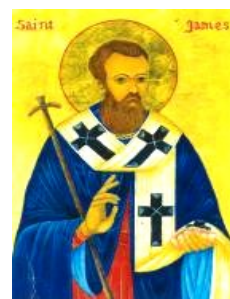
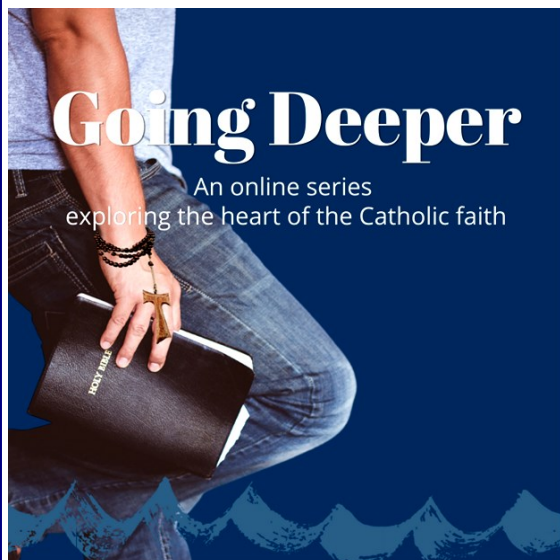


# ASSUMPTION OF B.V. MARY YR B 2021 15 AUGUST

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



**Going Deeper** is a ten-session online series of video discussions about the heart of the Catholic faith.



It explores different aspects of what it means to live a Catholic life. Together we will dive beneath the teachings and practices and instead ponder, 'what is this all for?' Here we enter into the wonder and mystery of God's relationship with each of us individually and collectively.

No matter your faith background or experience, Going Deeper is for you. Visit this link to know more about this program:



[www.goingdeeper.org.au](http://www.goingdeeper.org.au). If you want to do this by yourself or with your family, the cost is \$50 for individuals / \$200 for groups. Or for **free access** to these sessions, join the parish group beginning **25 August 2021** - Wednesdays after the morning mass, **8:45am—9:45am** at St James Priory. Just rock up in person.

For those willing to do this via Zoom, we also offer Tuesday evenings, **7:30pm—9:00pm**, beginning

**7 September 2021**. Since this is organised by the parish, this is also free. To register, scan the QR code here. This is highly recommended to those who consider themselves cradle Catholics and those who've gone through the RCIA program in the Parish. Everyone is invited to join!

For parliamentarians debating euthanasia and assisted dying legislation: that they will uphold the inherent dignity and value of every human life. Lord, hear our prayer.

Nine out of ten Queenslanders say funding for palliative care should be increased so that it is widely available to everyone, including those in regional areas

No Queenslanders should be forced to choose between pain and death. Have your say!

[anotheroption.com.au](http://anotheroption.com.au)

### Annual Catholic Campaign

On the weekend of 21 and 22 August, our parish is committed to supporting those most in need in our community. By supporting the Annual Catholic Campaign, our combined gifts can be a blessing to so many. If you are able, and would like to make a donation, do so online at: <https://bit.ly/31s6D5k>

**CENTACARE**

With your donation to the Annual Catholic Campaign you help continue the vital work Centacare does in our local communities. With your support, they provide ministries such as:

- Homelessness and housing support
- Hospital chaplaincy
- Domestic and family violence support
- Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care
- Muri ministry

**2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN**  
Our Charity - Our Mission - Our Community

**22nd August 2021** [catholiccampaign.com.au](http://catholiccampaign.com.au)

### Friends of St Augustine

Brisbane East Deanery. See inside for details.

\* **August 27 (Friday)** — St. Monica's Feast day

\* **August 28 (Saturday)** — St. Augustine's Feast Day

\* **August 29 (Sunday)** — Friends of St. Augustine Gathering after 9AM Mass.



**Hope** has two beautiful daughters; their names are **Anger** and **Courage**. Anger at the way things are, and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are.

—Saint Augustine

\* **August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (Wednesday)** — Brisbane launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement is being held at St. James Hall on behalf of the

For Social Justice Statement 2021-2022 Launch invitation - theme Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, affirms that "we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour". It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching, and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations. In the statement, the Bishops invite the whole Catholic community to join them in taking up Pope Francis' invitation to a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability, guided by seven Laudato Si' goals.

