

**22ND SUNDAY  
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1 / 2 SEPTEMBER**



**The Parish of St James**  
**Coorparoo.**  
**A Vibrant, Prayerful,**  
**Inclusive and Augustinian**  
**Parish:**  
**Archdiocese of Brisbane.**



### **From the Outside of the Window**

“You put aside the commandment of God, to cling to human traditions” – we hear today in the Gospel of Mark. The evangelist summarises herewith the perennial struggle that we also experience daily as baptised Christians living in a secular society.

Because human traditions are constructs of human making, they can also be changed for the better or the worst. In the latter case, traditions may lead to a systemic abuse. In my view, that is currently occurring in some dioceses throughout the Catholic world. Interpreting traditions in corrupt ways have resulted in thousands of cases of sexual abuse inside and outside the walls of the Church. The cover ups by Cardinals and Bishops have helped the clerical abuse to become a system that not only tolerates, but even protects such heinous crimes. How, otherwise, is it possible that the wolves in sheepskin could ascend to such high ecclesiastical ranks? Once in power, they extend their powerful arms over their protégés who for decades have preyed on those in vulnerable states. Perhaps, over the years, the Church has copied and interpreted traditions in such corrupt ways that have permitted and sustained these sorts of abuse of power. Some bishops argued that their cover ups only intended to protect the reputation of the Church. Yet, does the Church of God need such a protection based on crimes? Or, does God not rather demand the proclamation of truth on which God wants to build his Church? It is about time to repent, to re-think and importantly to change ecclesial structures and traditions in line with the commandment of God. If the current state continues, the Church will have no moral authority or say in matters that are important for our society.

During my recent trip to Vietnam, I also witnessed traditions interpreted in an evil way. With the support of many friends, my brother and I spent most of our annual leave in one of the poorest parts of the world. There, I truly have witnessed this gift of unconditional human worth. Yet, local officials have created a jungle of laws that not only restrict us in assisting the needy, but also ban any work of charity. Too often, local officials threatened us with imprisonment and confiscation of all goods. Yet, we are Christians obeying God, who commands us to go to the end of the world to spread His unconditional love and care for those in need.

I have seen many children who are born to leper's parents. To be precise, I have visited about 456 leper's families in the most remote places you could imagine. With no running water, no electricity, no road, and no access to telecommunication, it was very difficult to bring material relief to lepers who rely on external assistance. Together with the courage and generous support of many friends, we were able to assist each family with 10 kilos of rice, a litre of oil, a litre of fish sauce, a carton of 30 packs of instant noodle, a kilo of meat (if available), a kilo of dried fish, a kilo of sugar, a kilo of salt, a pack of soap and laundry liquid, and various medication. During my 3 weeks visit to the lepers, we spent around 27,000 AUD to buy 5,000 kilos of rice, 500 litres of oil, 500 litres of fish sauce, 1,500 packs of instant noodle, 500 kilos of meat, 500 kilos of dried fish, 500 kilos of sugar and 500 kilos of salt etc.. As you can imagine, it was quite a logistical achievement to bring all the goods to the lepers who are spread over the most remote places. Additional to the material assistance, I was able to provide scholarships to orphans whose parents died due to leprosy. These children will receive education and accommodation at the State schools. Our next project is to build a house for 45 orphans in the remote village near Sông Mã which borders with Laos. These children have lost their parents due to leprosy. The diocese of Huong Hoá is willing to purchase the land for the construction of an accommodation for orphans.

I listed all these here, not in order to impress you. The reason why my friends and I - with the help of many generous donors who I would like to thank here - do this work of charity, is our commitment to the “worth” of each human person, to those whose “dignity” is denied all too often by their society or human traditions. Once their dignity is denied, they are also deprived of their rights to live. As a Christian, I just follow the “alternative” way of thinking and doing. God's commandment is to love those who are deprived of human rights (like in the time of Jesus, lepers are outcasts). And I have experienced in person that this love has paid off manifold. Last month, some children of the lepers, who otherwise would have been deprived of a good future, have graduated from their schools and are now attending universities. I am very convinced that they will be good human beings for the betterment of their peoples.

Returning from my annual leave, I have discovered a wonderfully clean St. James. So, my sincere thanks to the brass cleaners. I am also grateful to Jean, Lorie and Sylvia for their generous assistance during the annual leave of Trish. Fr. Saldie, Fr. Brian and Dcn Dang need also to be mentioned here. Mille grazie for your fraternal help during my annual leave.

