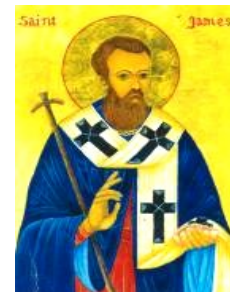


CHRIST THE KING YR C 2019

23 / 24 NOVEMBER

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



Bringing Home the Gospel

Final Sunday of the Liturgical Calendar, Year C: year of the Gospel of St Luke

God's Kingdom Come

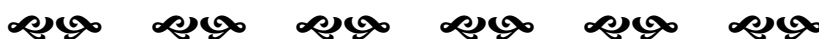
The Feast of Christ the King is always celebrated on the last Sunday of the church's liturgical year. It is our way of saying "Amen" to the Scripture readings we have listened to throughout the year. In Cycle C, the reading from Luke talks about the inscription at the top of the cross on which Jesus was crucified. The soldiers had placed it there as a way of mocking Jesus: "This is the King of the Jews" (v. 38).

What, where and when is this kingdom in which Jesus Christ rules? Before Jesus even began preaching, John the Baptist announced that the kingdom of God was at hand. Jesus, himself, announced that the kingdom was upon us (Luke 11:20). But he also said that it was yet to come (Luke 22:30). How can we explain this paradox of time and place?

The not-so-simple fact is that the kingdom of God is not a set place, nor a particular time. The popular idea of heaven (an afterlife for the good), and the kingdom of God are not synonymous. The kingdom of God is whenever and wherever we find God present in action—good triumphing over evil.

When John the Baptist proclaimed the coming of the kingdom, he was announcing the coming of Jesus. As Jesus walked the earth, he was literally God in action. He confronted evil wherever he found it—prejudice, greed, selfishness, even sickness and death—and he won. Wherever, whenever Jesus was and is, we find the kingdom. And whenever, wherever people continue to bring Christ's justice, forgiveness, healing and wholeness, we find the kingdom.

All of this, the cosmic battle between good and evil, and the victory won for us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus is recorded for us in Scripture. It is the story of our faith, a story that is not finished yet. We believe the fullness of the kingdom is yet to come. Jesus promised that one day good would finally triumph, defeating evil forever. On that day we will enter the full reign of Christ as King.



FAMILY RESPONSE

The kingdom of God begins in your home.
Talk about ways you can let others know you
love them without saying the words.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What have you learned most about yourself
and your family over this year of journaling?



**Do offer a prayer for all people and wildlife
affected by the bushfires in Queensland, New
South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.**

**Pray too for the brave firefighters risking their
lives for others. May everyone stay safe and
know that they have the support of others.**

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Today's Readings

First Reading 2
Samuel 5: 1-3 They

anointed David king of Israel.

Second Reading Colossians 1: 12-20 He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Gospel Reading Luke 23: 25-43 Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the recently deceased:

Peter Ha; Bernadette

Lawless; Carmel O'Connell; Col Davies; Imelda Nery.

And these anniversaries: Ray Killin; Barry Lunney; Reg Chapman; Roberto Rogelio Jr; Leon Paolo; Colin Mullins.

Please pray for these unwell: Tess Walsh; Martin Devine; Rodrigo Urbano; Santina Romano; Isabelo Corpus; Mary Dungan; Jocelyn Ti-bayan; Michael Simpson.

Please pray for these Baptismal children: Willow Johns; Joseph Davies.



Social Justice

SIGNIFICANT DATES NOVEMBER:

Sunday 24: 1964: passage of National Service Act by Australian Parliament.

Monday 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women - White Ribbon Day.

Tuesday 26: 1883: death of Sojourner Truth, African-American abolitionist and women's rights activist.

Wednesday 27: 1998: award of the first Sydney Peace Prize to Muhammad Yunus.

Eternal God,

In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life:

Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians - Pray for us.



