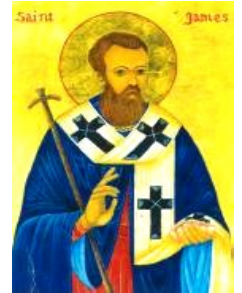


**32ND SUNDAY
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**The Parish of St James
Coorparoo
A Vibrant, Prayerful, Inclusive
Augustinian Parish
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Reflection by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

JESUS' WAY OF WISDOM

Jesus states that he is the way that leads to life. What is this way of Jesus?

Among other things, it is the way of wisdom, the way of pondering. The way of Jesus is the way of standing amid all delight, joy, contradiction, ambiguity, division, and complexity with a heart and a faith big enough to somehow hold it all. Jesus' way is the way of holding things.

Part of this can be understood by looking at its opposite. The opposite of the way of wisdom, the way of holding things, scripture tells us, is the way of amazement. Time and time again, the crowds following Jesus are described as being amazed at what he says and does. Always they are chided for it: "Don't be amazed!" Jesus says. Amazement is not what Jesus wants and it is never something that does us good.

Why? Is it not good to be amazed? Yes, amazement can be good, if it is the amazement of a child where amazement is wonder, agnosis, a stunning of the intellect into silence and a sense of its own limits. That is good, but that is rarely true in adults. For us, normally amazement is not wonder, but cheerleading, and invariably we end up hating what formerly amazed us. The same persons who were amazed at Jesus and who tried to make him King would, not long afterwards, shout: "Crucify him!" What we are amazed at we will eventually try to crucify, as every celebrity soon learns. Amazement is the opposite of wisdom.

If amazement is bad, and the opposite of wisdom, what is good and what is wisdom?

Pondering and helplessness, these are wisdom. We see an example of this in Mary, Jesus' mother. She is

never amazed. When others are amazed she goes off and instead, silently, ponders things in her heart.

This is also true of the disciples of Jesus, though only on occasion. Normally, like the crowds, they are amazed and need some prodding. This Jesus tries to provide. One such example happens after Jesus' exchange with the rich young man. Jesus asks him to give up everything and follow him, but the young man is unable to do so. He goes away sad. Jesus then turns to his disciples and says: "I tell you that it is harder for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven than for a camel to go through the eye of a needle." How do the disciples react?

They are not amazed. There are no wows, no cheerleading, no congratulating Jesus on how wonderful he is. No. They are stunned: "If that is the case, then who can go to heaven?" Paraphrased that might read: "If that is the case, then we are all in deep trouble!" Jesus' answer brings them face to face with their own helplessness, their poverty, their limits, and to the searing realization that they do not really have things figured out as they think they have. And that paralysis is good since it forces them to wonder, to again take on the helplessness of the child.

When we are amazed, we are not wise and we hold nothing together. In amazement, we fall prey to every kind of superficiality, novelty, trick, and one-sided ideology. Amazement is the unrecognized face of fundamentalism, the antithesis of wisdom. The way of amazement is the way of fundamentalism, the way of letting one piece, or person, be the whole.

And the way of amazement is everywhere: We look at our sports heroes, our rock stars, and all kinds of other pop celebrities and we say: "Wow. Be my King! Be my Queen!" Soon enough we also say: "Crucify him! Crucify her!" We take a first course in something (psychology, theology, liturgy, adult education, feminism, ecology, whatever) and

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**God bless all our
children who
receive their
FIRST COMMUNION
this weekend:**

(6pm Vigil)

**Isaac, Luis, Wyatt,
Llewellyn, Ella, Izaak,
Emma;**

(9am Sunday)

Olivia, Mikhael, Cyanne, Marc, Zeke. CONGRATULATIONS!



BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

Be Prepared

In this reading, we have another parable from Jesus. This time Jesus is cautioning us to always be ready to shine our light. He tells a story of ten virgins who are waiting with lit lamps for the bridegroom. The wise virgins dim their lights to conserve the fuel until they will need it. The foolish use up all their fuel before the bridegroom appears.



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FAMILY RESPONSE

What tools does your family need to be more loving and giving with each other?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

How can you help make your family and your world a better place? What tools do you need to accomplish this? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

The parable of the ten bridesmaids has a moral that is easy to spot. The moral is “we don’t know when God will come, but we’d better be ready, have what we need at hand, pay attention, listen, and be prepared.”

