

**1ST SUNDAY
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9 / 10 MARCH**



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



Date-claimer: Sunday, 7th April, 9am: the official Installation and Blessing of Fr Francis as Parish Priest of St James, Coorparoo. Mass to be presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, and we will be joined by Fr Peter Jones OSA, Prior Provincial. Everyone is invited. A celebratory cuppa will follow after the mass.

This week, I was asked by the Leader of Liturgy and Retreats at St Augustine's College (Sydney) to write my thoughts about my world youth day experience in Panama in January this year. The write-up below was read out during the school assembly along with the giving of testimonies by other pilgrims. I'm sharing this with you.

MY WORLD YOUTH DAY EXPERIENCE SO FAR: A BRIEF REFLECTION

The World Youth Day held in Panama early this year is my third WYD experience. Each WYD that I joined has offered me diverse perspectives thru which I see the practice of our faith, especially as Catholicism is practiced or experienced by young people.

I was only in Year 9 when I joined my school group for my first World Youth Day experience held in the Philippines. Until now, I consider the gathering as one of the most life-giving experiences I've had, not just in my faith journey, but, in my life. It was in this occasion that my view of the Church started to expand. I began to slowly appreciate that the Catholic Church does not just consist of my parents, my neighbours, my local parish, and my Catholic school community. I saw, for the first time, how my faith was concretely shared too by different peoples from different cultures from so many countries. It truly changed my view of the Church.

A lot has changed with regard to my view of the Church after 20 years from my first World Youth Day event. I've learned more and more of the reality of the Church that I belong to. I've encountered from my own experiences and also by knowing those around me that our church is not a group of perfect people. This fact of our imperfection, and the scandals of some priests and bishops, the sorrow of knowing abuse have happened in my Church, and sometimes the seemingly hopeless situations that pervade in our church structures – well, these too have expanded my view of the Church.

The WYD 2016 in Poland was my second WYD event that I went to. The theme centred greatly on **MERCY**. This was critical, I thought, at least for me it was, because this greatly helped me in surrendering to the attitude that I needed in this moment of crisis in our Church – being **MERCIFUL**, just as I have been shown mercy.

The World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Mexico and Panama this year is my first time to go as a priest-chaplain (with three others for the diocese of Broken Bay). It was a real privilege to share this journey with some amazing people from St Augustine's College – Chris, Ben, Joe, Simon, and Maddie, and all the pilgrims from Broken Bay Diocese.

As a young priest who accompanied our young pilgrims to the recent world youth day, one thing stands out for me – the **JOY** that the young people experience being with each other and participating in the life of the Church. Reflecting on this journey, I realised that the source of our Christian **JOY** is not dependent on how happy-clappy the experience of our faith is.



It is not the intensity of our emotion or the amount of hype that is generated that is the gauge of our faith. Rather, the source of our Christian **JOY** comes from experiencing the unconditional love and mercy of our God. It is the experience of the forgiving person of Jesus Christ as my merciful Saviour.

Oh yes, we did experience the intensity of emotion and the fun that is brought by so many young people gathering, but deeper and beyond all these is my encounter of God's love and mercy through the friendship, care, honesty and vulnerability of those who were with me in this WYD journey.

Together with my expanding view of the Church is the mercy and joy, that Christ offers, which sustain me. The WYD Pilgrimage in Panama – the pilgrims from all over the world, the various events, the hospitable people of Panama, and Pope Francis – reminded me of these gifts. God's mercy and the joy of living the gospel keep inspiring me and giving me courage to go on with my vocation as an Augustinian religious and a priest of Christ and His Church.

Thank you for the opportunity to share.
- Fr Francis Belciña, OSA

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading *Deuteronomy 26: 4-10* The confession of faith of the elect.

Second Reading *Romans 10: 8-13* The confession of faith of the

believers in Christ. **Gospel Reading** *Luke 4: 1-13* Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted. **For**

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

www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings



Please pray for recently deceased: Kim Rohweder; Avis Greenup; Pat Killin; Daniel Ross Tynan; Brian Lowery OSA; Sherrol Vine; Una Reilly.

And these anniversaries: Stan Frampton; Assunta Barbaro; Elsie Frampton; Gerard O'Reilly.

Please pray for these unwell: Dave Austin OSA; Natividad Lobo Umali; Debbie Bradfield; Keith Evans; Rex Ducat.

Please give prayers and welcome to these baptismal children:

Alaina Dawson.



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

Social Justice

SIGNIFICANT DATES —

MARCH:

Friday 8: International Women's Day.

Sunday 10: 1st Sunday of Lent.

Monday 11: 2011: earthquake and tsunami in Fukushima Prefecture, Japan killing 18,500 people and causing widespread contamination.

Tuesday 12: 1913: founding of Canberra as Australia's capital.



International Women's Day...

Is an occasion to review how far women have come in their struggle for equality, peace and development. It is also an opportunity to unite, network and mobilise for meaningful change. Each year, UN Women National Committee Australia hosts some of the largest International Women's Day events around the country to celebrate global achievements and discuss actions needed to continue accelerating gender equality.