Parish News

2019 Vinnies Christmas Appeal

* Available for purchase from

St Vincent de Paul at the front of the church...
Christmas cards \$3 Franciscan calendars \$8
Columban calendars \$10

* **Visit the Jesse Tree** in our church with Christmas tags for gift giving. **DONATIONS** such as food and Christmas items can be placed under the Jesse Tree.

* If you wish to give a **financial donation**, envelopes for this purpose will be available at the door or on the pews.

* **All donations received by mid-December will be greatly appreciated as the Christmas Hampers will be delivered shortly after.**

THANK YOU for your generous support.



In our church **Tuesday choir practice** for Christmas Midnight Mass and Carols on all Tuesday nights at **7:30 pm** at the Church. (17/12 will start after novena mass) - all welcome!

Parish-based 'Simbang Gabi'

[9-day Novena Masses in preparation for Christmas]

15 - 23 December 2019

(weekdays 7pm; weekends 6pm)
here at St James' Church, Coorparoo.



Coorparoo Christmas Carols- start the Season out right! **Saturday 30th November; 5.15pm - 7.30pm** at Majestic Park, Coorparoo. See notice on school fence outside the church.



*The dedicated works of five Brisbane Catholics were honoured at The Community Leader Awards on November 14. *Four

married Brisbane Catholic men will be ordained permanent deacons, *St Stephen's Cathedral has been lit up in red lights for Red Wednesday, an initiative to raise awareness for persecuted Christians around the world. *Schoolies 2019 is in full swing and The Catholic Leader spoke to a Brisbane psychologist about keeping good mental health at Schoolies. *Cardinal George Pell's appeal process continues before High Court judges in early 2020.

\$2 at entrances

Planned Giving for the Week ending 17th November (Week 3)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1st Collection Augustinian [BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006160102]	\$874.60	\$338.50	\$50	Week 4	\$1,263.10
2nd Collection Parish [BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006161103]	\$743.70	\$316.50	\$30	only	\$1,090.20

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



NOVEMBER

- 25** Monday Pastoral Council meeting in the Priory 7.30pm
26 Tuesday Finance meeting in the Priory 7.30pm
 Tuesdays (continuing) 6.30pm Bible Study in Priory
 Tuesdays (continuing) 7.30pm Choir in the Church
28 Thursday St V de P meeting in the Priory
29 Friday Little Kings mass 10am
 Fridays (continuing) 6.30pm Bible Study in Priory
30/1 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; **Year A 1st Sunday Advent**

DECEMBER

- 3** Tuesday 7.30pm Choir practice in the church
4 Wednesday Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane
4 Wednesday St James School Yr6 Graduation Liturgy 6.30pm in the church
6 St James School farewell mass 9am in the church
 No Anointing Mass on this day
7/8 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; **Year A 2nd Sunday Advent**
10 Tuesday 7.30pm Choir practice in the church
15 Sunday Christmas Cheer after every mass - join us!
15-23 Christmas Novena Masses or 'Simbang Gabi' at St James Church (7pm weekdays & 6pm weekends)
17 Tuesday 8pm Choir practice in the church (after Novena)



Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Concert –

St James Parish has a table of 10 booked for our Senior parishioners. If you would like to come to this fabulous event, please request a ticket from our parish office. We will attend **Tuesday 3rd December, 9am session** (morning tea provided). **5 tickets still available...**



NEXT ANOINTING MASS: Friday 13th December 2019, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).



Friends of St Augustine, Coorparoo – invitation to all parishioners for their **Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 4th December – 12noon for 12.30pm;** The Bistro @ The Village, 398 Cavendish Road, Coorparoo. Cost: \$25 per person (pay Ray or Karleen on arrival) for catering purposes, call the parish and let Trish know by 12nd Tuesday 2nd December. (Please advise any dietary requirements) (see noticeboard for extra details)



24 December, TUES 6pm
Christmas Eve FAMILY MASS

25 December, TUES / WED
(11.30pm Carols)
12mn MIDNIGHT MASS

25 December, WED
7am CHRISTMAS DAY

25 December, WED
9am CHRISTMAS DAY



Parish News



Sunday 15th December (beginning of Advent Novena season) after all masses 7am – 9am – 6pm

AND

Saturday 21st December after 6pm mass
 A chance to wish everyone a merry Christmas!



