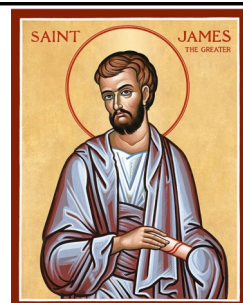


# TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD YR A 2023 6 AUGUST

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



August 6, 2023 • Transfiguration of the Lord • Matthew 17:1-9

## Still Humble

*Jesus did some extraordinary things in the Gospel that pointed to his divinity like feeding huge crowds, healing the sick and casting out demons. The reading today gives us a different glimpse of his identity as the Son of God when he was transfigured on the mountain in front of Peter, James, and John.*

**BRINGING  
HOME  
THE  
GOSPEL**

Some people feel they can relate to the human Jesus best, while others relate to the divine Jesus best. Neither is better than the other, because our Christian tradition has come to teach that Jesus was both fully human and fully God. We'll never understand this with our rational minds because it's one of the mysteries of our faith—Jesus is both/and, human and God.



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“Jesus led them up a high mountain by themselves. He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun.”

### Sheepish Question:

Recently, where have I seen the mystery of God?  
How have I experienced the presence of his Son?

Plenty of Gospel stories show his human side: his delight in eating and drinking with friends new and old, his fatigue at the end of a long day of helping others, his impatience with others at times, his grief when his friend Lazarus died, etc. Knowing Jesus felt what we feel is helpful to many.

Then there is the story of the Transfiguration that points to Jesus' divinity and his relationship to God as God's son. Yet Jesus is still humble when seen in that light. He doesn't lord it over the apostles or try to coerce them into obedience. He doesn't brag that he is on speaking terms with Moses and Elijah, two of the giants of their history. His concerns for them are only that they not be afraid after hearing the voice from the cloud, and that they not brag about their vision until after his resurrection. The story says a lot about the God we honour. Our God is all-powerful, yet chooses to be humble.

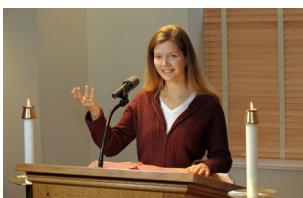
### FAMILY RESPONSE

Discuss whether you think of Jesus as more human or more divine (there's no wrong answer). Which is easier for you to relate to and why?

### PERSONAL RESPONSE

Spend some time this week imagining God saying to you what God proclaimed to Jesus, “You are my beloved child. With you I am well pleased.”

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Today Sunday 6th August at 10am (cuppa provided)  
**Lectors in-service training**  
in St James Parish Hall...  
Worship Ministry extends an invitation to all our  
current Weekend Mass Readers. Worship Ministry  
also extends this invitation to those who may join  
our Parish Mass readers.



**LITURGY  
BRISBANE**

## This 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.

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat.  
His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool.  
His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire.  
A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence.  
A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.  
A court was held and the books were opened.  
I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man.  
He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence.  
On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship,  
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.  
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

**Psalm 96(97):1-2,5-6,9** The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right.

The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory.

For you indeed are the Lord  
most high above all the earth,  
exalted far above all spirits.

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

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.



So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him.

Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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## From our WYD Youth— Ola from Portugal!

August 2, the second day of World Youth Day...

Summarising my experience so far into one word— it's been nothing short of simply "surreal." The friendships I have formed, the memories I have made, but most importantly, the spiritual nourishment I have received has been beyond any expectations I had.

My purpose in joining this pilgrimage was to "re-centre" my life around my relationship with God. Have I done that? Well, it only took two days of being here and witnessing his presence to say that I achieved this. However, I know that my real challenge isn't revolving my life around God at a global Catholic event, surrounded by millions of like minded Christians. No, the real challenge will be: can I maintain this love for God when I am in the comfort of my own bed, working in a secular environment and attending a church with, sadly, little to no youth. Realistically, I know that I will fail and falter. However, if there was one lesson I would take away from world youth day its that, "God's love translates languages, transcends race and transforms hearts." Witnessing this in World Youth Day— witnessing the love complete strangers from across globe have for each other, has taught me that the church is very much alive.

As I approach my last few days of World Youth Day, I feel saddened by the thought of it ending. However, I am excited by the fire this event has ignited in the youth of our church, including mine. Change can and will be driven by the youth. May God be praised.

Aaron Paul Guevarra



## Sacrament of Confirmation

**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 fol-  
lowed by Morning Tea  
(parents to  
bring a plate to share)



## The Social Justice Statement from the Australian Bishops 2023-2024—(doors)

Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, will be launched on **Wednesday, 23rd August**.

