

**24TH SUNDAY
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YR A 2020
13 SEPTEMBER**

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



Sacrament of Confirmation 2020

**Confirmation 2020:
"Be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit!"**



Thank you Briahna Noonan for the
Confirmation photos.



From the Augustinians, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
[final figures are in]

Augustinian Seminary Trust Fund

From St James Parish

Cash: \$1018.80

Cheque: \$6000

Card: \$1087

Total: \$8,105.80



Augustinian Vietnam Mission

From 'Not A Bad Hair Day' Fundraiser

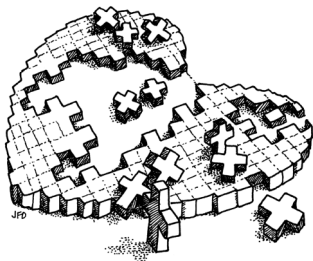
Participation by donors from in and outside the Parish

Total: \$4,335.00

**The Augustinian Australian
Province website just had a
facelift. Please go and visit
OSA.ORG.AU**



**Do you wish to rise?
Begin by descending. You plan a
tower that will pierce the clouds?
Lay first the foundation of humility.
(St Augustine)**



BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

September 13, 2020 • 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 18:21-35

Forgiveness

Jesus is asked how many times we must forgive someone. "Is seven times enough?" a follower asks. Jesus tells them, "Not seven times, but seven times seven." Jesus goes on to tell a parable about a worthless servant whose huge debt is mercifully forgiven. However, when the servant then refuses mercy to a fellow servant for a much smaller debt, the master punishes him.

Forgiveness is a tricky thing. Sometimes it is easy to forgive: something is broken accidentally or someone unknowingly steps on our toes. But at other times it is not so easy; someone will do something or say something and we want to strike back. That impulse is even stronger in small children who are just beginning to learn to temper their feelings. I remember years ago watching my daughter-in-law Deborah comfort her three year old as he screamed and kicked his frustration. "Use your words," she kept saying in a calm voice. Her one arm was around him as the other gently rubbed his back. Given the time to express his hurt and anger, Nicholas settled down and the story came out. His playmate had punched him, and he wanted payback. After a few minutes of listening and some quiet soothing, Deborah was able to counsel her little one into a more appropriate response.

My grandson's reaction is fairly common. It seems a natural response to strike out when we have been struck, to hit back harder, to yell louder. Yet as Christians we are called to follow Jesus, learning from the cross a lesson that rejects the proverb, "an eye for eye" and sets a new agenda for the world. We are asked to forgive seven times seven.

Deborah set a wise path for her youngster. It is one we can all follow and foster

in our families. Take time to settle down before responding in anger or frustration and then "use your words."

Sometimes that means going to the offending party and talking things out. It might mean finding a good listener to help counsel. Finally, it is always a good idea to ask God's help. As I watched Deborah comfort Nicholas, I thought of what a beautiful image she was of God—the loving parent—always there to listen, soothe, counsel, and love.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Practice talking out a problem. Ask a family member who is angry with someone to share the story behind his anger. Help him to consider ways he can solve the problem in a positive way.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What is your primary worry this week? What alternatives do you have in solving this concern? Where is God in this problem? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?



"Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?"

Sheepish Question:

Who have I failed to forgive? Why? Who has surprised me with mercy?

Prayer Requests

Please pray for recently deceased:



Errol Bergania; Marianne Kellett; Estrella Fernandez; Flor Madio; Leila Marrinan; Jose Hisugan; Rom Herman; Joan Shapland.

And these anniversaries: John Romano; Kathy Grant; Lorenza Rivera; Eileen Doring; Salvador Henriguez.

Please pray for these unwell: Christopher Rollings; Gai O'Connor; Lydia & Hermie Manabo; Peter Kerman; David Robison; Lynne Carl; Karen Bird; Neil Scanlan; Jocelyn Tibayan.

Give prayers to our Baptismal Children:

Henry Woodward; Jeremy Saut.



Parish news PONTIFICAL HOLY LAND (GOOD

FRIDAY) COLLECTION –occurs this weekend. The Christian communities in the Holy Land, exposed to the risk of contagion and living in contexts already full of serious sufferings, benefit every year from this generosity. This solidarity enables them to continue their evangelical presence, in addition to maintaining schools and social structures. The proceeds from this collection also provide support for the shrines and the holy places in the Holy Land.

Retiring collection at each mass this weekend.



