

## From the Outside of the Window

Now the celebration of Fr. Dang's ordination is over, routine has returned. Once again, I reiterate my sincere gratitude to all those who have worked behind the scenes. Your "quiet" contribution has surely made the day. I am certain that all guests really enjoyed the celebration. Fr. Dang is now on his "priestly honeymoon" till October 18<sup>th</sup>. During this time, he will celebrate another 1,000 "first" masses for various communities throughout Australia and bless another 10,000 people. Hopefully, he is not running out of breath and he will need, for sure, a physiotherapist and hand manicure afterwards.

Down to business. Last Monday, Rob Cosgrove from the Archdiocesan office of evangelisation delivered a presentation on the importance of the **Plenary Council in 2020** to members of the PPC and PFC and a few parishioners. With this Plenary Council, the Australian Catholic Bishops invite all Catholics in Australia to express their views, their concerns and their hopes concerning the future direction of the Australian Catholic Church. We all know well that we cannot just continue with the current state of affairs. I found this prayer online: 'We pray for innovative and creative pastors with great vision who inspire us to do just the **SAME**.' No longer can we do just business as usual! We need to find a more compassionate way to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We need renewal through the Holy Spirit. We need to listen to the Spirit, to our fellow humans and to change our way of being.

And yet, we also cannot just throw out the baby with the bathwater. At Fr Dang's ordination, Archbishop Mark spoke about the "AMNESIA" that the Church is suffering from. Forgetfulness is a terrible illness. It causes loneliness, isolation and loss of identity. Therefore, we need constantly to be reminded of our Catholic identity. The problem is not the Gospel. Rather, it is its forgetfulness that causes so many troubles for society and the Church of Christ. There are many good things about being a Catholic. *Catholicity* means literally "universal", "inclusive", "integral", "taking all aspects into account". To be a Catholic is therefore to promote the love of God and to steward the good things for our human society. If we live up to our call as Catholics, we can make great contributions to our world. Think also about this: How poor our society would be without Catholics?

The Plenary Council 2020 is a unique opportunity to think about our Catholic identity. It is very important that **YOUR** voice is heard at the Plenary Council. The Australian Church will only be relevant to our Australian society if you share your stories of faith journey, your concerns and your hopes. If you wish to submit your view, please go to the Plenary Council website: **www.plenarycouncil.catholic.net.au** 

A Parish seminar organised by Fr. Joseph Lam OSA on the "Essentials of Being a Christian in a Secular Society" will run on Wednesdays in October - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm. This seminar will discuss topics such as human happiness and faith, Catholic identity and how to live as Christians in a more and more secular Australian society. If you would like to attend, just give our Parish office a buzz.

Another matter: Fr. Saldie's Dad, who is in the Philippines, is experiencing a serious health issue. Fr. Saldie will leave for the Philippines next Tuesday. Please pray for Fr. Saldie's Dad's health, as well as for parishioners whose suffer various illnesses.

As always, let us pray for each other,

Fr. Joe

TODAY'S READINGS: 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.



Please pray for recently deceased: Therese Muir; Audrey Power; Lellio Benedict; John Godwin: Eileen Doring.

And these anniversaries: Doug Owen; Cosimo Tassone; John Kearney; Jim Downey; Fr John Luke.

**Please pray for these unwell**: Salvadore Resolado Jr; Kev Ryan; Bernie O'Hara; John Mulcahy; Vickie Davies.

Please give prayers and welcome to these Baptismal Children: Hannah Ralph; Charlotte Williams.



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

Social Justice SIGNIFICANT DATES -**OCTOBER:** 

Monday 1: International Day for Older Persons. 2005: 2nd Bali bombing: 20 people killed, 100 injured. Tuesday 2: International Day of non-violence. 1869: birth of Mahatma Ghandi. Thursday 4: 1957: launch of Sputnik 1 by Soviet Union. Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Friday 5: World Teachers Day.

