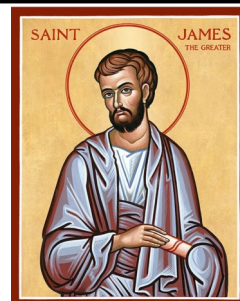


**24TH SUNDAY  
ORDINARY TIME  
YR A 2023  
17 SEPTEMBER**

## ST JAMES PARISH COORPAROO

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



### BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

September 17, 2023 • 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 18:21-35

## Forgiveness

*Jesus is asked how many times we must forgive someone. "Is seven times enough?" a follower asks. Jesus tells them, "Not seven times, but seven times seven." Jesus goes on to tell a parable about a worthless servant whose huge debt is mercifully forgiven. However, when the servant then refuses mercy to a fellow servant for a much smaller debt, the master punishes him.*

Forgiveness is a tricky thing. Sometimes it is easy to forgive: something is broken accidentally or someone unknowingly steps on our toes. But at other times it is not so easy; someone will do something or say something and we want to strike back. That impulse is even stronger in small children who are just beginning to learn to temper their feelings.

I remember years ago watching my daughter-in-law Deborah comfort her three year old as he screamed and kicked his frustration. "Use your words," she kept saying in a calm voice. Her one arm was around him as the other gently rubbed his back. Given the time to express his hurt and anger, Nicholas settled down and the story came out.



"Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?"

### Sheepish Question:

Who have I failed to forgive? Why?  
Who has surprised me with mercy?

His playmate had punched him, and he wanted payback. After a few minutes of listening and some quiet soothing, Deborah was able to counsel her little one into a more appropriate response.

My grandson's reaction is fairly common. It seems a natural response to strike out when we have been struck, to hit back harder, to yell louder. Yet as Christians we are called to follow Jesus, learning from the cross a lesson that rejects the proverb, "an eye for eye" and sets a new agenda for the world. We are asked to forgive seven times seven.

Deborah set a wise path for her youngster. It is one we can all follow and foster in our families. Take time to settle down before responding in anger or frustration and then "use your words."

### FAMILY RESPONSE

Practice talking out a problem. Ask a family member who is angry with someone to share the story behind his anger. Help him to consider ways he can solve the problem in a positive way.

### PERSONAL RESPONSE

What is your primary worry this week? What alternatives do you have in solving this concern? Where is God in this problem? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

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Sometimes that means going to the offending party and talking things out. It might mean finding a good listener to help counsel. Finally, it is always a good idea to ask God's help. As I watched Deb comfort Nicholas, I thought of what a beautiful image she was of God—the loving parent—always there to listen, soothe, counsel, and love.



### Uluru Statement From the Heart

FREE ONLINE DISCUSSION SERIES

In the lead up to the Voice to Parliament Referendum on 14th October, all Australians are being called to make a considered and informed decision regarding a constitutionally enshrined voice to parliament for First Nations Peoples. Evangelisation Brisbane will be offering an online version of **Uluru Statement from the Heart Discussion Series** to help Catholics take time to pray, read scripture and prepare to vote in a way

**Tuesdays 11:00am - 12:15pm  
via Microsoft Teams**

19 September, 26 September,  
3 October & 10 October 2023

**Register via email**  
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that looks to the Gospel.

Join with Joni McCourt (RAP Project Manager) and Emma Beach (Executive Officer for the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission) in this free, four-week series of 75 minute online discussions. The online discussion series is open to all Australians looking for prayer and respectful dialogue in the lead up to the Voice to Parliament Referendum. Email [beache@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:beache@bne.catholic.net.au)

## This Sunday's Readings

### 24th Sunday Ordinary Time (Year A/1)

**First Reading** *Sirach 27: 30—28: 7 Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you*

*pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

The Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

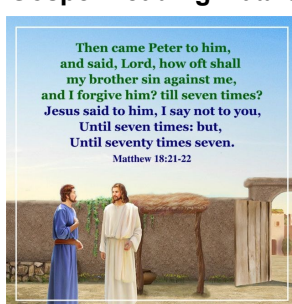
**Psalms 102(103):1-4,9-12 The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.	It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.	His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.	For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.
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**Second Reading** *Romans 14: 7-9 Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 18: 21-35 I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.*



Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he

happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THE AUGUSTINIAN FORMATION APPEAL**

**FORMING THE NEXT GENERATION OF Augustinians**

Support the young men of the Australian Province in Augustinian formation houses in Sydney, Vietnam, Philippines, and Italy who are listening to and discerning God's call to the religious life. This is only possible with your prayers, encouragement and financial support.

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## 23 / 24 September Appeal

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*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:

Mavis Moore; Luke O'Reilly; Rosalie Pascual; Rita Serkovic; Lois Weir; Dawn Knauth; Peter Morrissey; Carmel Nolan.

**And these anniversaries:** Catherine Sullivan; Rufina Ferolino; Antonion, Irene & Engracia Causon; Michael O'Flaherty; Moufid, Salma & Norman Sukkar; Zorayda Corpus; Dante Dimaano Sr; Lorenza Rivera.

