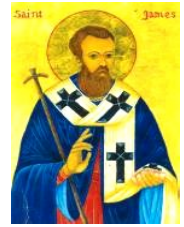


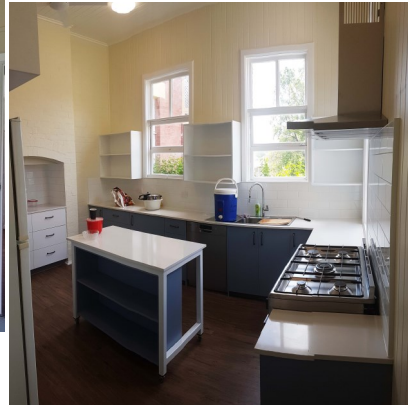
**2ND SUNDAY
LENT
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16 / 17 MARCH**



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



**Refurbished
Parish
Toilets &
Priory
Kitchen,
now in
operation!**



(Pictures taken after the blessing and morning tea last Sunday)

The reflection below is from Creighton University's Online Ministries, by George Butterfield:

"If they can dye this river green today, why can't they dye it blue the other 364 days of the year?" This question, asked by one of the U.S. Marshals in the movie, "The Fugitive," always makes me chuckle. The setting for the movie is Chicago and the Chicago River is dyed green for St. Patrick's Day. For a lot of people, St. Patrick's Day is corned beef and cabbage (or a Reuben sandwich, if you can find a decent one), green beer or a Guinness, wearing something green, and a parade. None of that is bad *per se*. In fact, this year March the 17th falls on a Sunday in Lent. Sundays in Lent are feast days. It seems appropriate to celebrate on that day with some good food and drink.

Even non-Catholics can and do embrace the cultural manifestations of St. Patrick's Day. I grew up a Protestant and didn't know anything about Catholics but I knew about St. Patrick. In fact, when I got old enough to recognize that his feast day was on March the 17th, I was disappointed that I was born two days late for it. At the time I didn't realize that St. Joseph, who is celebrated on my birthday (ahem), was sort of a big deal in his own right.

Since March the 17th is on a Sunday, we celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent and not St. Patrick's Day. The readings are definitely Lenten but I think that St. Patrick would like them. In the Genesis reading, God makes a covenant with Abram that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars in the sky. How many Christians have had a bigger influence on generations to come than St. Patrick? He was a person of faith and his spiritual descendants cannot be counted.

St. Patrick was a model for those who would come after him in the faith. St. Paul tells the Philippians that modeling the faith is so important because there are those who "conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ." Their desire is for material gain and earthly satisfaction only. St. Patrick was kidnapped and basically enslaved at age 16. Later, when he wanted to take the Gospel to Ireland, his missionary plans were opposed. In his Confession, he mentions twelve near-death experiences. He endured insults, persecution, imprisonment, and slander. Before he died, his character was questioned; he is motivated by greed, they said. Yet, if you want to know what it looks like to trust in God, look at St. Patrick.

Finally, the story of the transfiguration of Jesus sheds light on why St. Patrick was so successful. The voice from the cloud told the disciples, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." This is what St. Patrick did; in the midst of criticism, slander, and hate - he listened to Jesus. Consider his words from section 34 of his Confession:

So I'll never stop giving thanks to my God, who kept me faithful in the time of my temptation. I can today with confidence offer my soul to Christ my Lord as a living victim. He is the one who defended me in all my difficulties. I can say: Who am I, Lord, or what is my calling, that you have worked with me with such divine presence? This is how I come to praise and magnify your name among the nations all the time, wherever I am, not only in good times but in the difficult times too. Whatever comes about for me, good or bad, I ought to accept them equally and give thanks to God. He has shown me that I can put my faith in him without wavering and without end.

St. Patrick, pray for us.



Sunday, 7th April, 9am: the official Installation and Blessing of Fr Francis as Parish Priest of St James Parish, Coorparoo. Mass to be presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, and we will be joined by Fr Peter Jones OSA, Prior Provincial. Everyone is invited. A celebratory cuppa will follow after the mass. Please bring a plate to share. Save the date!

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading *Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18* God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant. **Second Reading** *Philippians 3: 17*

- 4: 1 Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. **Gospel Reading** *Luke 9: 28-36* As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. **For complete Sunday's readings, visit our St James website (look for the Prayer tab). www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings**



Please pray for recently deceased: Samantha McGirl; Kerry Heisner; Kim Rohweder; Avis Greenup; Pat Killin; Daniel Ross Tynan.

And these anniversaries: Secondo Berta; Stan Frampton; Assunta Barbaro; Elsie Frampton.

Please pray for these unwell: Joe McKee; Jim Clifford; Dave Austin OSA; Natividad Lobo Umali; Debbie Bradfield; Keith Evans; Rex Ducat.

Please give prayers and welcome to these baptismal children:

Alaina Dawson.



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

Social Justice

SIGNIFICANT DATES — MARCH:

Monday 18: St Patrick.

Tuesday 19: 1866: beginning of Sisters of St Joseph at Penola, SA.

2003: invasion of Iraq by USA and Allies.

Wednesday 20: International Day of Happiness.

Thursday 21: International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

National Harmony Day (Australia)



24th March St Oscar Romero... was the Archbishop of San Salvador and known for his courageous opposition to the repression and murder carried out by the government of El Salvador. He earned a reputation as a devout and sympathetic parish priest but following his ordination as a bishop he was known at first as reactionary and unsympathetic to religious attempts to work for social justice. During his time as Bishop, however, he saw the brutality and exploitation inflicted by security forces on the rural. He became Archbishop of San Salvador and became famous for his denunciation of corruption of the government and police.

