#### 20TH SUNDAY ORD TIME YR B 2018 18/19 AUGUST The Parish of St James Coorparoo. A Vibrant, Prayerful, Inclusive and Augustinian Parish: Archdiocese of Brisbane.

# From the Outside of the Window

This week's gospel reading continues the exploration of John Chapter 6. Last week in the Gospel story we heard Jesus declared that the Bread he gives is his Flesh. This Sunday, Jesus claims that to eat this Bread is to have eternal life. All the readings and the psalm today help us to reflect in this beautiful mystery.

In Old Testament times, most people believed that Heaven and Hell existed within this present life rather than in the future. According to Proverbs, Heaven exists in the quest for Divine wisdom, that is, the quest to discover God's presence in everything and everyone. Those who discover how God operates in this world, will live fulfilled and happy lives.

And today the first reading taken from chapter nine of Proverbs, in this, Wisdom is depicted as a gracious hostess inviting the people to a sumptuous feast that she has prepared. "Wisdom" becomes the symbolic image of the search for God's will. The meat and wine that she offers is insight and understanding. 'Eating' this 'feast' is the way to life. The Responsorial Psalm from Psalm 34 speaks about our thanks to God for His providential care. This psalm invites all to "taste and see the goodness of the Lord." Then, the second reading is the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians community where Paul advises them to show their gratitude to God for giving them a share in Christ's life. Paul also encourages the community in Ephesus "to always discern the will of the Lord."

It is clear that first two readings and the psalm, form a beautiful background for the Gospel Passage. These readings do not only explain but also point us to the banquet in which Jesus prepares before us in today's Gospel. Jesus offers us himself, his flesh for the life of the world. Jesus claims that eating the Living Bread, Himself, allows us to participate in his life and to grow here and now in our eternal life with God.

All the readings today is an invitation for all of us to come to God's table and share in God's life in the Eucharist. When we partake of the Flesh and Blood of Christ, we are filled with true wisdom. Here, wisdom means knowing the will of God in our lives, knowing the real values in life and knowing how to live life as God means us to live. If we turn down his invitation, we would be more than fools, because we would be rejecting life itself.

Please pray for one another, Dn Dang OSA

TODAY'S READINGS: First Reading Proverbs 9: 1-6 Come and eat my bread: drink the wine I have prepared. Second Reading Ephesians 5: 15-20 Be watchful

that you may know the will of God. Gospel Reading John 6: 51-58 My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Please pray for recently deceased: Aretha Franklin; Valerie Weightman; Trish Lucas; Patrick Finnimore; Jan Dooley.

And these anniversaries: Robert Romano; Marie O'Reilly; Kevin Doring; Maureen Walsh; Regina John.

Please pray for these unwell: Bernie O'Hara; John Mulcahy; Vickie Davies; John & Angela Carolan.

Please give prayers and welcome to these Baptismal Children: Sebastian Gibb.

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

SIGNIFICANT DATES — **Social Justice** AUGUST:

Saturday 18: Vietnam Veterans Day.

Tuesday 21: 1939: election of Enid Lyons (House of Reps) and Dorothy Tangney (Senate) as first women members of the Australian Parliament.

Thursday 23: International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition.

1996: death of Margaret Tucker, Indigenous activist/writer.

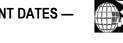
National Homeless Persons Week ... is intended to raise awareness of people experiencing homelessness and the issues that they face. It is coordinated by Homelessness Australia. It originated in the winter vigils run by various churches and missions to remember the homeless who had died out on the streets. They were normally held in August the coldest time of the year and consequently the month in which homeless people were more likely to succumb to the elements. In 2007, it became a national awareness week.

Planned Giving for the Week ending 12 August (Week 2)									
Collection	Loose money	Envelopes	Direct	Credit					
	[not pledged]	[pledged]	Debit	card	Total				
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian	\$724	\$422	\$115	Week 4	\$1261				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Parish	\$425	\$375.05	\$115	only	\$915.05				
Parish news       Parishioners are reminded that St James Church and Hall will be used as venues during the Queensland Catholic Schools and Colleges Music Festival (Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th August).       Image: Colleges Music Festival (Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th 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.       Image: CAR PARKING Car parking restrictions will apply at the following Mass times:         Friday 8am, Saturday 8am, Sunday 7am & 9am:       Image: College Colleg									

Fr Joseph Lam's book "Late Have I Loved You" is available in the church. For \$17, all proceeds are going to the establishment of a new Augustinian Community in Vietnam 2019. Please support this important initiative to share the joy of the Gospel in a country which needs to hear God's invitation to an authentic Christian life. Payment can be given to the Augustinians (Sacristy) or parish secretary (letterbox near steps of Priory).

> Date claimer- Ordination of Dn Dang OSA on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 10am, by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.





#### DATE CLAIMER...Wednesday 12\* September is the date Peter Arndt, Executive Officer, Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, has chosen for the discussion on the Bishops Social Justice Statement in St James Hall: 7pm for 7.30pm start. Main speaker is Fr. Frank Brennan SJ.



St James Parish Children who are 8 years & in Year 3 or older, (and who have been baptised), are invited to prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Information session will be held on Tuesday 21st August (phone 3397 1671 / email osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au).

