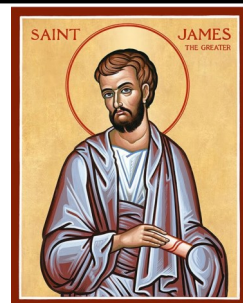


**20TH SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME
YR A 2023
20 AUGUST**

ST JAMES PARISH COORPAROO

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



August 20, 2023 • 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 15:21-28

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

Taking A Stand

A Canaanite woman seeks Jesus out and asks him to cure her daughter. Jesus tells her he has come to serve only the house of David, but she persists in asking for help. Finally, Jesus relents and the daughter is healed.



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"So shall your way be known upon the earth; among all nations, your salvation."

Sheepish Question:

How do I experience God's natural creation praising his name for all to know?

I love the story of the Canaanite woman. She is feisty and determined. She doesn't take no for an answer, even from Jesus, the miracle worker. I wonder if she would have been that demanding if she was asking for herself and not her daughter?

I have spent almost a lifetime watching friends become lionesses in defence of loved ones, and lambs when they are the victims. I have seen them, metaphorically speaking, leap tall buildings in a single bound for a child, and take only baby steps on their own behalf. I remember a friend who still couldn't get angry with her husband even two years after he left her, become livid with rage when her son-in-law left her daughter.

I think there is a simple reason for this discrepancy. We don't hold ourselves in the same esteem we hold those we cherish. We don't see ourselves as worthy of love, honour, respect, and attention as our children. In other words, we don't see ourselves as God sees us. We've certainly been told often enough that we are God's much-loved child. We just don't believe it.

Perhaps if we took the words of the great commandment, "love your neighbour as yourself," and changed them a bit it might sink in. If we were to say, "Love yourself as you love your daughter or son," we might begin to have an inkling of God's love for us. We might even realize that we are as precious to God as our own children are to us.



Sacrament of Confirmation 2023



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This Sunday's Readings

20th Sunday Ordinary Time (Year A/1)

First Reading *Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7* *I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.*

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8 *O God, let all the nations praise you!*

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

Second Reading *Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32* *The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.*

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 15: 21-28* *Woman, you have great faith.*

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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The face of the Church can seem ordinary enough, as can the face of each of us. But if we open the door of faith and allow God's mercy to flow through us into the lives of those in need, people will see in the Church and in each of us the face of Christ himself. May God, who is the giver of all gifts, bless you in every way.



**2023 ANNUAL
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Social Justice Parish Action

Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'* (Praise be to You)—On Care of Our Common Home #7 Community Engagement "Bring the whole human family together... for we know that things can change" (13) Attend the Launch of

Australian Bishops Statement, here at St James.

The Social Justice Statement from the Australian Bishops 2023-2024 Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, will be launched this coming **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



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:

Dawn Knauth; Peter Morrissey; Carmel Nolan; Helen Pulsford; Margot Goldberg; Edgar Canlas; Editha Joven Carnacete; Peter Rabaa.

And these anniversaries: Peter Gagen; Joan Shepland; Kathleen + Daniel Dwyer; Alfredo Aquilizan Sr; Bruce Smith; Jack Hildreth; Marie O'Reilly; J English; JB Flynn.

Please pray for these unwell: Kevin Sheehan; Paul Hogan; Simpson family; David & Kerry See; Lenore Girard; Carmel Vosper; Bill Trewern; Zion Petersen; Marj Norris; Barbara Baker; Rosa Maria Celis; Lucia Monterde; Maylene Nator; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan.



AUGUST

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN: 19 - 20 AUGUST 2023

21 - 30 August Helen on Annual Leave

21 Monday 7-9pm Adult Faith Formation for 10 weeks

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

23 Wednesday Social Justice Statement launch St James parish hall - details to come

24 Thursday St V de P meeting 6.30pm

26 / 27 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; **21st Sunday** Ordinary Time; (**Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am**); **No Baptisms; Fr Pete W 51yrs a priest; Fr John Sullivan 50yrs a priest.**

27 Sunday Feast of St Monica

28 Monday Feast of St Augustine **St Augustine - Pivotal Players Catholicism Series 8.30am in Priory**

28 Monday 7-9pm Adult Faith Formation for 10 weeks



ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN: 19 - 20 AUGUST 2023

Parish news

Understanding, Praying and Living the Scriptures by Evangelisation Brisbane (at St James Priory).

Adult Faith Formation for 10 weeks, starts

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

Deacon Peter Pelicaan presenting.

Email David with your interest...

adultfaithformation.stjames@gmail.com

The Archdiocese of Brisbane invite you to join in the **annual Multicultural Mass** which will be celebrated in the Cathedral of Saint Stephen on **Sunday 24 September 2023 at 2:30pm** and will be followed by refreshments and cultural performances in the cathedral precinct.

We celebrate **Fr John Sullivan's 50th priesthood anniversary during 9am Mass—Sunday 27th August.**



Cuppa under the mango tree!

9am Mass goes, please bring a plate to share and help out with our hospitality.

Back Page for our **Ministry Teams.**

QUEENSLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

QCMF INVITATION

Thursday 17th—Sunday 20th August.

Music Festival

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 Church, Hall and Villanova College to hear great music and choral singing.

QCMF Organising Committee - St James Venue

CATHOLICISM SERIES PIVOTAL PLAYERS:

St Augustine will be held on **Monday 28th August** (Feast of St Augustine) Presented by Bishop Robert Barron (on video) at St James Priory, 8:30am-10:30am.

Invitation to the **Ordination to Priesthood of Ignatius Hoang Huy Nguyen OSA** (Holy Spirit Parish) St Clair on **Saturday 16th September** and Invitation to the **Solemn Profession of Joseph Van Tu Nguyen OSA** (St Kieran's) Manly Vale on **Sunday 24th September** coming shortly.

August 2023 Catholic Leader \$4 at church entrances.

Next Deanery Scripture Study Course ROMANS - THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION will begin **Friday 29th September** and end **24th November** before the Season of Advent (evenings at St James Priory). For more information contact Louise Simento at 0456 700 040.

PERPETUAL ADORATION AT St James Church: contact Vicky brisbane.adoration@gmail.com We encourage participation from anyone who needs a quiet hour or so, a reflective time during the week with our Lord, especially those who are working, those busy with parenting.

How to place names of loved ones in our prayer list for masses and bulletin... We do not keep an annual list of names to be prayed for. Let us know your loved one/s name/s; occasion for prayer: *ill; anniversary; recently deceased*; date / day for mass - and make a donation with these details on your envelope. * **Drop the envelope** in collection plate / in letterbox at Priory doorbell / in Sacristy book. * **or Visit Sacristy** after mass and ask our priest to place details in Prayer book.

Planned Giving for the Week of 13 August 2023

Collection <u>Account numbers</u>	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$1,305.85	\$225	\$520	\$195	\$2,245.85
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100018086	\$960.15	\$200	\$580	\$195	\$1,935.15

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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...
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Adult Faith Formation (Lauchy)	Adultfaithformation.stjames@gmail.com
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Social Justice (Dan)	Socialjusticeoutreach.stjames@gmail.com

Counters

August 19 / 20 Sylvia & John

August 26 / 27 Lorie & Lea

Next week	21st Sunday Ordinary Time August 27th	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (4th weekend)	Libby C	n/a	Jan Q	
COMMENTATOR	David P	Jana V	Kate P	
LECTOR	Ron S	Don T	Sean H	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Sylvia P Lorie R Helen D	Heather L Noel V ...	Sepali Deborah H Amor McC	
ALTAR SERVER/S	Joe R	Brendon or Jane	Lea / 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 1st September @ 9am.

FIRST FRIDAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 1st 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 21st Sunday Ordinary Time (Year A/1)

First Reading *Isaiah 22: 19-23* I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Second Reading *Romans 11: 33-36* From him, through him, and in him are all things.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 16: 13-20* You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

