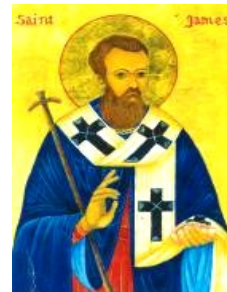


25TH SUNDAY ORDINARY YR B 2021 19 SEPTEMBER

The Parish of St James Coorparoo A Vibrant, Prayerful, Inclusive Augustinian Parish Archdiocese of Brisbane



PlenaryPost

The Steering Team for the Plenary Council's assemblies, with sub-committees across a range of key areas, are ramping up preparations for the first assembly, which opens on October 3. Council president Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB will celebrate the opening Mass at 11am AWST (2pm AEDT), which will be livestreamed from St Mary's Cathedral in Perth on the Council website. <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

Lots of Church communities are ramping up their engagement in the [Plenary Council agenda](#).

Why are we having a Plenary Council?

There are many reasons for having a Plenary Council for the Catholic Church in Australia: Pope Francis has invited the local Church to dialogue; the contemporary society of Australia has changed significantly; and the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has been a significant and influential event that requires deep consideration and response.

When the Australian Catholic Bishops announced the decision to hold a Plenary Council, Archbishop of Brisbane Mark Coleridge said that "the Church is not the presence in our society it once was. We need to take a measure of that and make decisions accordingly. The culture in which we have to proclaim the Gospel is very different to what it was even 20 or 30 years ago."

The journey is taking place over several years in order to give the Catholic community in Australia time to listen, dialogue and discern with one another and, guided by the Holy Spirit, about the future, the role and relevance of the Catholic Church in Australia.



Parish news

We wish our students and their parents a productive and relaxing time in the two weeks as they enjoy their term break. Just to inform you of a couple of absences in the next couple of weeks especially after the term break: Fr Tuan will be out of action from 28 September—5th October for health/medical reasons. On 6 -19 October, I (Fr Francis) will fly up to our Augustinian Parish in Mareeba as a supply priest while Fr Rob Greenup, the parish priest, will be on leave for his holidays. On the 18th—23rd October, Trish will be on holidays (volunteers to look after phone in office).

On behalf of the Parish community, we wish Mr Cosme Cham a great time with his new role in Evangelisation Brisbane! All the best in the days ahead!
- Fr Francis, OSA

St James School

Our school Chaplain, Cosme, has taken up a position with the Archdiocese as a Manager of Vocation Brisbane (part of Evangelisation Brisbane team). He will finish up with us this Friday and start in his new role after the holidays. This is a very exciting opportunity for Cosme and his 'expanding' family! Well done, Cosme!

Some other news...I announced to staff this morning that I will be finishing up as a Principal within Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE) and therefore at St James at the end of this year. I had definitely not planned for my work with our school to end so soon! This decision was based on some lifestyle reasons and therefore my family priorities. I have said from the start of the year, that St James has a friendly, caring energy that flows through our school. This school certainly does have a big heart which our community has built over the years. The Good Sammy, Augustinian and your charism is certainly evident at St James!
(from Julian Cotter, School Principal)



Province News

HELPING THE AUGUSTINIANS - DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS

Please see the envelopes at side entrances & on pews

• **Augustinian Seminary Trust Fund** (Tax deductible) BSB: 082146 Account Number: 13610 4220
Reference: Please include your name.



• **Augustinian Volunteers Australia Trust Fund** (Tax deductible) BSB: 062287
Account Number: 1043 4293 Reference: Please include your name.

• **Augustinian Vietnam Mission Fund** (Not tax deductible) BSB: 082146
Account Number: 7359 03067 Reference: Please include your name.

• **Post a cheque** The Augustinians, PO Box 7278, Warringah Mall, Brookvale NSW 2100.



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

The Last Shall Be First

**BRINGING
HOME THE
GOSPEL**

As Jesus travels with his disciples, he hears them arguing among themselves. When he discovers that they are arguing about which of them is the greatest, Jesus reminds them that those who will be the greatest or the first, will be those who were servants to all and vulnerable like small children.

Jesus is frustrated with his apostles. He is trying to talk to them about important things and they are concerned about who of them is the greatest. They want to know who is first in Jesus' eyes. Jesus responds to them by telling them he measures a person's greatness by how much concern they have for others—especially their concern over those who are considered unimportant.