Planned Giving for the Week ending 10th March (Week 2)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 st Collection Augustinian	\$767	\$336	\$115	Week 4	\$1,218
2 nd Collection Parish	\$399.85	\$296.90	\$115	only	\$811.75

Parish news

Lenten Program continues on Fridays. The program commences straight after 8am mass (held in Priory dining room) and continues till 12th April. **Way of the Cross** continues on Wednesdays after 8am mass, till 10th April.



Jeff Cavins, who is well known by (USA) EWTN audiences worldwide for his regular program **Life on the Rock** and **Understanding the Mystery of the Bible**, will be in Brisbane to talk about **Catholic Faith and Scripture**.

To Register, scan this QR code using your iPhone (camera) or Android Phone (QR reader app)



Date: 5th May 2019 (Sunday)

Venue: St. James Catholic Parish Catholic Church and Hall,
165 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo.

Time: 12 noon to 5:00 pm **Fee:** Free (but we request donations to defray expenses) **Bring-a-plate to share. Drinks provided.**

Enquiries : Sonny@0421437752



Scan me



Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia. She is a mother of three who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home. Week One collection: \$333.50

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



The Easter Saturday Vigil will be sung by the same choir as last year but Holy Thursday Mass and Good Friday Passion of the Lord service will be sung by two other choirs. Please contact Helen Deakin hdea5247@bigpond.net.au for more information.

Safeguarding news

Here at St James Parish...

⇒ **Has it been 2 years since you last did your Safeguarding training?**

⇒ **Do you volunteer with children and / or vulnerable adults?**

⇒ **Are you in our Pastoral Council or Finance Committee?**

If your answer is **YES** to any one of the above questions, then we invite you to come and join us at Mt Carmel for a Safeguarding Training on 20th March 2019. Please register with our parish (phone 33971671 or email osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au) so we may register on your behalf.



IMPORTANT DATES

St James Trivia Night - Saturday 1st June.

ST JAMES DAY FETE 2019 – Sunday 28th July.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS Co-ordinator: Kev Mahoney.

Sunday, March 17th: Marriage and Holy Orders. Mass begins 6pm then the meeting is in St James Priory dining room. 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.

RCIA

Youth & Young Adults Mass – every 4th Sunday of the month 6pm. Details phone 0413 762 544.

Deanery news

Brisbane East Deanery Meeting on March 27, 2019 at Sts Peter & Paul: 7pm for 7.30pm start. A report from St James parish has been supplied. **RSVP to our office 3397 1671. All welcome to attend.**

Archdiocese news

Position Vacant – Youth Ministry Coordinator (see noticeboard details)

Applications are open for a position at St Mary's, South Brisbane and Dutton Park Parishes. A person who is interested in coordinating and supporting youth programs is required for a part time position of youth ministry coordinator for 15 hours per week. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers. Applications close: 29 March 2019

Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care: Could this be your Ministry?

CPPC is seeking Catholics with the ability to relate personally and spiritually to those suffering from mental illness. The volunteer training course (provided cost free) runs each Wednesday 9:00am – 3.30pm, from 1 May to 20 November 2019. Upon graduating the Pastoral Carers give a voluntary commitment of 8 hours per week in either one of the above ministries. **Applications close Thursday 18 April 2019.**

Written applications can be sent to: **Fr Jim Smith**, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006

Phone: 07 3252 5461 Email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au

Website: www.cppc.net.au

2019 SR MARY MCDONALD

LEADERSHIP ORATION

Thursday 4 April

6pm for Drinks and 7pm for Oration
Folding Theatre 86 Hawthorne Road Hawthorne

GUEST SPEAKER
Dr Barbara Hall

Since retiring in 2013, Dr Hall and her husband have undergone 25 volunteer trips to Uganda, Bangladesh, Nepal, Cambodia and Myanmar, to carry out obstetric, gynaecological and fetal surgery, and train local gynecologists.



CLICK HERE!
TO RESERVE SEATS
RSVP: Thursday 26 March

LOURDES HILL COLLEGE
lhc.qld.edu.au



Other news of interest

To our YYAM...Rotary holds a week long leadership and team management seminar called the Rotary Youth

Leadership Awards for young people between the ages of 18-26. I was lucky to go along last year and had a fantastic time. Rotary offer sponsorship for the seminar as well as all accommodation and food; and so all that is asked of participants is that they dedicate themselves for the entire week between May 4th - May 10th, 2019.

If there is anyone interested they can call me on 0488232151 or email me on kimberleyae4@gmail.com



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Counters

March 16 / 17 Lorie & Joe

March 23 / 24 Greg & Kate

NEXT WEEK March 23 / 24	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	*	B. TRIGGS-FULTON	M. YESUDAS	YOUNG (YYAM)
LECTOR	A. CHANDLER	D. TALLON	M. SLACK	ADULTS GROUP
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ALTAR SERVERS	DENEB	OLIVER, GENE	*	JOHN, RODEL, RAMIL, ALYSSA, KLARIS
POWERPOINT	MARGARET	GENE, GILBERT	DI, OLIVER, JUNE	SYDEL

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

Sunday 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 April 2019.

NEXT ANOINTING MASS: Friday 5th April 2019, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

NEXT MASS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sunday 7th April 2019 — 9am mass.

Ten Marks of Spiritual Maturity...

4) **You don't allow disciplines to take a back seat.**

Spiritually mature Christians do not allow time or busyness to be excuses.

They find time. They create space.

They make whatever sacrifices necessary to live a spiritually disciplined life.

Fr Joseph Lam