International Women's Day: www.internationalwomensday.com/

Planned Giving for the Week ending 3rd March (Week 1)

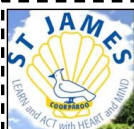
Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 st Collection Augustinian	\$692.15	\$470	\$135	Week 4	\$1,297.15
2 nd Collection Parish	\$469.60	\$513	\$235	only	\$1,217.60

Parish news

Lenten Program continues on Fridays. The program will commence straight after 8am mass and will be held in

Priory dining room. It will continue for 6 weeks. **Also, the 2019 Lenten Program is now available as an App! Download from the App Store or on Google Play for Android™ devices for just \$1.99 (Search Lent 2019 Compassion)**

Way of the Cross continues on Wednesdays after 8am mass. This will continue for 5 Wednesdays.



ST JAMES COMMUNITY MASS (once known as Family Cuppa Mass)

Parishioners will join our school families to celebrate St James Community Mass to be held at **6pm on**

Sunday 17 March. Following the Mass, there will be a **sausage sizzle on the deck**

near the Hall, with a gold coin donation. This will be a wonderful opportunity to share St James fellowship.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

St James Trivia Night - Saturday 1st June.

ST JAMES DAY FETE 2019 – Sunday 28th July

Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

The Listening and Dialogue stage closed on Ash Wednesday (March 6th, 2019). During Lent, we will join the Catholic Community in prayerful preparation for Easter, and at Pentecost (June 9th) we will launch the Listening and Discernment stage and announce the national themes for discernment which have emerged from the Listening and Dialogue responses.





Twelve-year-old Thandolwayo would walk seven kilometres each day to collect contaminated water for her family. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia supported project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and to provide clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Young Adults Mass – every 4th Sunday of the month 6pm. For details phone 0413 762 544.

Date-claimer: Sunday 5th May (church and hall) Jeff Cavins: bible speaker and scholar from USA to be here at St James Parish. More details to come.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS Co-ordinator: Kev Mahoney.

Rite of Election to be held at St Stephen's Cathedral First Sunday of Lent, 10 March 2019, at 3pm.

During the Rite of Election, the godparents and catechists give witness to the catechumen's intention to be a follower of Christ and the catechumen's readiness to approach the Church to receive the sacraments of initiation. The Church makes its election of the catechumen, founded on the election by God, in whose name the Church acts. The catechumen is then invited to inscribe their name in the Book of the Elect as a sign of their pledge of fidelity to Christ. Food & drink for afternoon tea on the lawns after ceremony. A coffee van will be present.

BLESS TOILETS AND KITCHEN this Sunday 10th MARCH after 9am mass.



- Brisbane Archbishop encourages Catholics to keep faith in the face of serious challenges in last Sunday's homily
- Cardinal Pell spent his first days in jail after being found guilty of child sexual abuse, he awaits his sentencing on March 13
- The Missionaries of the Poor call for volunteers to visit and serve in their mission house in Labuan Bajo in Indonesia
- ACU ready with 'huge plans' for grassroots engagement in 2019

Here at St James Parish...

Safeguarding news

- ⇒ Has it been 2 years since you last did your Safeguarding training?
- ⇒ Do you volunteer with children and / or vulnerable adults?
- ⇒ Are you in our Pastoral Council or Finance Committee?

If your answer is **YES** to any one of the above questions, then we invite you to come and join us at Mt Carmel for a Safeguarding Training on 20th March 2019. Please register with our parish (phone 33971671 or email osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au) so we may register on your behalf.

Deanery news

Brisbane East Deanery Meeting on March 27, 2019 at Sts Peter & Paul: 7pm for 7.30pm start. A report from St James parish has been supplied. **RSVP to our office 3397 1671. All welcome to attend.**

Other news of interest

Queensland Irish Choir

Date: March 17, 2019

Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm Location: Brisbane German Club, Vulture St.

The Queensland Irish Choir will return to the German Club for a two hour performance.

Please contact Jennifer Dunbar on 0447 744 788 or email jennifer.dunbar@hotmail.com

Archdiocese news

Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care: Could this be your Ministry?

CPPC is seeking Catholics with the ability to relate personally and spiritually to those suffering from mental illness. The volunteer training course (provided cost free) runs each Wednesday 9:00am – 3.30pm, from 1 May to 20 November 2019. Upon graduating the Pastoral Carers give a voluntary commitment of 8 hours per week in either one of the above ministries. **Applications close Thursday 18 April 2019.** Written applications can be sent to: **Fr Jim Smith**, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006 Telephone: 07 3252 5461 Email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au Website: www.cppc.net.au



Apply Now for Year 7 2023
www.loreto.qld.edu.au/enrol



Discover her potential

Launch Party! With Live DJ!

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity" – 1 Timothy 4:12 with **fun, food & games**, as we **dance!**

When: Saturday 27th April 2019, 6–9pm

Where: St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Tce., West End

Who: Ages 5-18 welcome.

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Counters

March 9 / 10 Sylvia & ...

March 16 / 17 Lorie & Joe

NEXT WEEK March 16 / 17	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM + CHN LITURGY	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	R. STEPHENSON	D. TALLON	M. SLACK	L. BRADLEY
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POWERPOINT	MARGARET	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 5th April 2019.

NEXT ANOINTING MASS: Friday 5th April 2019, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

NEXT MASS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sunday 17th March 2019 — 9am mass.

Ten Marks of Spiritual Maturity...

3) **You are at peace with situations beyond your control.**

Mature Christians don't allow the latest buzz on the news to derail their lives.

They don't waste time worrying and freaking out
over situations beyond their control.

Fr Joseph Lam