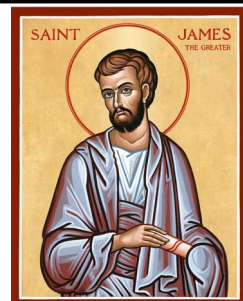


**16TH SUNDAY
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23 JULY**

ST JAMES PARISH COORPAROO

**IS A PARISH OF ACCOMPANIMENT
WHERE WE ENCOUNTER AND
KNOW CHRIST, DEEPEN OUR FAITH,
AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY**



**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.

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.

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?

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Keep us in prayers!



Many thanks to all who assisted & attended the Portuguese Breakfast Fundraiser for our WYD attendees. We pray for them on their journey.

This Sunday's Readings 16th Sunday Ordinary (Year A/1)

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

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Psalms 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16 Lord, you are good and forgiving.

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| O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. | All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. | But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. |
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Second Reading Romans 8: 26-27 The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed dandelion all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the dandelion appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the dandelion come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the dandelion you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the dandelion and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables

and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the dandelion in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the

kingdom; the dandelion, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the dandelion is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

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Collect the weeds and tie them
in bundles for burning; but
gather the wheat into my barn.
- Jesus (Matthew 13:30)



Sacrament of Confirmation

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

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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)



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:

Peter Rabaa; Ewen Jones; Nonie Scaini;

Miriam Martin; Anne Biggs.

And these anniversaries: Pablo Sanchez Sierra; Kathleen Ryan; Luke Farrelly; Sr M Dorothea RSM.

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



Parish news

We invite you to view an episode of **The Chosen** to understand who **St James, the Apostle** is.

St James Hall, from 6PM Friday, 28 July.

Bring a plate for fellowship before the movie starts.



WYD Lisbon 1 to 6 August 2023 Our Lady of the Visitation,

you who arose and went with haste

into the hill country to meet Elizabeth,

lead us also to encounter all those who await us to deliver them the living Gospel: Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord!

We, too, will go in haste, without distraction or delay, but with readiness and joy.

We will go with peace because those who bring Christ bring peace, and well-being comes from being generous and loving in our deeds.

Our Lady of the Visitation,

through your inspiration, this World Youth Day

will be a shared celebration of Christ,

whom we bring to others, just as you did.

Please make this a time of testimony and sharing,

of fraternity and thanksgiving,

with each of us looking for opportunities to give

to those who are waiting to receive.

With you, we will continue on this path of encounter so that our world will join us, too, in fraternity, justice, and peace.

Help us, Our Lady of the Visitation,

to bring Christ to everyone, in obedience to the Father and in the love of the Holy Spirit! **Amen.**



QCMF INVITATION

Parishioners are reminded that St James Church and Hall will be used as venues during the **Queensland Catholic Schools & Colleges Music Festival Thursday 17th Sunday - 20th August.** Thank you to the Parish and School for your co-operation and the use of facilities during the festival. Please come and join us at St James and Villanova College to hear some great music and choral singing.

CAR PARKING

Car parking restrictions will apply at the following Mass times.

*** Friday 9am, Saturday 8am, Sunday 7am & 9am:**

The car park in front of the church and the priory will be OPEN for all Masses and will CLOSE approximately 15 minutes after the conclusion of the final morning Mass.

The car park in the school grounds, behind the church, will be CLOSED.

*** Saturday 6pm: The car park in the school grounds, behind the church, will be CLOSED.**

All other car parks will be OPEN as normal.

The QCMF Organising Committee - St James Venue



JULY

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:

27 Thursday St V de P meeting 6.30pm

28 Friday 6pm meet in Hall—The Chosen episode + fellowship

29 / 30 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; 17th Sunday Ord Time (**Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am**); **No Baptisms.**

30 Sunday 110 years St James parish; Rite of Enrolment for Confirmation children during 9am mass; cuppa under the mango tree to celebrate 110yrs as a parish.

31 Monday Family Session Two 6pm in the church for Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday 6th August at 10am in St James Parish Hall
Lectors in-service training ... also an invitation for those who may join our Parish Mass readers.
Clipboard at side entrance—please add your name.



The Archdiocese of

Brisbane is aware of a

series of text messages

being sent to staff and

parishioners that **do not**

come from various

parish priests. On inspection,

the eagle-eyed will notice

the number is from an

international phone number

and not Fr Mellor's number.

We recommend if you, or anyone you know, receives a message like this, **do not engage with the sender.**



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.** Cuppa under the Mango Tree after this 9am mass.



QCMF INVITATION VOLUNTEERING

We are always looking for volunteers to help during the festival. There are a number of ways to help out. To volunteer, register at www.qcmfvolunteering.com or contact Chris Larter 0437 377 072



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 22nd Jul 2023

QUEENSLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

Music Festival

The QCMF Organising Committee - St James Venue



Friends of St Augustine
gathering in August —
more details shortly.



Planned Giving for the Week of 16 July 2023

| Collection <u>Account numbers</u> | Loose money [not pledged] | Envelopes [pledged] | Direct Debit | Donation Tap | Total |
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| 1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791 | \$932.15 | \$290 | \$240 | \$225 | \$1,687.15 |
| 2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100018086 | \$533.40 | \$250 | \$280 | \$225 | \$1,288.40 |

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Counters

July 22 / 23 Sylvia & Kate

July 29 / 30 Karleen & Sandra

| Next week | 17th Sunday Ordinary July 30th | VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM | SUNDAY 7AM | SUNDAY 9AM WITH ST JAMES SCHOOL |
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| CHOIR (5th weekend) | Carina Family Choir | n/a | Chris L + Sylvia P | |
| COMMENTATOR | Karleen O'R | Trish R | Sean H | |
| LECTOR | Helen D | Merina M | Leo B / School chn | |
| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION | Priya H Collette S Paul D | Heather L Christy U Don T | Jaqueline S June S ... | |
| ALTAR SERVER/S | Joe R | Brendon or Jane | Lea (away) / Alejandra | |
| POWERPOINT | Cecilia D | Gilbert or helper | John W | |
| 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**



Next Sunday's Readings

17th Sunday Ordinary (Year A/1)

First Reading 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12 You have asked for wisdom.

Second Reading Romans 8: 28-30 He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

Gospel Reading Matthew 13: 44-52 He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

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

Again, the kingdom of
heaven is like to treasure
hid in a field; the which
when a man has found,
he hides...

—Matthew 13:44