**Please pray for these unwell:** Kevin Sheehan; Paul Hogan; Barbara Baker; Lenore Girard; Carmel Vosper; Bill Trewern; Zion Petersen; Marj Norris; Maylene Nator; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan.

**Please pray for these Baptismal children:** Penelope Nguyen; Xander Bowerman.



## SEPTEMBER

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

**23 / 24 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm** Reconciliation; **25<sup>th</sup> Sunday** Ordinary Time; (**Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am**); **No Baptisms.**

**23 / 24 Augustinian Formation Appeal weekend**

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

**27 Wednesday** The Letter film (6.30pm Priory)

**28 Thursday** St V de P meeting 6.30pm

**29 Friday** **St Thomas Aquinas- Pivotal Players Catholicism Series** after 8am mass in Priory

**Fr John Sullivan OSA** on annual leave 11 September—10 October 2023.

**Fr Anson OSA** (Fr Joseph Anson KALATHIPARAMBIL ANTONY OSA) begins at St James Church 1st October.



**The Augustinian Magazine (August)**  
available at church entrances



As the Voice Referendum will occur on **Saturday 14th October**, please remember that **St James Hall is a polling booth.**



## Social Justice

### Season of Creation 2023

"Pope Francis' Season of Creation starts 1st September & ends 4th October (St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day).

Its purpose is to awaken our respect for creation. To notice & celebrate this season reinforces our commitment to respect & attend to our world, to be thankful for it, to celebrate its beauty & respect its delicacy & to join others in coming to its defence". (Ref Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ—CathNews 1/9/2023)



**RCIA 2023-2024** Rite of Christian Initiation is a process requiring attention be given to the individual needs of each enquirer, ensuring they receive suitable pastoral, liturgical and catechetical formation. The goal of such formation is the ongoing conversion of the individual's heart and mind to Christ. Contacts – Priory phone 3397 1671 or [kevmahoney2@bigpond.com](mailto:kevmahoney2@bigpond.com)



**PERPETUAL ADORATION AT St James Church:** contact Vicky [brisbane.adoration@gmail.com](mailto: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.



Trish on Annual Leave from 9th October.

## Parish news



**Multicultural Mass** which will be celebrated in the Cathedral of Saint Stephen **Sunday 24 September 2023 at 2.30pm** and will be followed by refreshments.



In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen, Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites couples together with family and friends, to the annual

**Golden Wedding Anniversary 11.30am Mass** at St Stephen's Cathedral on **Saturday 30th September**, with refreshments afterwards. RSVP: call 33243030.



**New roster for Weekend Ministry available Sacristy.**



**September Catholic Leader.**

Focus on World Youth Day. \$4 cash in receptacles at entrances.



Come along and enjoy the **Combined Festival of Male Voice Praise:** Saturday 23rd September 2.30pm; Living Church 1541 Creek Rd, Carina. Free event.



The Brisbane East Deanery will begin **St Paul's Letter to the Romans** – an 8 week study by Dr Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins in the **week starting the 25<sup>th</sup> September** with daytime and evening sessions (Tuesday to Friday) and ending **4<sup>th</sup> week in November**. (St James will host on Friday nights). This study will help you make sense of the difficult passages regarding faith, works of the law, and justification. It will give you an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand this challenging epistle.

## Planned Giving for the Week of 10 September 2023

Collection Account numbers	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Total
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian Priory</b> BSB: 064 786 Account #: <b>100019791</b>	<b>\$784.10</b>	<b>\$314.50</b>	<b>\$370</b>	<b>\$245</b>	<b>\$1,713.60</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection St James Parish</b> BSB: 064 786 Account #: <b>100018086</b>	<b>\$468.95</b>	<b>\$245</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$245</b>	<b>\$1,358.95</b>

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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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## Counters

September 16 / 17 Parish staff

September 23 / 24 Lenore & Brendon

Next week	25th Sunday Ordinary Time September 24th	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (4th weekend)	Libby C	n/a	Jan Q	
COMMENTATOR	Ron S	Yoni V	June S	
LECTOR	Karleen O'R	Trish R	Pat M	
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ALTAR SERVER/S	Edward S	Brendon or Jane	Lea / Alejandra / Leo	
POWERPOINT	Cecilia D or Lachlan	Gilbert or helper	Ian or John W	
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](mailto:brisbane.adoration@gmail.com)

**HEALING + ANOINTING MASS:** Friday 6th October @ 9am.

**FIRST FRIDAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL:** Friday 6th October @ 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.



**Welcome  
New Parishioners  
Please register  
using this QR code**



## Next Sunday's Readings

### 25th Sunday Ordinary Time (Year A/1)

**First Reading** *Isaiah 55: 6-9* My thoughts are not your thoughts.

**Second Reading** *Philippians 1: 20-24, 27* For me to live is Christ.

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 20: 1-16* Why are you jealous because I am generous?

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