Let us pray for each other, Fr Joe OSA.

## TODAY'S READINGS:

**First Reading** *Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8* You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord. **Second Reading** *James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27* Be doers of the word.. **Gospel Reading** *Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23* You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.



**Please pray for recently deceased:** Margaret Fitzsimon; Elizabeth "Betty" O'Mara; Carmel McDonagh; Casimo Tassone; Peter Beiers.

**And these anniversaries:** Emily Thomas; Robert Romano; Marie O'Reilly; Kevin Doring; Maureen Walsh.

**Please pray for these unwell:** Kev Ryan; Caine Petersen; Bernie O'Hara; John Mulcahy; Vickie Davies.

**Please give prayers and welcome to these Baptismal Children:** William Roche; Sebastian Gibb.



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

## Social Justice

**SIGNIFICANT DATES — SEPTEMBER:**



**Saturday 1:** World Day of Care for Creation.  
1815: founding of Sisters of Charity by Mary Aikenhead.  
**Sunday 2:** Father's Day.  
Beginning of National Child Protection Week.  
1991: Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Act passed.  
**Wednesday 5:** St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)  
2013: Convention Decent Work for Domestic Workers.

**National Child Protection Week...** kicking off on Fathers' Day, this is a wonderful opportunity for everyone in the community to think about how we can work together to keep all children safe. The National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect reminds us:

- we all have a part to play in protecting all children
- Even small actions can help to improve a child's future
- By building stronger communities, we are creating safer environments for our children.

## Planned Giving for the Week ending 26 August (Week 4)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b> Augustinian	<b>\$609.65</b>	<b>\$481.50</b>	<b>\$170</b>	<b>\$315</b>	<b>\$1576.15</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</b> Parish	<b>\$468.65</b>	<b>\$501.50</b>	<b>\$190.70</b>	<b>\$275</b>	<b>\$1435.85</b>

## Parish news

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

After Dcn Dang's Ordination on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, Fr Dang will hold his first mass at St James parish on 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 9am. At the conclusion of Fr Dang's first mass, there will be a special blessing of the Newly Ordained. In order to celebrate this milestone event, there will be a celebration in the hall afterwards. Fr Joe asks you, parishioners, to bring along a plate of goodies to share with the cuppa. Please indicate on the clipboard what you intend to contribute. Many thanks.

Welcome children and families who have committed to our Sacrament of Confirmation program this week-end. Parishioners, please pray for these children as they move forward in their Catholic faith. First child session will be Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September (6.30-7.30pm) in our church with Carole, Ann & Fr Saldie.

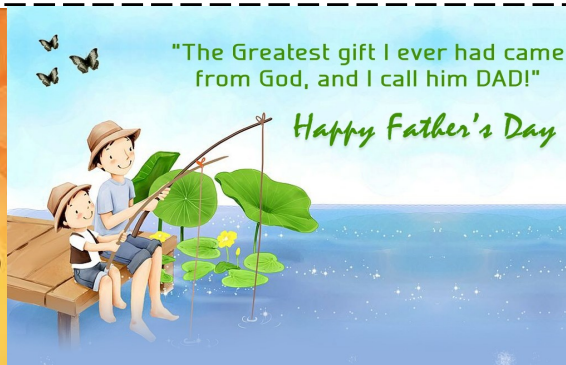
**Confirmation Ceremony will be held on Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup> (7pm St James Church).**



**THANK YOU**  
LISTENING FRIENDSHIPS  
HEART SWEET  
CARING  
ADVICE HOME WARM DREAM STRONG  
LOVE HUMOR  
TRUST WISE  
JOY ZEST  
HUGS FAIR  
CARE TALK  
BEING THERE  
DISCIPLINE  
FOR EVERYTHING

May all you wonderful

Dads enjoy a  
*Happy Father's Day*







## AUGUSTINIAN SEMINARY APPEAL

### THE ANNUAL AUGUSTINIAN APPEAL HELPING THE AUGUSTINIANS - DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS

At this time, the Augustinians are appealing to you to support the Order financially, particularly our students who are training for the Priesthood.



**Augustinian Seminary Trust Fund** - This Appeal is our main focus at this time. Funds are used exclusively for the ongoing provision of our seminarians.

**Envelopes are available on our church seats.**

You can also make a donation online, our bank details are: Account name: Augustinian Seminary Trust Fund BSB:082 146 Account number: 13610 4220 Reference: Your name

Cheques can be made out to Augustinian Seminary Trust Fund and be mailed to: Order of St Augustine; PO Box 7278; Warringah Mall; Brookvale NSW 2100.