Through thorough consultation with many First Nations communities, the statement's focus is justice for First Nations People in Australia. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, with NATSICC, invite all Catholics to join them on a journey to restore justice with the oldest living culture on our planet. *Bishop Tim Norton will attend.*

*Br Damien Price will speak in response to the Statement.*

**Date: 7pm Wednesday 23 August 2023 (gold coin donation to St V de P)**

**Venue: St James' Parish Hall, 92 Kirkland Avenue, Coorparoo**

**RSVP: [app.tickets.org.au/eb/sjstatement\\_2023](http://app.tickets.org.au/eb/sjstatement_2023)**



*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:

Margot Goldberg; Edgar Canlas; Editha Joven Carnacete; Peter Rabaa; Ewen Jones; Nonie Scaini; Miriam Martin; Anne Biggs.

**And these anniversaries:** Jack Hildreth; Marie O'Reilly; Regina John; Tomas B Canlas; Derek Heiser; Giacomo (Jim) Regano; Pablo Sanchez Sierra; Kathleen Ryan.

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

### Please pray for these Baptismal children:

Coen Peters; Jaxon Johns; Mateo Aungon.



## AUGUST

**6 Sunday 10am in St James Parish Hall** Lectors in-service training (led Worship Ministry + Liturgy Bne ) cuppa provided  
**7 Monday** Family Session Three + Rehearsal 6pm in the church for Sacrament of Confirmation  
**8 Tuesdays** Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration after 8am mass: (8.30am till Wednesday 8am)  
**8 Tuesday** St Mary of the Cross Mackillop 8am mass  
**8 Tuesday** Parish Pastoral Council meeting  
**10 Thursday** St V de P meeting 6.30pm  
**12 Saturday** Catholic Mission Ambassador Open Day 10am-12pm St James Parish Hall  
**12 / 13 Saturday** 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time; (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); No Baptisms.  
**13 Sunday** Sacrament of Confirmation occurs during 9am mass  
**15 NO** Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration after 8am mass: (8.30am till Wednesday 8am)  
**16 Wednesday** Ekka public holiday  
**17<sup>th</sup> Thursday - 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday** - Queensland Catholic Schools & Colleges Music Festival (church and hall)

## 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/](http://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 the school grounds, behind the church, will be CLOSED.**

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.

\* **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.au/](http://www.qcmfvolunteering.com.au/) /contact Chris Larter 0437 377 072

The QCMF Organising Committee - St James Venue



**Sunday Mass 9am—6th and 13th August, we will not have Children Liturgy Of the Word (CLOW) happening,** as there will be (on the 6th) the Presentation of the Creed for our Sacramental Children right after the homily; and (on the 13th) the Confirmation of our Sacramental children. CLOW will return on the 20th and 27th August.



## Parish news

### 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.

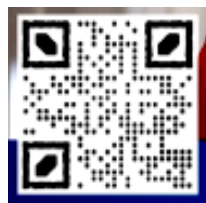
Email David with your interest...

[adultfaithformation.stjames@gmail.com](mailto:adultfaithformation.stjames@gmail.com)



**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



## Planned Giving for the Week of 30 July, 2023

Collection Account numbers	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Credit card	Total
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian Priory</b> BSB: 064 786 Account #: <b>100019791</b>	<b>\$907</b>	<b>\$305</b>	<b>\$235</b>	<b>\$185</b>	<b>\$165</b>	<b>\$1,797</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection St James Parish</b> BSB: 064 786 Account #: <b>100005891</b>	<b>\$559.60</b>	<b>\$265</b>	<b>\$320</b>	<b>\$185</b>	<b>\$345</b>	<b>\$1,674.60</b>

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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)	<a href="mailto:Families.stjames@gmail.com">Families.stjames@gmail.com</a>
Worship (Amor)	<a href="mailto:Worshipandliturgy.stjames@gmail.com">Worshipandliturgy.stjames@gmail.com</a>
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## Counters

August 5 / 6 Lenore & Brendon

August 12 / 13 Paul & Cecilia

Next week	19th Sunday Ordinary Time August 13th	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (2nd weekend)		Carina Family Choir	n/a	YAM
COMMENTATOR		Sylvia P	Jana V	Christine U-M
LECTOR		David P	John D	Darren McC
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		Priya H Lorie R Geoff P	Heather L Christy U Don T	Judy K Denis Mcl Carmel T
ALTAR SERVER/S		Edward Z	Brendon or Jane	Lea / Alejandra / Leo
POWERPOINT		Paul 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](mailto:brisbane.adoration@gmail.com)

**HEALING + ANOINTING MASS:** Friday 7th September @ 9am.

**FIRST FRIDAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL:** Friday 7th September @ 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.

**Just a reminder to those parishioners working in Ministry involving children and / or vulnerable adults to please update/complete your volunteer registration.**



## Next Sunday's Readings

**19th Sunday Ordinary Time (Year A/1)**

**First Reading** 1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13 Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

**Second Reading** Romans 9: 1-5 I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 14: 22-33 Command me to come to you over the water.

[www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings](http://www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings)