Sounds like a family story to me. I think the words, "Me, me, me" or "Me first," must resound at some time or another in every family kitchen and backyard in America. The world could stop revolving around the sun and the stars could fall from the heavens and some youngster somewhere would be upset that they are not the center of attention.

This is what being a child is like. The littler they are the more dependent they are on others, and the more they need to make sure they are not forgotten. Sometimes it seems that little ones need to be constantly recognized—constantly reassured they are first in your life. As parents, we are expected to patiently answer our toddler's "Me, me, me" with a reassuring smile and pat. Gradually and gently, as they grow older, we begin to teach them to put others, younger, more vulnerable than themselves, first.

In this Gospel Jesus tells us, "Whoever welcomes one child such as

FAMILY RESPONSE

Ask each family member to name one thing they like best about each of the other family members. If your family is small name two things. You are not allowed to repeat what someone else has said.

this in my name welcomes me." This is good to remember when traveling in a car for several hours with more than one preschooler screaming, "Me," "Mine" or "Me first."



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"The wicked say: Let us beset the just one... let us put the just one to the test."

Sheepish Question:

In my own surroundings, where ARE the "grapes of wrath" stored and how can I avoid them?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

In the space below write down what you like most about each of the people in your family. Write down what you like best about yourself. 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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Justice Challenge

The Sunday Gospel has the apostles arguing about which one of them was the

greatest.

In response, Jesus taught them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mark 9:30-37) Jesus told his followers to be like little children in order to get to heaven. Your challenge this week is to look at how important being first, being recognized, or being the "greatest" is to you. How competitive are you? Do you win at the expense of others? Do you expect others to serve you? Or are you a missionary disciple, as Pope Francis has challenged all of us to be? Instead of focusing on winning, do you go to the periphery, to the margins, and reach out to those most in need of God's love? Take some time to reflect on which is more important to you—being first or being one who serves others. Do you need to make a change?

Caritas Australia - Matched Giving Week (17-23 September) DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT FOR

VULNERABLE WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD!

You can help raise a quarter of a MILLION dollars to support vulnerable women around the world! Thanks to a group of very generous Caritas Australia's supporters, all donations until Thursday, 23 September will be matched, until we reach our target of \$250,000. Your donation can help to provide education, develop livelihoods and improve healthcare and protection for some of the most vulnerable women and girls in marginalised communities. Donate before 23 Sept, or until we meet \$250,000, and your donation will be matched dollar-for-dollar. **Double your donation today at www.caritas.org.au/matched or call 1800 024 413.**

Prayers

Please pray for recently deceased:

Margaret Ryan; Cynthia

Arrarunce; Restituta Bongas; Walter Shepherd;
Edgardo Elumba; Tony Ferreros; Milagros Gallofin;
Faith Collins; Conceptin Smith; Rodolfo Ramirez
Perez; Michael Macdonald; Finn Ward.

And these anniversaries: Jelka Tolo; Errol Bergania;
Lorenza Rivera; Catherine Sullivan; Doreen Kluck;
Robert Romano.

Please pray for these unwell: Martin & Teresa
Devine; Brenda Burnheim; Mary-Clare & Michael
Simpson; Gerry Freeman; Kerry See;
Juanita Castro Flores; Ramon Alonso
Mendoza; Bill Trewern; Susan Carnay;
Suzanna D'Amore; Paul Andersen; Nancy
Spriggins; Ty De Paoli.



Archdiocese News

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS Saturday

25th September commencing at 11.30am.

The invitation is extended to family and friends;
refreshments following the Mass will not be
offered. **Book now:** [https://
goldenweddinganniversarymass.eventbrite.com.au](https://goldenweddinganniversarymass.eventbrite.com.au)
or telephone the Cathedral office on 07 3324 3030.



UNLEASH

IGNITE CONFERENCE 21

Ignite Conference Brisbane

Updated Covid Plan

**Date: Wednesday 22nd-
Saturday 25th September.**

Venue: Mueller College, Rothwell. We are excited to
confirm that it is going ahead, and will continue to be
held as long as it is safe to do so.