Daily mass books (2020) will be available for daily mass parishioners Year 2/A from **Monday 2nd December**. These will be located in a storage container at side entrance. Please return them after each mass.



Deanery news

Save the date - **Saturday February 15th 2020, 6:30pm** Belmont Services

Bowls Club-dinner dance live music \$100 per couple; cash bar. Held by World Wide Marriage Encounter Group. See noticeboard. Melville and Maria Noronha



Archdiocese news

30th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St Stephen.

At the **10am Mass on Wednesday 4th December**, Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate Mass to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St Stephen, following the 1989 renovations. Parishioners are invited to attend and join us for morning tea following the Mass. For catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 29th November to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au.



ST VINCENT'S PRIVATE HOSPITAL
 BRISBANE
A FACILITY OF ST VINCENT'S HEALTH AUSTRALIA

Volunteers required - please see noticeboard.

Toni.leahy@svha.org.au



11 - 24 December
 St Stephen's Cathedral Lights of Christmas an extraordinary sound and light show-free event to delight families with music, food and children's' activities every evening **6.30 - 10.30pm**.



The Cathedral of St Stephen Art Group (COSSAG) is holding Christmas market - Francis Rush Centre adjacent to the Cathedral. Celebrate the start of the season with our weekend market. **Saturday 30th November from 2pm to 7:30pm** with live music and Christmas cheer. **Sunday the 1st of December 9am to 3pm** with food stalls.

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GREETINGS TO ALL PARISHIONERS NOMINATED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Hopefully late this week you each have received an email from Fr Francis regarding our 'Information Evening' and 'Discernment Session' for the Parish Pastoral Council. We are inviting current parish pastoral council members and also members of the Finance Council to join us in this Information Evening. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with fellow supporters of the parish and to know and learn more about St James Parish. Information Evening is happening on 2nd December 2019 at St James Priory (Monday, starts with dinner at 6.30pm, finishes at 8.30pm). Thank you!

Administration

Parish Priest	Fr Francis Belciña OSA	3397 1671
Assistant Priest	Fr Ngọc Hải Đăng Nguyễn OSA	3397 1671
Retired	Fr. Peter Hayes OSA	
Parish Secretary	Trish Rashad	3397 1671
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Pastoral Care	Parish Office	3397 1671
Safeguarding Officer	Kate Pearson	capearson

Counters:

November 23 / 24 Greg & Kate

Nov 30 / Dec 1 Anne & Margaret

NEXT WEEK Nov 30 / Dec 1	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM CHN LITURGY	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	Bill S	Berenice T-F	June S	Bill S
LECTOR	Helen D	Don T	Anna E	Christine M
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Sylvia P Paul D *	Gene T-F Jan L Heather L	Pat P Yen N Ray M	Romy U Christy U Barbara D
HOSPITALITY	Therese K	Leonie D	*	*
ALTAR SERVERS	Deneb	Gene	*(assistance needed, please contact parish)	John, Rodel, Ramil, Alyssa, Klaris
POWERPOINT	Cecilia	John, Gilbert	Di, June	Sydel

Mass Times & Services:

WEEKEND: Saturday 8 am; Vigil 6 pm;
Sunday 7 am, 9 am, 6 pm.

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

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30 pm.

ADORATION: Thursday 8 am.

PRAYER GROUP: each morning prior to Mass.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 6th December 2019.

NEXT ANOINTING MASS: Friday 13th December 2019, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

Next Sunday's Readings:

First Reading *Isaiah 2: 1-5* The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

Second Reading *Romans 13: 11-14* The time has come, our salvation is near. **Gospel Reading** *Matthew 24: 37-44* Stay awake, you must be ready.

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

www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings.