

**24TH SUNDAY  
ORD TIME  
YR B 2018  
15 / 16 SEPTEMBER**



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



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

The ordination of Dcn Dang to priesthood next Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> of September, here at St. James, gives me a welcome opportunity to personally reflect about the priesthood. When I was ordained a priest thirteen years ago, the ecclesial world was more or less still “ok”. I was a young man in his late twenties who had just been appointed professor, secretary general and director of finance. Even though I had daily a workload of 13 hours, I was filled with joy and was very enthused about the priesthood.

Little have I heard then of the unspeakable sexual abuse by clergy, although it was already looming in Ireland and in the U.S. It has shattered and bruised the perception of priests – and rightly so. For too long, some priests, bishops and cardinals believed themselves to be “untouchable”. As Augustine has said in his *Sermon 46*, this type of shepherd was more interested in feeding himself with praise, honour and power. Self-indulgent and self-absorbed clergy will never go far. Through their scandalous way of living, they have killed even the strong sheep. Augustine writes: “How do they kill them? By leading bad lives, by setting a bad example.” Then Augustine spoke about his very personal concern and about his greatest fear as a pastor of souls: “What I am really afraid of is that if I neglect you, I may kill what is strong.”

For my ordination, I chose the biblical verse from 1 *Corinthians 4:7* “For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?” I read this verse everyday as a reminder of my own weakness and the grace of God that I have received. The priesthood is what we called an “unmerited gift” from God. Not my personal talents or skills, but the faith and trust in God matters. With Jeremiah and St. Paul, I have to say to myself: “Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches ... LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD.” The greatest wisdom is the obedience to God.

Of course, a priestly life is not just happiness. There are dark days as well, days of temptations and failure, hours of falling into sins, moments of resignation and despair. All these, however, cannot take away the loving kindness of God. The joy of a priest is rooted in Christ’s invitation to **share in the ministry of healing and deliverance**. And, it is a great privilege indeed. For me, it is the reason why I am happy and blessed to serve as a priest. As such, I must go back to the original dream. Like the apostles, I must return to Galilee when the dream was born. Along the way, I have become wounded and hurt in the ministry. I have become disillusioned and sometimes secularized by the world, like those in the world. I have forgotten my dream. I have lost the vision and the original reason for being a priest. So it is opportune that I recover the lost vision of wanting to bring the peace, love and forgiveness of Christ to a suffering and hopeless humanity.

Consequently, **I cannot but be grateful for the mercy and love of our Lord**. To be chosen by the Lord to be His minister of the Eucharist and be given the power and the authority at the ordination to make the paschal mystery present is indeed such a great gift. At the ordination, I have vowed also that I would not want to waste this great grace I have received on behalf of the People of God. Otherwise, I would have received it in vain. Since I have been given more, more will be expected of me to grow in holiness and to give my life completely for the service of Christ and His Church.

With this personal reflection, I congratulate Dcn Dang on his new priestly journey. I would like also to remind him of the great mercy and love of our Lord. To live as a priest is not to live for the praise, honour or power; but to be nourished by the Lord who “humbled himself and became a servant”. Be a good and faithful witness like Jesus, who is “the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth.”

Let us all pray for Dcn Dang and for each other.

Fr. Joe

## TODAY'S READINGS:

**First Reading** *Isaiah 50: 5-9* I gave my body to those who struck me.

**Second Reading** *James 2: 14-18* Faith without good works is dead.

**Gospel Reading** *Mark 8: 27-35* You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.



**Please pray for recently deceased:** John Godwin; Eileen Doring; Maria Nguyen Hoang; Margaret Fitzsimon; Betty O'Mara.

**And these anniversaries:** Concetta Toscano; John Romano.

**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:**

Levi Prunty; Phoenix Yuvienco; Eleanor Hohn.

It is customary to re-light your child's baptism candle each birthday or baptism anniversary.



*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:**



**Sunday 16:** International Day for Preservation of Ozone.

1993: Death of Oodgeroo Noonuccal (Kath Walker).

**Tuesday 18:** 1961: death of UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld.

**Wednesday 19:** first day of Yom Kippur (Jewish Atonement)

**Friday 21:** International Day of Peace.

World Alzheimer's Day.

**International Day of Peace ...** observed around the world on 21 September. Established in 1981 by unanimous UN resolution, devoted to 'commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and people.' From Secretary-General Guterres: In times of insecurity, communities that look different become convenient scapegoats. We must resist cynical efforts to divide communities and portray neighbours as 'the other'. Discrimination diminishes us all.

## Planned Giving for the Week ending 9 September (Week 2)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian	\$813.25	\$498	\$115	Week 4	\$1426.25
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Parish	\$582.30	\$517	\$115	only	\$1214.30

## Parish news

**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. **We cordially invite interested parishioners to our Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Monday evening 24th September at 7.30pm, possibly held in the School meeting room (numbers).**

## RCIA – ST JAMES



Date claimer for Adults interested in joining our Catholic faith – Sunday nights from **November 11<sup>th</sup> to December 9<sup>th</sup>** and from **February 2<sup>nd</sup> to April 7<sup>th</sup>** inclusive. Those who then wish to be received into the Catholic faith will be baptised and confirmed at the **Easter vigil on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. Baptism will only be necessary for those not previously baptised in any other Christian faith.

On Sunday nights we begin at 6pm, attending mass up to the priest's homily. We leave after the homily and retire for about 1 hour to discuss the Gospel and to explore some major areas of Catholic faith. Meetings conclude 7.15 - 7.30 pm.