Position Vacant – Pastoral Associate

Applications are open for a position at the Sunnybank
Parish. Click [here](#). Closes: 1 October 2021.



Parish news

DATE NIGHTS! THE MARRIAGE COURSE

Date nights begin on
Friday 29 October 2021,
at 7.30pm. Several
spots still available for
couples
wanting to
invest on
their
marriage.



The
Marriage
Course



SEPTEMBER

**18 / 19 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through
Eventbrite); Year B/1 25th Sunday Ordinary (Saturday Vigil
6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am) No Baptisms.**

21 Tuesday Going Deeper Week 3 via Zoom

**22 Wednesday Going Deeper Week 5 8:45am—9:45am in St
James Priory**

22 No Alpha this week (break for school holidays)

22 - 25 Wed-Sat Ignite Conference 21: Fr Tuan Anh & ...

23 Thursday St V de P meeting 6.30pm in the Priory.

24 Friday 9am mass

**24 Friday evening 6.30pm St James Priory Brisbane East
Deanery Scripture Study Group**

**25 / 26 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through
Eventbrite); Year B/1 65th Sunday Ordinary (Saturday Vigil
6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am)**

26 Sunday @ 10.30am (Venue: church) Baptismal Preparation

Parish news

If you, or anyone in your family, is
seeking better mental wellbeing
and would like a pleasant morning with a caring and
supportive group in a faith setting, you are most
welcome to join the folk at the Centacare Mental
Health Hub at 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley, any
day Monday to Friday 9am – 12pm (Mass at 12 on
Fridays with a pizza lunch afterwards). For more
details please call 3324 3193, or just come along and
you will be most welcome.”



Be blessed and bless others with your gift



Thank you for your generous support of the **Annual
Catholic Campaign!** Your gift helps educate our future
priests, care for unwell priests, ensures children from
impovertised families can access Catholic education, and
reaches out to our most vulnerable neighbours.



**Your generosity – great and small – is a
blessing to those who need it most.**

Planned Giving for the Week of 12 September, 2021

| Collection <u>Account numbers</u> | Loose money [not pledged] | Envelopes [pledged] | Direct Debit | Credit card | Total |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------|
| 1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791 | \$922.85 | \$190 | \$658.08 | Week 4 | \$1,770.93 |
| 2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891 | \$636.50 | \$280 | \$830 | only | \$1,746.50 |

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| Parish Council Chairperson | Ray Mitchell | 3892 1682 |
| Finance Committee | Mark Garden | 3397 1671 |
| Pastoral Care | Parish Office | 3397 1671 |
| Safeguarding Officer | Kate Pearson | 3397 1671 |

This Sunday's Readings **25th Sunday Ordinary Time** **First Reading** *Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20* Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

Second Reading *James 3: 16—4: 3* Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Gospel Reading *Mark 9: 30-37* The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ...



Weekly Mass times **WEEKEND:** Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.
Sunday 7am, 9am, no longer 6pm.

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am **WEEKDAY:** Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30pm... by [Eventbrite link](#) or call parish office.

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Friday 1st October @ 9am.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 1st October.

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY (at this stage).

Counters

September 18 / 19 Sylvia & John

September 25 / 26 Paul & Cecilia

| Next week | 26th Ord Time Sept 26 | VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM | SUNDAY 7AM | SUNDAY 9AM |
|-----------|--|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| | CHOIR (4th weekend) | Morna Kassulke | n/a | Jan Quinn |
| | COMMENTATOR | Sylvia P | Berenice T-F | Pat M |
| | LECTOR | David P | Don T | Judith R |
| | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION | Helen D Priya | Marj N | John W Christine U-M |
| | ALTAR SERVER/S | Joe R | Gene T-F | Leah S / Lalan C |
| | POWERPOINT | Paul D | Gilbert / John D | Di / June S |
| | MARSHAL | Lorie / Karen / Edward | Brendon G / Trish R | Else C |

Next Sunday's Readings **26th Sunday Ordinary Time**

First Reading *Numbers 11: 25-29* Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

Second Reading *James 5: 1-6* Your wealth is rotting.

Gospel Reading *Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48* Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

For complete Sunday's readings, visit our [St James website](#) (look for the Prayer tab).