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

## Mary Visits Elizabeth

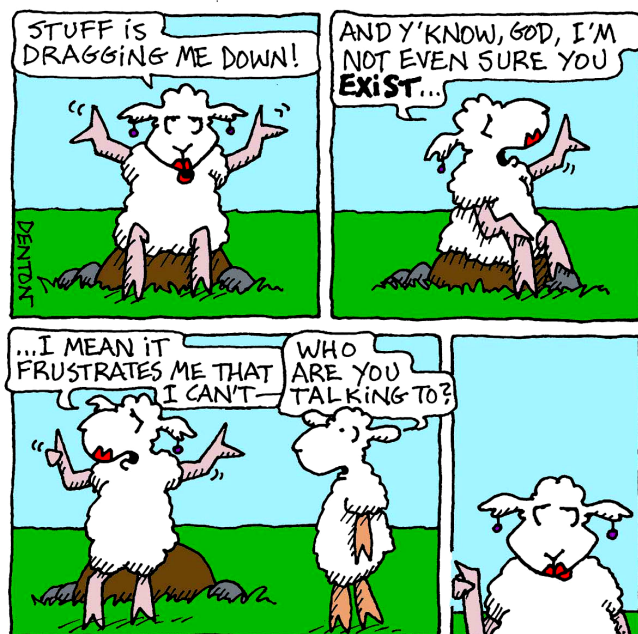
*Mary is pregnant when she sets off to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who is also pregnant. Mary has just said "yes" to becoming the mother of Jesus. Elizabeth welcomes Mary, and experiences a special blessing for herself and her child. She praises Mary for her faith and rejoices with her over her miracle.*

**BRINGING  
HOME THE  
GOSPEL**

Sometimes people think that Mary went to visit her relative Elizabeth to help her out during her pregnancy. Elizabeth had never had children, and everyone, including her, thought she was too old to get pregnant. But the angel Gabriel told Mary about the miracle and reminded her that "nothing is impossible with God." So after Mary found out that she was pregnant with Jesus, she set off in hurry to see Elizabeth, who was already six months pregnant with John the Baptist. Maybe Mary went to help her, but I think it's more likely that she went to visit her older relative because she was excited, probably a little bit scared, and needed advice after she said 'yes' to bearing God's son. After all, she was just a teenager and not even married yet. She wanted someone to talk to who knew what it was like to be pregnant and could share the experience with her. How could she keep all that to herself?

As soon as they met, the babies in their wombs recognized each other, and both mothers were filled with joy and excitement about the amazing thing God was doing in them and through them. Elizabeth recognized how blessed Mary was and spoke the lines that later became a part of the Hail Mary: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

Pray a decade of the rosary while remembering when you were expecting your children. Let yourself feel the amazement of what a mother's body can do in cooperation with God, and



"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

### Sheepish Question:

How can I better follow Mary's example in speaking—and listening—to God?

let yourself feel wonder at who your children are now and who they are becoming.

### FAMILY RESPONSE

Tell stories this week about what happened while you were awaiting your children's arrivals and thoughts you had at the time. Who was the first person you told when you found out each child was on its way?

### PERSONAL RESPONSE

Spend some time this week cherishing, celebrating, and thanking God for the gift of your children.

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## Justice Challenge

### We celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mary is considered the first disciple of Jesus. Her life tells us who she was: a mother, wife, daughter, niece, friend, neighbor and disciple. Her presence in Jesus' life has to have been formative. The scriptures reveal that Mary lived a life of generosity, compassion, forgiveness, hope and kindness. She was the very first servant leader in the church. She gave up her own status in the community for the sake of Jesus — bearing him, raising him, teaching him, and learning from him. She teaches us how to serve and how to lead.

Your challenge this week is to read Luke 1: 39-56. How is God asking you to lead is a spirit of service? What is your response?





## Prayers

**Please pray for recently deceased:**

Michael Hayes; Bruce Smith; Luke Farrelly; Mary Rowley; Celestino Lorenzo.

**And these anniversaries:** Joan Shapland; Marie O'Reilly; Phillip & Noel Hunt; Berna Andersen; Kathleen Ryan; Regina & Lourdes John; Derek Heiser.

**Please pray for these unwell:** Susan Carnay; Kevin Ryan; Jennie Hapea; Rita Lynch; Kay Bishop; Paul Andersen; Nancy Spriggins; Nenita Irasusta; Ty De Paoli; Kevin Sheehan; Bill Trewern; Des Crawford; Susan Blunt; Frank Cassidy; Marilou Balatinsayo.



## Parish news

**ALPHA—stay tuned!**—Contact Doreen dashi-

ki.c@gmail.com or <https://www.alpha.org/try-alpha/> & type Cooparoo.



**August 15th, 10:30am—1:30pm Catholic Men's Gathering**, here at St James Priory, for food, presentations and discussion. To register, click on this link: <https://bit.ly/3xmMDP2> or scan the QR Code. Men of God, Men of Service, Men of Character.



## Sacrament of First Holy Communion Program



**Saturday 6pm 14th August or Sunday 9am 15th August** Renewal of Baptismal Vows during Mass.  
**Wednesday 7pm August 18th** Family session 2—church.



**Social Justice Statement 2021-2022 Launch for Archdiocese of Brisbane invitation** - To register to this event, click [here](#), or visit: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/sjstatement>. 25 August 2021 at 7pm St James' Parish Hall, 92 Kirkland Avenue, Cooparoo.



## Prayer for Health Care Workers

Loving God, we pray in gratitude, for all Health Care Workers and for their families and friends. We give thanks for their service and we pray for their safety.