Day of Non-Violence... marked on this day, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, the leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of nonviolence. India's Minister of State for External Affairs, Mr Anand Sharma quoted to the UN General Assembly in 2007, "Non-violence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by the ingenuity of man". http://www.un.org/en/nonviolenceday

Planned Giving for the Week ending 23rd September (Week 4)						
Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total	
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian	\$1,364.55	\$537	\$170	\$315	\$2,386.55	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Parish	\$692.60	\$377.50	\$190.70	\$275	\$1,535.80	

**Parish news** 

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Fr Saldie on annual leave 1st October - 1st November.

returning to St James Parish 4th November.

Fr Dang will return to St James Parish 18th October.

# Living Authentically... Essentials of Being Christian with Fr Joseph Lam OSA Fr Joe invites you... (Priory Dining Room) 3 Oct 2018, 7.30pm "Happiness Is What I Want" 10 Oct 2018, 7.30pm "Faith and Happiness" 24 Oct 2018, 7.30pm "Christian in a Secular World"

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor 9:7)

With your help, our parish will be better able to continue to proclaim our Catholic faith.

Your support will help our parish reach out to more people in the community.

More children and adults will be formed in our Catholic faith.

We will be better prepared to make the love of Christ visible to those who are poor, vulnerable and on the margins of society. Thank you for considering our Parish Plan Giving Program.



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

Have you returned your volunteer sheet to the collection plate?

**MULTI CULTURAL MASS** <u>on Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10am</u>. The Parish wants to celebrate and acknowledge the cultural wealth of the various nations and groups in our Parish. Because of this occasion, the weekend masses will be as follows: Vigil Mass 6pm; Sunday morning Mass: 7am and 10am; no Sunday 6pm Mass. This Mass is organised by our Parish Young Adults. If you wish to assist our Young Adults in the preparation of the event, please contact Fr. Saldie, Doreen Chen or Christine Umali or the Parish Office.

### 30th September is Social Justice Sunday: Social Justice Statement for 2018-19, the Australian bishops address the issue of homelessness and our national housing crisis.



RCIA – ST JAMES 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 20th, 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) or Kev Mahoney kevmahoney2@bigpond.com

Safeguarding training session for parish volunteers in Brisbane East Deanery. 31 October (6.30pm - 8.30pm) - are you going? Let our parish office know...

Face-to-face training is only applicable to volunteers who are:

- Providing services for children and/or vulnerable adults
- Engaging in activities mainly with children and/or vulnerable adults
- Employed by the Parish

SAFEGUARDING

It will be held at Our Lady of Graces, 100 Mayfield Road, Carina. Contact Trish at the parish (phone 3397 1671).

#### Archdiocese news SEE N

**EWS** SEE NOTICEBOARD...*Position Vacant – Parish Secretary* 

Applications are open for a position at the Beaudesert Catholic Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time position of parish administration assistant for 15 hours a week Monday, Thursday and Friday.

#### Position Vacant – Sacramental Coordinator

Applications are open for a position at the Hendra Catholic Parish, during term time to begin in February 2019.

### The Parish of St James

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### Primary School

92 Kirkland Ave, Coorparoo, 4151. John Bates - Principal



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

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September 29 / 30 Lenore & Brendon

October 6 / 7 Paul & Cecilia

NEXT WEEK October 6 / 7	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	D. PHILLIPS	J. DUNGAN	J. RICHARDS	E. FERNANDO
LECTOR	L. JAYALATH	G. TRIGGS-FULTON	R. MITCHELL	C. MANALAC
EUCHARIST	R. STEPHENSON A. STEPHENSON *	H. LEWIS B. TRIGGS-FULTON *	D. MARTIN J. BUTOYI *	R. YLAGAN * *
HOSPITALITY	S. GREGORY N. GUNNING	D. TALLON	N. RICHARDS	*
ALTAR SERVERS	ΜΑΧ	DON, GENE, DENEB	*	JOHN, RODEL, RAMIL, ALYSSA, KLARIS
POWERPOINT	ALLAN	GENE, GILBERT	DI, OLIVER, JUNE	SYDEL

Mass Times WEEKEND: Saturday 8 am; Vigil 6 pm;

<u>Sunday</u> 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.

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