Confirmation Ceremony will be held on Thursday September 13th (7pm St James Church).

## **ST AUGUSTINE'S BRUNCH**

## Sunday 26th August, 2018 after 9am mass: everyone welcome!

Attendance sheet for signing your name available at both church entrances.



AMA As you are aware many parts of Australia are in severe drought. Here at St James we would like to help support our drought affected farmers and rural

communities. This drought is real, and it is having a major impact that is being felt far beyond the farm gates. Across Australia there are thousands of farmers who need our help. You can help by donating to buy a bale of hay, or buy a litre of diesel or a gift card for groceries or life essentials.

These campaigns are providing meaningful support for farmers by delivering hay and other essential items to farmers who have no feed left for their livestock. https://www.buyabale.com.au/ https://www.droughtangels.org.au/

Brisbane East Deanery (BED) Safeguarding Training Sessions for all parishioners: **Deanery news** Date: Wednesday October 31, 2018 Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm Location: Our Lady

of Graces Parish, Dominic Centre, 100 Mayfield Road, Carina, 4152 p: 07 3398 2977 e: carina@bne.catholic.net.au OR

Date: Wednesday November 14, 2018 Time: 10am - 12 noon Location: Regina Caeli Parish Hall, 81 Waverley Rd, Camp Hill, 4152

p: 07 3398 3697 e: reginacaeli@bne.catholic.net.au

## Archdiocese news

#### Help provide a dignified retirement for our priests.

Like parents, once you're a priest you're always a priest - and the parish is their family.

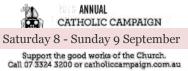
They travel with families for generations and are grateful for being present in your lives.

Your gift to the Catholic Campaign supports retired priests in their most vulnerable years, with safe and secure accommodation, healthcare and basic living assistance.



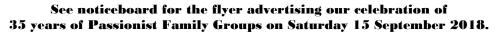
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The Priests Foundation is one of the four vital agencies supported by the Catholic Campaign



Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary together with their family and friends are invited to Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at the Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane on Saturday 6th October 2018 @ 10.00am. Light refreshments in the Hanly Room will follow the Mass.

For catering purposes, please RSVP by Friday 28th September. E: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au T: 3324 3030



#### **Catholic Prison Chaplaincy**

Volunteer lay Catholic chaplains make a huge difference to the lives and rehabilitation prospects of prisoners. Currently 25 chaplains visit the 11 prisons in the Archdiocese. New male and female chaplains are always welcomed with a particular need right now at Borallon Correctional Centre for male chaplains and for female chaplains at the Southern Queensland Correctional Centre at Gatton and Numinbah Correctional Centre. Training, support and reimbursement of out of pocket expenses provided. Blue Cards and consent for criminal history checks required.

If you would like to know more about faith in action in this ministry please contact Centacare Pastoral Ministries on 3324 3193, or









## The Parish of St James

Administration

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## Primary School

92 Kirkland Ave, Coorparoo, 4151. John Bates - Principal



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Parish Administrator	Fr Joseph Lam OSA	3397 1671
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Retired	Fr. Peter Hayes OSA	3397 1671
Parish Moderator	Fr Jaison Nedumparambil OSA	On leave
Parish Secretary	Trish Rashad	3397 1671
Parish Council Chairperson	Ray Mitchell	3892 1682
Finance Committee	Paul Davey	0437 730 792
Pastoral Care	Parish Office	3397 1671
Safeguarding Officer	Kate Pearson	capearson@optusnet.com.au

### Counters

#### August 18 / 19 Paul & Cecilia

#### August 25 / 26 Sylvia & Lorie

NEXT WEEK August 25 / 26	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM ST AUG BRUNCH	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	H. DEAKIN	M-J VIDLER	A. EGERT	YOUNG
LECTOR	R. STEPHENSON	J. DUNGAN	K. PEARSON	ADULTS GROUP
EUCHARIST	PRIYA C. NEANDER A. STEPHENSON	N. POKARIER H. LEWIS M. NORRIS	J. BUTOYI D. MARTIN M. DOWNES	J. WALSH C. DAVIDSON
HOSPITALITY	C. WHELAN F. DARCH	G. TRIGGS-FULTON B. TRIGGS-FULTON	J. MILLER	B. SCHLECHT
ALTAR SERVERS	ΜΑΧ	DON, GENE, DENEB	*	JOHN, RODEL, RAMIL, ALYSSA, KLARIS
POWERPOINT	ALLAN	GENE, GILBERT	DI, OLIVER, JUNE	SYDEL

Mass Times WEEKEND: Saturday 8 am; Vigil 6 pm;

<u>Sunday</u> 7 am, 9 am, 6 pm.

**RECONCILIATION:** <u>Saturday</u> 4.30-5.30 pm.

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

ADORATION: Thursday 8 am.

PRAYER GROUP: each morning prior to Mass.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 7th September 2018.

**NEXT ANOINTING MASS**: Friday 7th September 2018, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day). **NEXT MASS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY**: Sunday 2nd September 2018 — 9am mass.

YEAR OF YOUTH 2018

"A Christianity which 'does' little in practice, while incessantly 'explaining' its teachings, is dangerously unbalanced." - Pope Francis

Year of Youth December 2017 to January 2019 (WYD in Panama)