

Catholic Church

Friday March 6th @ 10am



Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation Program (Year 5 or older; or 10 years old, minimum)

March	
1 Sunday 9am	Rite of Enrolment during 9am mass for Sacrament of Reconciliation children
2 Monday 6pm—7.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation children Session 1 & pizza (school meeting room)
9 Monday 6pm—7.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation children Session 2 & pizza (school meeting room)
16 Monday 6pm—7.30pm	Rite of First Reconciliation (church)
22 Sunday 9am	Thanksgiving Mass for Sacrament of Reconciliation children and morning tea afterwards, sponsored by children and parents (church & grounds)



NEXT ANOINTING MASS: Wednesday 1st April, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day). Wednesday, only for the month of April.

None in March due to World Day of Prayer.



For a copy of the ARCHBISHOP'S LENTEN PASTORAL LETTER for 2020, please visit our parish website.



Planned Giving for the Week ending 23rd February (Week 4)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 st Collection Augustinian [BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006160102]	\$999.90	\$439.50	\$110	\$230	\$1,779.40
2 nd Collection Parish [BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006161103]	\$651.40	\$402	\$150.70	\$180	\$1,384.10

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



MARCH

1 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; Year A 2nd Sunday Lent & Project Compassion begins.

1 Sunday 9am Rite of Enrolment for Sacrament of Reconciliation children during mass

1 Sunday Rite of Election St Stephen's Cathedral RCIA.

2 Monday 6-7.30pm Child Session 1 & pizza Sacrament of Reconciliation children (School meet room)

4 Topic 1: Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform.

Speaker: Bishop Ken Howell Brisbane Leadership Centre, Level 3, Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth Street.

4 Wednesday Stations of the Cross will begin in the Church after 8am Mass.

6 Friday Lenten Program meeting in Priory begins before 8am mass – with time to arrive at world day of prayer (no cuppa)

6 Friday @ 10am World Day of Prayer— Zimbabwe (Regina Caeli)

7/8 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; Year A 2nd Sunday Lent

7/8 YYAM retreat (Gold Coast)



Indigenous minorities in the Philippines face regular discrimination and disadvantage. Manide woman,

Shirley faced challenges supporting her children and sending them to school. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley's life has been transformed.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes (on pews), by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



HOW SACRAMENTS WORK -

Fr Paul Turner from the United States, renowned teacher and speaker, liturgist and prolific author, will speak to us about how sacraments work. Join us for this rich and inspiring exploration of how sacraments connect us to saving grace. Brisbane: **Friday 6 March 5:30pm-7:30pm**. Individual \$10. Group \$40. <https://liturgybrisbaneworkshops.weebly.com/paul-turner.html>



SCAN ME



During the season of Lent **Aid to the Church in Need** would like to invite you to "Journey with the Martyrs" through an online Lent calendar. The Lent calendar



Aid to the Church in Need

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features 47 true stories of modern martyrs, witnesses of love, who heroically offered their lives for God and their communities.

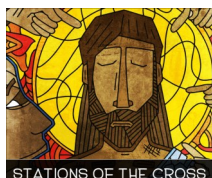
Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/lent2020



March 8th Brisbane Irish Festival... The Family Fun Day in Willawong is always a hit and fantastic value for families too. There will be Gaelic Games for all ages, Bouncy Castles, BBQ and various other amusements to keep the young ones excited and the older ones worn out! Plenty of parking will be available on the day as well. So come support the home of QLD GAA and have a great family time as well. Plus other events – see noticeboard



Lent is about Becoming, Doing, and Changing whatever it is that is blocking the fullness of life in us right now. *Joan Chittister, OSB*



Stations of the Cross after Morning Mass each Wednesday during Lent.



Reflections on the Sunday Gospels - Lent and Easter Sunday

Be Opened

A journey to new life

This Lent and Easter, we are called to be open to the fullness of life in God – to be opened ...

- to be led by the Spirit
- to listen
- to the living water
- to see
- to believe
- to death
- to new life

Join a

(see noticeboard)

2020 Lenten program, Be Opened – continues each Friday through March, straight after 8am mass, in our Priory. Books available \$10 at your first session.



Date: Saturday 28th March

Time: 8:30am - 3pm

PROGRAM

- Mass with Archbishop Mark
- Archbishop's Address
- Intentional Leadership
- Morning Tea
- Why Discipleship Matters
- Intentional Parish
- Lunch
- The Future of Your Parish
- How to Become an Intentional Parish

Location: Dominic Centre, (100 Mayfield Rd, Carina)

Register: ebab.weebly.com

RSVP due: Wednesday 18th March

More info: (07) 3324 3440

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Feb / Mar 29 / 1 Greg & Kate

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NEXT WEEK March 7 / 8	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	Karleen O'R	Trish R	Ray M	Jincy CJ
LECTOR	Bill S	Berenice T-F	June S	Bill S
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POWERPOINT	Allan	John, Gilbert	Di, June	Sydel

Mass Times & Services:

WEEKEND: Saturday 8 am; Vigil 6 pm;
Sunday 7 am, 9 am, 6 pm.

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8 am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30 pm.

ADORATION: Thursday 8 am.

PRAYER GROUP: each morning prior to Mass.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 6th March.

NEXT ANOINTING MASS: Wednesday 1st April, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).
(none in March due to World Day of Prayer)

NEXT CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sunday 1st March, at 9am mass.

Next Sunday's Readings:

2nd Sunday Lent: First Reading *Genesis 12: 1-4* The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

Second Reading *2 Timothy 1: 8-10* God has saved us, and called us to be holy. **Gospel Reading** *Matthew 17: 1-9* His face shone like the sun.

For complete Sunday's readings, visit our St James website (look for the Prayer tab).
www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings.