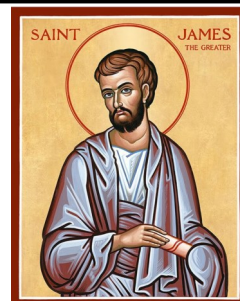


**17TH SUNDAY
ORDINARY
YR A 2023
CELEBRATING ST JAMES DAY
30 JULY**

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



Putting the Good in Baskets

Jesus talks about the value of the kingdom by comparing it to treasure buried in a field, or a pearl of great price. When someone finds something of such value, he or she is willing to sell all he or she has to possess it. The kingdom is also like a net thrown into the sea to collect fish of every kind.

**BRINGING
HOME
THE
GOSPEL**

Jesus' parables are about claiming what is of value and discarding what is not. We spend a lifetime choosing what is important to us—not just the physical things we own, but also those personal characteristics we call values. The foundation for this choosing begins in the home in our earliest years.

Unless a family consistently articulates its values, its members will assume the values of the culture around them. This can be a pretty scary thought today when we consider how society's values are portrayed on television, social media, and in movies. The truth is, if we want our children to grow up with Christian values, we need to name those values for them, talk about them, as well as live them. If we want our youngsters to identify themselves as Catholics (not just Christians), we have to articulate that, too.

We need to talk about what it means to be Catholic. For example, make the Sign of the Cross reminds your children that this is how Catholics often begin prayers. Celebrate your favorite saint's day. Let youngsters know that saints are your heroes and heroines. They remind us of God's holiness.

Let them know that Catholics, like most families, have their own set of dos and don'ts. For example, along with the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes, we go to Mass every Sunday. We receive the sacraments, and during Lent we fast and abstain from meat on Fridays. Our Catholic family rules and customs distinguish us from other families (TV families included), and give us a reason to act differently from more prevalent, but not-so-Christian values.

Make sure one of the don'ts firmly implanted in your family's values is "people don't have to be perfect." We don't want youngsters ever to think that mishaps or even big mistakes can separate them permanently from their family, and that includes their Catholic family.



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"Give your servant an understanding heart... to distinguish right from wrong."

Sheepish Question:

When was the last time I asked God to help me form my conscience? Where have I fallen short?

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St James, through grace, you were a close friend of Jesus, an apostle and early martyr of the new Church. We implore you to ask God's favour towards us.

We place our needs with you, so that you may bring all our troubles to the love and care of Jesus.

Amen.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Ask everyone to name his or her favorite saint. Search online for information about them including their feast days. Mark the days on the calendar, and let each person pick a favorite food or activity for each day.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Which Catholic value do you most appreciate? How can you help your children develop that value? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

This Sunday's Readings

17th Sunday Ordinary (Year A/1)

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

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Psalm 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130 *Lord, I love your commands.*

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold.	Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come and I shall live for your law is my delight.	That is why I love your commands more than finest gold, why I rule my life by your precepts, and hate false ways.	Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple.
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Second Reading Romans 8: 28-30 *He predestined us to become true images of his Son.*

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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

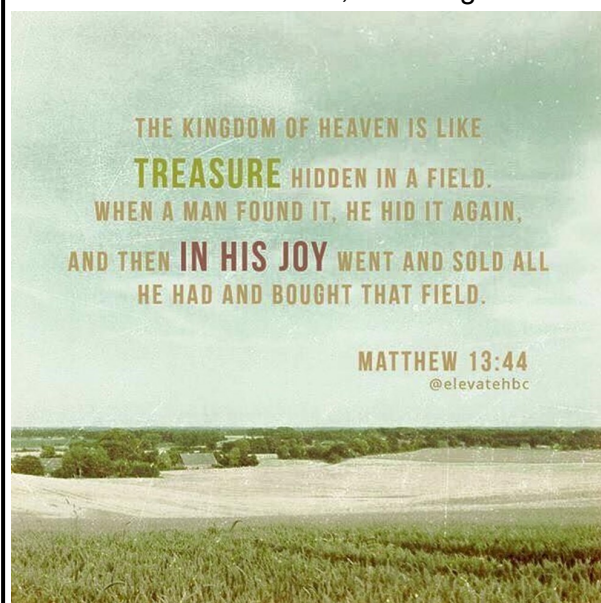
Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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Sacrament of Confirmation

Monday 31st July 6pm Family Session 2 (church)

Sunday 6th August 9am Sunday - Mass: Presentation Creed

Monday 7th August 6pm Family Session 3 + rehearsal (church)

Sunday 13th August 9am Sunday Mass – Confirmation Day followed by Morning Tea (parents to bring a plate to share)



From our WYD Youth— Ola from Portugal!