Usually when we hear this story, we think about our last days, and being prepared for our final judgment. But this parable also has a lot to say to us about everyday living. God calls to us throughout our lives, and God expects a response. There is an old saying by Charles Kingsley: “Have thy tools ready:

God will find us work.” I think this parable is about having our tools ready.

There is no doubt that parents need special tools to nurture their children to be faith-filled, independent adults.

They need patience and courage as well as ingenuity and common sense.

They need tools to negotiate and persuade, and tools to comfort and coax. Parents also need practical tools

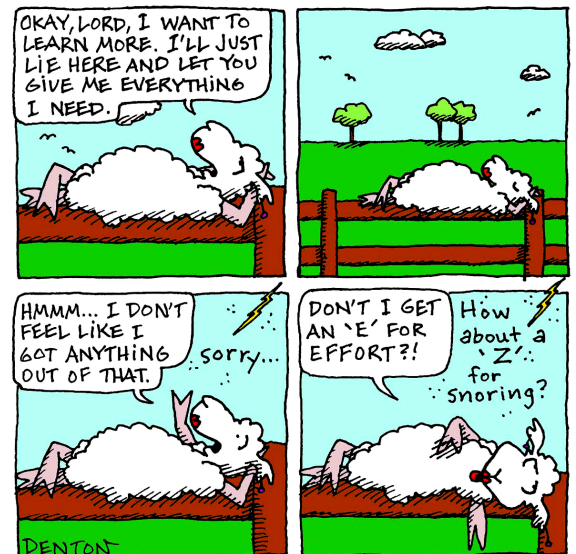
like being able to organize and multitask, cook, clean, and manage the finances.

Since parents can’t do it all, you have to count on others to provide some of the tools they may need. .

What tool(s) do you most need that you don’t have? Can others provide? If not, how can you get them? Pray daily for what you need, and remember God has promised to provide. With prayer and the help of others, your tools will be ready because God knows raising a child provides abundant work.



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“Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Sheepish Question:

So why am I not getting an “E”? What must I do about it?

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...continued from previous page emerge from that initial classroom starry-eyed, newly angry at the world, devoid of compassion; in brief, amazed. We begin then to crucify a whole lot of people and things. Small wonder, the poet, Alexander Pope, once suggested “a little learning is a dangerous thing.” It too easily leads to the way of amazement.

The way of wisdom is the way of pondering, the way of holding every kind of pain, suffering, delight, and contradiction long enough until it transforms you, gestates compassion within you, and brings you to your knees in thousand sur-renders. You and I are wise, and we walk the way of Jesus, when we are so stunned by it all that, in wonder, we ask: “If that is the case, who then can be saved?”

Prayer Requests

Remember names from our Book of the Dead,

at the front of our church...

Please pray for recently deceased:

Le Maria Thuan; Denis Murphy; Pauline O'Connor; Domenica Maurice; Paul Masci; Bill Hanley; Shirley Walsh; Vincent Villamor; Felisa Villarta; Marietta Ebo.

And these anniversaries, : Gregoria Ricablanca; Palmiero & Amalia Savini; Giovanni & Maria Turrini; F & A Villena; A & F Acosta; E & N Santoz.

Please pray for these unwell: Helen Deakin, Fr Ron Mollison; Bill Trewern, Dennis Moritcho; Peter Herman; Danny Pearsall; Kevin Sheehan; Kathy Nelson; Nenita Irasusta; Gordon Jones; Abhyapala; Dharsicka; Noela McCormick; Olive Williams; Neil Scanlan.

Give prayers to our Baptismal Children:

Harvey Rasic; Noah Cowderoy.



Parish News

SUNDAY MASSES & VIGIL - ST JAMES' LIST (Extended)



This extended Eventbrite link for St James aims to gather a (sort of definitive) list of SUNDAY including VIGIL mass goers & their nominated mass time. Use your camera phone to hover over the QR code and then fill in the Eventbrite form.



Congratulations to our First Communion children this year:

Ayla, Harrison, Zeke, Ryan, Mikhael, Cyanne, Olivia, Luis, Emma, Ashley, Hamish, marc, Samuel, Zara, Wyatt, Kyan, Ella, Izaak, Llewelly, Isaac.



Due to CV19 conditions, the Sacrament of First Holy Communion is over 4 separate masses.