**Contact parish office (3397 1671).**

*Young Adults Mass – every 4th Sunday of the month: 6pm. For details phone 0413 762 544*



Congratulations children **Confirmed with Msgr Meneely VG on Thursday:** Valentina Agnola; Julian Barrett; Chloe Blaser; Robert Brine; Chace Castelyn; Olivia Cotter; Samuel Cotter; Aidan Davis; Levi Dundas; Isaac Dundas; Nicholas Green; Joshua Hill; Will Knight; Hayden Lennane; Sophie Lennane; Damian Lorincz; Skye McMahon; Henry Milne; Gustav Miller; Luca Schiliro; Zeke Schmidt; Lachlan Sheridan; Thomas Steel; Jennita Tantinimitchok; James Tosco; Charlotte Trigg; James van Tonder; Jackson Vig; Jericho Umali Manalac; Ethan Webster; Thomas Wilson.

**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 clip-board what you intend to contribute. Many thanks.

We are most grateful to those who came forward after last weekend's masses to volunteer their assistance for the celebration following Deacon Dang's priestly ordination (Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September). Thank you, in advance, to those who have said they will help with set-up, or have offered to bring a plate of food or help clean up afterwards.

If you were away last weekend, or have not yet contacted us and wish to help, please phone Barbara or George on 3172 8905 or text 0450-669-565 or email [gcdepaoli@gmail.com](mailto:gcdepaoli@gmail.com) It takes a village.....so thank you!

*Thank  
you*

Have you  
returned your  
volunteer sheet to  
the collection  
plate?



**ST JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH  
MULTICULTURAL MASS  
SUNDAY, 10AM, 14 OCTOBER 2018**

**Living Authentically...Essentials of Being  
Christian with Fr Joseph Lam OSA**

Fr Joe invites you... **3 Oct 2018, 7.30pm** "Happiness Is What I Want"

**10 Oct 2018, 7.30pm** "Faith and Happiness"

**17 Oct 2018, 7.30pm** "Essence of Christianity"

**24 Oct 2018, 7.30pm** "Being a Christian in a Secular World"



Sacrament of Confirmation with Msgr Meneely VG on Thursday.  
Thank you Carole, Fr Saldie, Ann for your care and assistance.

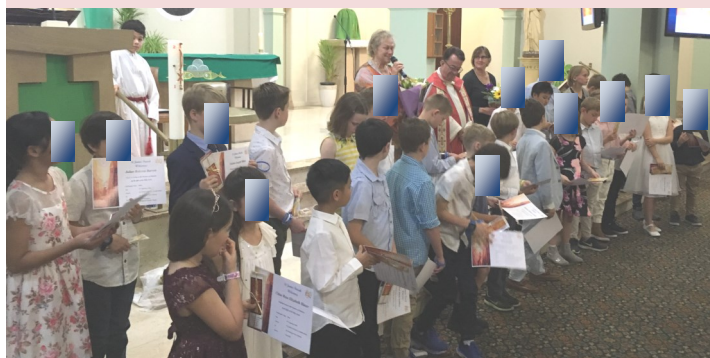
**Deanery news** **Brisbane East Deanery  
Meeting - September**

**26th 7pm for 7.30pm start (held Our Lady of Graces, 100 Mayfield Rd, Carina). Bring a friend along.**

**Archdiocese news**

**Position Vacant –  
Multimedia Designer**

Applications are open for a position within Vocations Bne. A person with excellent digital and print media experience as well, web and social media skills is required for a part time position for 20 hours a week (see noticeboard)



Greenslopes Private Hospital requests Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, required for a commitment of one Sunday per month on the roster at the hospital. Contact parish office... Extraordinary Ministers of Communion in hospitals are required to: hold a current Blue card; consent to a criminal history check; sign a statutory declaration; etc.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane is offering a day of formation on the journey of Christian Initiation for parishes. Keynote Speaker: Fr Anthony Mellor chatting about Alpha; Initiation of Children; RCIA. Email [eb@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:eb@bne.catholic.net.au) **Formation Day Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 9am – 3pm at O'Shea Centre Wilston.** You can also ONLINE Registration: [www.ebab.weebly.com](http://www.ebab.weebly.com) Registrations close: 8th October, 2018.

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## Administration

Parish Administrator	Fr Joseph Lam OSA	3397 1671
Assistant Pastor	Fr Saldie Resolado OSA	3397 1671
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
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

September 15 / 16 Anne & Margaret

September 22 / 23 Karleen & Sandra

NEXT WEEK September 22 / 23	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM FR DANG FIRST MASS	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	C. NEANDER	N. POKARIER	M. YESUDAS	YOUNG
LECTOR	A. CHANDLER	D. TALLON	M. SLACK	ADULTS GROUP
EUCARIST	P. DEVLIN S. PHILLIPS *	M-J VIDLER M. NORRIS *	D. MARTIN MIA P. PRINGLE	J. WALSH P. DAVEY *
HOSPITALITY	S. GREGORY C. WHELAN	E. GANNON	J. SCRAGGS	*
ALTAR SERVERS	MAX	DON, GENE, DENE	*	JOHN, RODEL, RAMIL, ALYSSA, KLARIS
POWERPOINT	PAUL	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 5th October 2018.

**NEXT ANOINTING MASS:** Friday 5th October 2018, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

**NEXT MASS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Sunday 7th October 2018 — 9am mass.



*"Perfect families do not exist. This must not discourage us. Quite the opposite. Love is something we learn; love is something we live; love grows as it is 'forged' by the concrete situations which each particular family experiences. Love is born and constantly develops amid lights and shadows."*  
- Pope Francis

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