We ask your blessing on each of them. Amen



**Season of Creation** <https://seasonofcreation.org/>  
St Stephen's Cathedral, Wednesday 1st September - 7pm



**Trish on holidays** Mon 23 August—Friday 27 August.



**New roster for weekend mass ministry available now.**



## AUGUST (Masses in Church hopefully)

**14/ 15 Saturday 4.30–5.30pm** Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); **Year B/1 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am) No Baptisms.**  
**14 Saturday 6pm** Renewal of Baptismal Vows during Sunday 9am Mass First Holy Communion  
**15 Sunday 9am** Renewal of Baptismal Vows during Sunday 9am Mass First Holy Communion  
**15 Catholic Men's gathering 10.30am – 1.30pm** food, presentations, discussion.  
**18 First Holy Communion 7pm** Family session 2 in the church  
**20 Friday 9am** mass  
**20 Friday evening 6.30pm** St James Priory Bne East Deanery

**Date nights! Marriage Course:** 7 Sessions beginning **29 October — 3 December, 2021 Fridays from 7pm—9pm.** If you're willing to invest 7 evenings on your lifelong relationship, please send your intention to join by emailing [pp.stjames@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pp.stjames@bne.catholic.net.au). Seats limited to 12 couples!



**Mass live-streamed from St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane**

[www.archbne.org/bzw](http://www.archbne.org/bzw)

**Weekdays 8am; Sunday 8am and 10am**



**Mass For You at Home**

6.00am - 6.30am  
Channel 10



The Plenary Council Agenda has now been released. It is accessible here <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Plenary-Council-Agenda.pdf> opens on October 3 this year.



**"Amici July 2021" + Friends of St Augustine** Membership form 2021 available—contact parish.



**Romero's Pantry Run Appeal** - Shopping vouchers desperately needed. Lockdowns signal a real crisis for the individuals and families we support. <https://romero.mercycommunity.org.au/donations/>



**POSTPONED Saturday 28 August** another **March for Life Bne.**

We will be protesting against the Queensland Government's assisted suicide and euthanasia Bill.

## Planned Giving for the Week of 8 August, 2021

| Collection Account numbers have now changed from 1st March  | Loose money [not pledged] | Envelopes [pledged] | Direct Debit | Credit card | Total |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------|-------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian Priory</b><br>BSB: 064 786<br>Account #: <a href="#">100019791</a> | none                      | none                | \$667        | Week 4      | \$667 |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection St James Parish</b><br>BSB: 064 786<br>Account #: <a href="#">100005891</a>    | none                      | none                | \$497        | only        | \$497 |

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## Administration

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| Parish Priest              | Fr Francis Belciña OSA        | 3397 1671 |
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| Parish Secretary           | Trish Rashad                  | 3397 1671 |
| Parish Council Chairperson | Ray Mitchell                  | 3892 1682 |
| Finance Committee          | Mark Garden                   | 3397 1671 |
| Pastoral Care              | Parish Office                 | 3397 1671 |
| Safeguarding Officer       | Kate Pearson                  | 3397 1671 |

**This Sunday's Readings** **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—First Reading** *1 Chronicles* 15: 3-4, 15-16; 16: 1-2 They brought in the ark of God and set it inside the tent which David had pitched for it. **Second Reading** *1 Corinthians* 15: 54-57 He gives us victory through Jesus Christ. **Gospel Reading** *Luke* 11: 27-28 Blessed is the womb that bore you.

**Weekly Mass times** **WEEKEND:** Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.  
Sunday 7am, 9am, no longer 6pm.

**WEEKDAY:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am **WEEKDAY:** Friday 9am.

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 4.30—5.30pm... by [Eventbrite link](#) or call parish office.

**HEALING + ANOINTING MASS:** Friday 3rd September @ 9am.

**ALL NIGHT VIGIL:** Postponed Friday 3rd September.

**NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY (at this stage).**

## Counters

**August 14 / 15** Lorie & Leah

**August 21 / 22** Greg & Kate

| <b>Next week</b> 21st Ord Time<br>Aug 22   | <b>VIGIL</b><br><b>SATURDAY 6PM</b> | <b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>7AM</b> | <b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>9AM</b> |
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| CHOIR (4th weekend)                        | Morna K                             | n/a                         | Jan Q                       |
| COMMENTATOR                                | Bill S                              | Merina M                    | Sean H                      |
| LECTOR                                     | Ron S                               | Don T                       | Morag S                     |
| EXTRAORDINARY<br>MINISTERS OF<br>COMMUNION | Rosemarie Y<br>Karleen O'R          | Jan L                       | John W<br>Christine U-M     |
| ALTAR SERVER/S                             | Rodel / Ramil                       | Gene T-F                    | Leah S / Lalan C            |
| POWERPOINT                                 | Sydel I                             | Gilbert / John D            | Di / June S                 |
| MARSHAL                                    | Lorie / Karen / Edward              | Brendon G / Trish R         | Else C                      |

**Next Sunday's Readings** **21st Sunday Ordinary Time**  
**First Reading** *Joshua* 24: 1-2, 15-18 We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.  
**Second Reading** *Ephesians* 5: 21-32 This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.  
**Gospel Reading** *John* 6: 60-69 Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