A reflection from two of our youth - Emmanuel Van Hulten + Jonathon Severino... The first week of our Italy/Portugal pilgrimage has been an eventful and tiring experience. From visiting Lake Como to exploring all of Fatima, religiously significant activities like these have kept myself and my fellow pilgrims busy all week. Of this first week, my significant highlight was celebrating mass in the Duomo of Milan. Having Mass in the Duomo was a surreal experience, as I was able to view the detailed architecture of the Duomo such as the stained glass, as well as partake in Mass. The Mass was only held between our pilgrimage group, so we celebrated in a language we understand: English. We celebrated in a small chapel area within the Duomo behind the main altar, where we were still visually and audibly noticed by church goers and tourists. This experience has strengthened my faith and improves my relationship with Jesus.



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: Editha Joven Carnacete; Peter Rabaa; Ewen Jones; Nonie Scaini; Miriam Martin; Anne Biggs. And these anniversaries: Regina John; Tomas B Canlas; Derek Heiser; Giacomo (Jim) Regano; Pablo Sanchez Sierra; Kathleen Ryan; Luke Farrelly; Sr M Dorothea RSM.

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



JULY

30 Sunday 9am mass 110 years St James parish; cuppa under the mango tree to celebrate.

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

AUGUST

Tuesdays Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration after 8am mass: (8.30am till Wednesday 8am)

2 Wednesday 6.30pm Social Justice meeting

4 Friday @ 9am Anointing Healing mass

5 / 6 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; Transfiguration of the Lord; (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); Baptisms.

7 Monday Family Session Three + Rehearsal 6pm in the church for Sacrament of Confirmation

Tuesdays Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration after 8am mass:

Parish news

WYD Lisbon
1 to 6 August 2023
Away till 12th August



QUEENSLAND CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

QCMF CHANGES
TO BE AWARE OF

Music Festival

• Friday mass 18th August will return to 8am morning mass for this date only.

• Saturday 19th August will not have Reconciliation for this date only.

- Road closure and alternate routes over that weekend to be considered.
- Day and Festival Passes available for purchase at the door or on the QCMF website www.qcmf.com.au/ further information.



QCMF INVITATION

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 8am, 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



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

The QCMF Organising Committee - St James Venue

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
3 - 9 September 2023



Understanding, Praying and Living the Scriptures by Evangelisation Brisbane

(requesting a hub at St James Priory).

Adult Faith Formation for 10 weeks, starts

Monday 21 August; 7-9pm on Monday evenings.

Deacon Peter Pelicaan presenting.

These core modules are designed to draw Catholics into the fullness of the Catholic life and provide formation for those considering ministry roles. The experience will engage both the head and the heart so participants grow in knowledge and the lived experience of Catholic faith. This module engages participants in the scriptures, exploring their inspiration, canonisation, unity, and how to interpret scripture within the Catholic tradition. Beyond the mechanics, this module provides an experience of listening to the voice of God in scripture, ensuring that scripture moves beyond words on a page to words that change lives.

Email David with your interest...

adultfaithformation.stjames@gmail.com



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.



Tuesday 8th August—8am mass we celebrate the feast day of Australia's first canonised saint, Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

Tuesday 15th August—8am mass + 7pm mass we celebrate Feast of the Assumption.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN: 19 - 20 AUGUST 2023



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, do not engage with the sender.

Planned Giving for the Week of 23 July 2023

Collection <u>Account numbers</u>	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Total
1 st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: <u>100019791</u>	\$616.80	\$195	\$357	\$185	\$1,353.80
2 nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: <u>100018086</u>	\$488.25	\$175	\$357	\$185	\$1,205.25

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Ministry Teams—get involved...

We offer many opportunities to multi-cultural community... Send	get involved and participate in our vibrant your enquiries to the email below...
Children & Families (Brent)	Families.stjames@gmail.com
Worship (Amor)	Worshipandliturgy.stjames@gmail.com
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Social Justice (Dan)	Socialjusticeoutreach.stjames@gmail.com

Counters

July 29 / 30 Karleen & Sandra

August 5 / 6 Lenore & Brendon

Next week	Transfiguration of the Lord August 6th	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (1st weekend)		Friends Filo Group	n/a	Dan F
COMMENTATOR		David P	John D	Darren McC
LECTOR		Karleen O'R	Trish R	Sean H
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		Rosemarie Y Helen D Lorie R	Jan L Romy U Barbara DeP away	Dennis C Pat P Priya
ALTAR SERVER/S		Edward Z	Brendon or Jane	Lea (away) / Alejandra / Leo
POWERPOINT		Cecilia D	Gilbert or helper	June S
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 times.



Next Sunday's Readings

Transfiguration of the Lord (Year A/1)

First Reading *Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14* His raiment was as white as snow.

Second Reading *2 Peter 1: 16-19* We heard this voice from out of heaven.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 17: 1-9* His face was shining like the sun.