To receive a receipt by return mail, please include your full name and postal address.

For more details, please contact Anna Heath by email at [anna.heath@osa.org.au](mailto:anna.heath@osa.org.au) or the Province Office on (02) 9938 0200. **We thank you for your generous support!**



Celebrating St Augustine's Day brunch last weekend...

### Deanery news

#### THE 2018 – 2019 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

This year's Social Justice Statement from Australia's Catholic Bishops considers the issues of homelessness and housing affordability in Australia.

**Guest Speaker: Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO, CEO, Catholic Social Services Australia**

**Wednesday 12 September 2018 7:00 PM cuppa for 7:30 PM start**

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

Light refreshments will be available before the launch. Parking is available in the church and school grounds. RSVP : Monday 10th Sept 2018 – for catering purposes

[osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone 3397 1671 **Gold Coin Entry – Proceeds to St V Paul Society**



**NATIONAL  
CHILD  
PROTECTION  
WEEK 2018**

**2nd  
–  
8th  
Sept**



A Plenary Council is a meeting of all the Bishops of a particular area to consider matters that in their view need to be attended to. Since becoming Pope in 2013, Francis has constantly called for synodality, more participatory processes, and better forms of pastoral dialogue to listen to everyone. The Plenary Council agenda will be developed from the stories you share and the questions you raise. To join a small group for Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue, please contact the parish office. All people are welcome – come along, and bring a friend. Visit [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) for more information.



**Little King's Movement SPRING FAIR**  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 9am – 1.30pm  
(see noticeboard)

### Archdiocese news

\*Esk churches unite for day of prayer and thanksgiving

\* Brisbane Catholics give Timorese children health lift

\* Faith guides PM Morrison

\* Survey suggests religious instruction gaining support from Queensland parents and schools

\$2 at entrances

Catholic Leader



**2018 ANNUAL**

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN**

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

**Our Church, our community. Doing good.**

Next weekend our parish will do a special collection for the **Annual Catholic Campaign**, to support the vital ministries in our Church.

It is the one time a year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and local community.



HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY



CENTACARE



MACKILLIP CATHOLIC SCHOOL ACCESS FUND



PRIESTS FOUNDATION

Please consider a thoughtful gift.  
It will be the answer to someone's prayer.



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**Saturday 8 -  
Sunday 9 September**

**In 2018 the Archdiocese of Brisbane marks Child Safeguarding Sunday on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September, which coincides with the first day of National Child Protection Week and Father's Day.**

**Child Protection Sunday provides an opportunity for Archdiocesan parishes, ministries, agencies and services to highlight the activities they undertake to care for and protect children.**

**Parish Office Coordinator Position Holland Park Mt Gravatt parish.** The Parish Office provides the necessary behind the scenes administration within the Parish Community: **Part Time position available.** (see noticeboard)

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## Administration

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Diaconate Ministry	Dn Dang Nguyen OSA	3397 1671
Retired	Fr. Peter Hayes OSA	3397 1671
Parish Moderator	Fr Jaison Nedumparambil OSA	On leave
Parish Secretary	Trish Rashad	3397 1671
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Finance Committee	Paul Davey	0437 730 792
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## Counters

September 1 / 2 Phill & Danielle

September 8 / 9 Mark & Celeste

NEXT WEEK September 8 / 9	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	K. O'REILLY	M-J VIDLER	R. MITCHELL	C. MANALAC
LECTOR	B. SMITH	G. TRIGGS-FULTON	J. SPENCER	*
EUCARIST	C. NEANDER PRIYA *	N. POKARIER M. NORRIS *	C. TREWERN J. BUTOYI *	L. BRADLEY P. DAVEY R. YLAGAN
HOSPITALITY	E. O'REILLY S. GREGORY	E. GANNON	P. PRINGLE J. SCRAGGS	*
ALTAR SERVERS	MAX	DON, GENE, DENE	*	JOHN, RODEL, RAMIL, ALYSSA, KLARIS
POWERPOINT	MARK	GENE, GILBERT	DI, OLIVER, JUNE	SYDEL

## Mass Times

**WEEKEND:** Saturday 8 am; Vigil 6 pm;

Sunday 7 am, 9 am, 6 pm.

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 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).

*We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives. Fatherhood does not come with a manual and we ask for Your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed.  
This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways--both big and small--they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.*