- *6 families Saturday 7th November 6pm mass
- *5 families Sunday 8th November 9am mass
- *4 families Saturday 14th November 6pm mass
- *4 families Sunday 15th November 9am mass



Adult Catholic Initiation Program (RCIA) continues

Contact – kevmaoney2@bigpond.com – Confirmed + receive the Eucharist at Easter Vigil Saturday, April 3rd.



Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Parties are going ahead this year 2020...St James Parish has a table for 10 for Thursday 3 December for the 10am session (arriving at City Hall 9am). Call Trish to request a free ticket. If all 10 tickets are taken, Trish can let you know how to request tickets yourself.



Our Book of the Dead is available at the front of the church for the month of November. There will be no photos of remembered loved ones this year. The Book of the Dead will have a slightly different format. Each day of November will have spaces available for your loved one/s to be remembered. Find the appropriate date you would prefer, and note down your family members and friends. Envelopes for November Mass Remembrances are available in the church.



NOVEMBER

- 7/8 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite) 32nd Ordinary; First Holy Communion Vigil 6pm + Sunday 9am
- 9-13 Parish Office Closed (secretary annual leave + parish priest retreat); Communion Service at 8am (throughout the week)
- 14/15 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite) 33rd Ordinary First Holy Communion Vigil 6pm + Sunday 9am
- 15 Sunday 10.30am Baptismal preparation in the church with Dcn Tuan Anh
- 21/22 Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Sunday Year A
- 28/29 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite) Year B: 1st Sunday Advent
- 28 YA worship night after 6pm Vigil

DECEMBER

- 5/6 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); Year B 2nd Sunday Advent
- 7-11 Parish secretary on annual leave (volunteers will monitor our parish office phone)

Today's Readings

32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading Wisdom 6: 12-16 Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

Gospel Reading Matthew 25: 1-13 Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Complete Sunday's readings: [St James website](http://StJames.org.au)

Parish news

2021 Daily Mass Book/s have been ordered and will be available for parishioners shortly.

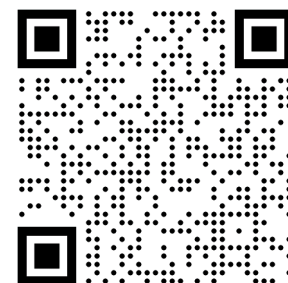


PALMS AUSTRALIA ORIENTATION COURSE — JANUARY 2021

Palms Australia places Australians with communities that request their particular expertise to help develop the skills of local people. Palms will enter its 60th year with an Orientation Course in January 2021. A fresh group of skilled and committed applicants will be thoroughly prepared for this cross-cultural mission in remote parishes, schools and communities as soon as international travel resumes. If you are interested in learning more please visit www.palms.org.au.



Sign up to receive the Daily Gospel Reflection. These reflections are mailed to your inbox at 6am each day (Monday to Friday) and are just a three minute read that could be done over breakfast, intended to invite you into prayer.



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November 7 / 8 Anne & Margaret

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NEXT WEEK November 14 / 15	SATURDAY 6 PM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 7AM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 9AM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 6PM (SIGN AT DOOR)
COMMENTATOR	Ron S	John D	Kate P	Marie
LECTOR	Helen D	Merina M	Mike S	Bill S
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION (2)	Priya Sylvia P	Heather L Jan I	John W Christine U-M	Benedict Marie G
HOSPITALITY	None	during	CV19	restrictions
ALTAR SERVER/S	Joe	Gene	Leah	Rodel/ Ramil/ Alyssa/ Klaris
POWERPOINT	Paul	John D / Gilbert	Di / June S	Sydel /
MARSHAL	Dew / Karl M / Lorie	Brendon G / Trish R	Doreen C / Cathy M	Mark G / Marie G / Matheus H

Mass Times & Services:

WEEKEND: Saturday 8 am; Vigil 6 pm (marshal required)

Sunday 7 am, 9 am, 6 pm (marshal required each mass)

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

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30 pm...by appointment only.

ADORATION: Thursday 8 am (postponed until further notice)

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 4th December.

NEXT HEALING MASS: Friday 4th December, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY at this stage

Next Sunday's Readings:

33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading *Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-21, 30-31* Give her a share in

what she has worked for.

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6* The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 25: 14-30* Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.