Weekend mass – we have returned to all weekend masses—Saturday 6pm; Sunday 7am; 9am; 6pm.

[Ensure you register for the mass you attend.](#)

[Marshals register here for each weekend mass.](#)

No need to register via Eventbrite for **7am mass only** — list of names available at the entrance.

(Marshal needed for each weekend mass slot please)

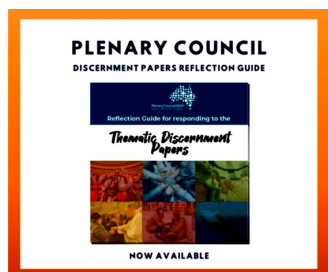


Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Saturday 26th September at the 11.30am Mass**, Archbishop Mark will celebrate Mass for the special intentions of all couples celebrating 50 years or more of marriage.



REFLECTION GUIDE FOR THE PLENARY THEMATIC PAPERS

To support ongoing engagement with the Plenary Council within the Archdiocese of Brisbane, a new reflection guide has been developed to encourage people to explore the six Thematic Discernment Papers released at Pentecost. The guide invites people to pray, consider one of the six papers, enter into contemplative dialogue and even provide their written response to the paper. People are asked to think about what resonates with them in the paper, what challenges them and how their local community might respond to the invitations and challenges particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic. To download the guide, see [here](#).



Today's Readings

24th Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading *Sirach 27: 30—28: 7* Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Second Reading *Romans 14: 7-9* Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 18: 21-35* I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Parish news

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Program at St James Parish will occur in Term 4 (Yr 4 or older, or 9yrs minimum) for St James School and parishioner families only. These children have already completed their Confirmation. Date claimer: October 12th, Monday 6pm for the Parent info session which will be held in our church.



Archdiocese news

Annual Catholic Campaign

19-20 September 2020



[Link video](#)

Our parish is supporting the Annual Catholic Campaign this year because we know how hard it has been for many in our community. Though prayer and action, we can be a blessing to those in real need. If you are able, and would like to make a donation, you can do so online here: <https://bit.ly/31s6D5k>



MULTICULTURAL MASS 2020

Archdiocesan Multicultural Mass (online event) – 27 September 2020 at 2:30pm [here](#):

Parishioners may tune in on the Archdiocese of Brisbane's live webcast archbne.org/bzw at 2:20pm for the 2:30pm Mass start on Sunday, 27 September. This Multicultural Mass is an opportunity to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity and the richness that this diversity brings to the life of the Australian church. It also presents an opportunity to reflect on the timely message of Pope Francis.

Social Justice

Significate Dates SEPT:

Saturday 12: 1843: battle of One Tree Hill near

Toowoomba, between Aboriginal landowners and European settlers.

Sunday 13: 2007: adoption by UN of Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Monday 14: 1981: Pope John Paul II's encyclical 'On Human Work'.

Wednesday 16: International Day for Preservation of the Ozone Layer.

1993: death of Oodgeroo Noonuccal (Kath Walker), Aboriginal poet, activist and artist.

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September 12 / 13

Greg & Kate

September 19 / 20 Anne & Margaret

NEXT WEEK September 19 / 20	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	Bill S	Berenice T-F	Marina Y	Young Adults
LECTOR	Ron S	Don T	Morag S	Group
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION (2)	Paul D Karleen O'R	Heather L Jan L	John W Christine U-M	Barbara D Jincy CJ
HOSPITALITY	None	during	CV19	restrictions
ALTAR SERVERS	*(assistance needed, please contact parish)	Gene	Lea/ Joe	Rodel/ Ramil/ Alyssa/ Klaris
POWERPOINT	Cecilia	John/ Gilbert	Di/ June	Sydel
MARSHAL	Lorie R	Brendon G	NEEDED	Marie G Mark G



Ensure you register for the mass you are rostered on please...



Mass Times & Services:

WEEKEND: Saturday 8 am; Vigil 6 pm (marshal required)

Sunday 7 am, 9 am, 6 pm (marshal required each mass)

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

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30 pm...by appointment

ADORATION: Thursday 8 am (postponed until further notice)

PRAYER GROUP: each morning prior to Mass.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 2nd October.

NEXT HEALING MASS: Friday 2nd October, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

NEXT CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sunday at 9am mass (chn liturgy postponed until further notice)

Next Sunday's Readings:

25th Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading *Isaiah 55: 6-9* My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Second Reading *Philippians 1: 20-24, 27* For me to live is Christ.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 20: 1-16* Why are you jealous because I am generous?

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

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