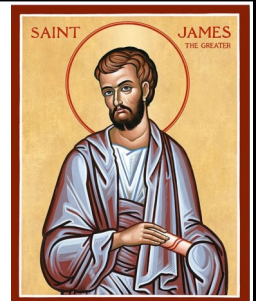


**25TH SUNDAY  
ORDINARY TIME  
YR A 2023  
24 SEPTEMBER**

## 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

## Generosity

*Jesus balances last week's parable about the justice of God with this week's story about God's generosity.*

*The parable is about a landowner who*

*goes out to hire workers for his fields. Some people are hired early in the day; others are hired to work only the last hour. At the end of the day, all are paid the same. Those who worked the whole day are upset.*

In all honesty, this Gospel story always caused me concern. I found myself on the side of the workers who had labored all day. When I listened to my inner voice, I sounded like a four-year old, "That's not fair!" Then one Sunday a priest told a story in his homily that helped me understand the parable a little better. I'll share it with you.

A middle-aged husband and wife both die, and find themselves surrounded by a large crowd standing in front of the pearly gates. An angel behind the gates tells the crowd that the gates to heaven will be opened at any moment, and eternal judgment will begin.

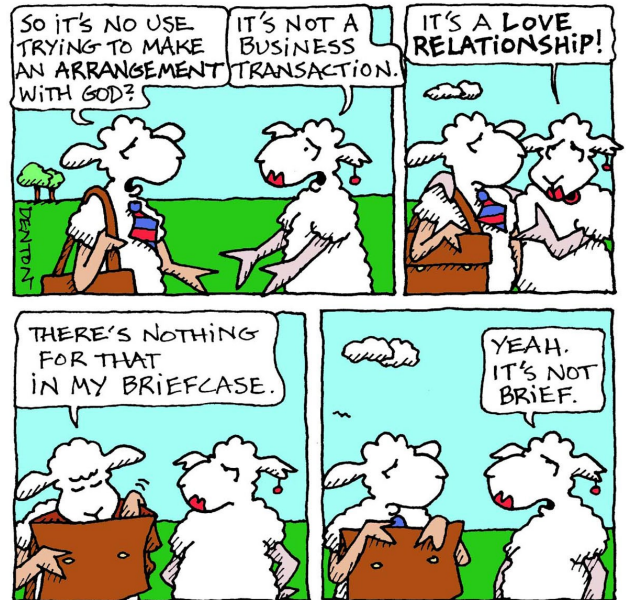
The husband gets more and more agitated as time passes and as he looks around at the crowd. "Good grief," he tells his wife,

"there's George Walton, one of the

biggest frauds in the state. What is he doing here in front of heaven's gates? Does he honestly think he has a chance of making it in?" "Oh no," he continues, "there's the assassin Oswald. And is that Adolph Hitler in the corner there waiting to be let in? This is ludicrous," he continues, "Those three should be sweltering in hell. What is God thinking of letting them even near the gates to heaven and close to good folks like us?"

At that moment, the man hears the booming voice of God telling him he has just passed judgment on himself, and he has failed. In questioning God's love and generosity, he has shown his own lack of both. He was refused entrance through the pearly gates.

Jesus is clear in the parable of the landowner that God's love and generosity is not to be questioned. We are all on the receiving end of what was promised. God's generosity is something to celebrate, even if we are not the ones on the receiving end at that particular moment.



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"So high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts."

### Sheepish Question:

It's not in my bag, so where can I look to deepen my relationship with God?

#### FAMILY RESPONSE

Ask each family member to name a gift they received from God. If they were God, what gift would they give to each family member?

#### PERSONAL RESPONSE

What gift would you give each family member? What would you give 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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## 23 / 24 September Appeal

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## This Sunday's Readings

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

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

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.  
Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,  
to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

**Psalm 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18** **The Lord is near to all who call him.**

I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts.

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

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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# The Letter

A message for our Earth

Like to know more about **Pope Francis' letter** to us all on Care of our Common Home - "**Laudato Si (Praise be to You)**"?

Social Justice Team invites you to a screening of a film "**The Letter**" which tells of the story of a journey to Rome of frontline leaders to discuss with Pope Francis his world-famous letter, *Laudato Si*.

To be held in Dining Room, Priory, St. James on **Wednesday, on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm to 8.30pm.**  
Nibbles served from 6.30pm.

Entry donation gold coin – proceeds to St. Vincent de Paul parish group.

**Social Justice**

*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:

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

**And these anniversaries:** James (Jim) Downey; Marcelina Robles Canta; Barbara Sanguino, Catherine Sheridan; Catherine Sullivan; Rufina Ferolino; Antonion, Irene & Engracia Causon; Michael O'Flaherty.

### Please pray for these unwell:

Lynette Edwards; Kevin Sheehan; Paul Hogan; Barbara Baker; Lenore Girard; Carmel Vosper; Bill Trewern; Zion Petersen; Marj Norris; Maylene Nator; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan.



## Parish news

**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.

**Everyone is invited to a parishioner morning tea to welcome Fr Anson after the 9am mass, under the mango tree. Please bring along a plate to share.**



### Powerpoint Ministry—refresher + introduction...

After your mass on 7th + 8th October, Lorie will give half hour training. Please remain at the church computer. We welcome parishioners who would like to assist in this area.

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

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

Trish on Annual Leave from 8th October.

### Domestic and Family Abuse

You are invited to a special meeting of the Our Lady of Graces Parish Social Justice Group, to trial a new resource for churches. This is an assessment tool to ascertain the level of acceptance, preparedness, welcome, awareness and resources parishes might have to address the needs of those experiencing domestic and family abuse.

Time: 7.30pm

Date: Tuesday 3rd October

Venue: Parish Library [enter via Parish Office or Church],



## SEPTEMBER

**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**

## OCTOBER 2023

Brisbane East Deanery Study Group (Priory) Friday evenings 6th October – 1st December

**30 / 1 Saturday** 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; **26<sup>th</sup> Sunday** Ordinary Time; **(Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); No Baptisms.**

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.



### September Catholic Leader.

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



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.

**Please contact Louise 0456 700 040**

**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)

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OF ADULTS



**Welcome to St James Parish** pamphlet is available at the side church entrance. There's also a QR code on our back page so you can give us your details electronically.

## Planned Giving for the Week of 107September 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>\$736.65</b>	<b>\$220</b>	<b>\$277</b>	<b>\$190</b>	<b>\$1,423.65</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection St James Parish</b> BSB: 064 786 Account #: <b>100018086</b>	<b>\$512.55</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$342</b>	<b>\$190</b>	<b>\$1,244.55</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 23 / 24 Lenore & Brendon

September 30/Oct 1 Paul & Cecilia

Next week	26th Sunday Ordinary Time October 1st	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (1st weekend)	Rex U	n/a	Dan F	
COMMENTATOR	Frank F	Leslie S	Ray M	
LECTOR	Ron S	Yoni V	June S	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Helen D Collette S Rosemarie Y	Jan L Barbara DeP Romy U	Cathy M Sean H John W	
ALTAR SERVER/S	Joe R	Brendon or Jane	Lea / Alejandra / Leo	
POWERPOINT	Paul D	Gilbert or helper	Ian	
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

### 26th Sunday Ordinary Time (Year A/1)

First Reading *Ezekiel 18: 25-28* The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

Second Reading *Philippians 2: 1-11* In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 21: 28-32* He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

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