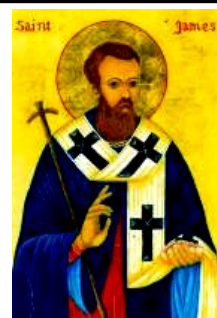


**4TH SUNDAY
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28 JANUARY**

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IS A PARISH OF ACCOMPANIMENT
WHERE WE ENCOUNTER AND KNOW
CHRIST, DEEPEN OUR FAITH, AND
SERVE THE COMMUNITY



The Importance of Authority

Jesus began to teach in the synagogues, and people listened to him. On one occasion a possessed man entered and began to shout at Jesus. The people were astonished when Jesus drove the evil spirit out of him. Jesus' fame began to spread throughout Galilee.

Jesus is listened to because he teaches with authority. The tone of his voice, his inflection, makes people take notice. Projecting that image of authority is important for parents too. I learned that lesson when my oldest son was five.

As a youngster I hated hearing my parents say, "Because I told you so." When my first child was born I resolved that I would never say those words to my children.

It took me five years to realize the importance of developing a voice and look that conveyed those words of absolute authority.

I was feeding two toddlers when my oldest came in the house, accidentally bringing in a huge wasp. Big flying bugs scare me silly, but I knew I could not show panic. I would take care of the wasp—after my children were safely away. I asked Roger Andy to take his brother and sister out of the room. Instead of moving toward them, he sat down and asked me, "Why?" My quick explanation was met with another, "Why?" By the third "Why?", I met his eye, gave him the look, and in a monotone two octaves lower than normal, commanded: "Because I told you so." He grabbed his two siblings and left.



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"I will raise up for them a prophet ... and will put my words into his mouth."

Sheepish Question:

Why is simply living ethically and serving others not enough?

Later, I thanked him for rescuing Kristin and James. I would like to say I proceeded to answer all his questions about wasps, but I didn't (I was never the perfect mom). But I did learn an important lesson that day. There are certain times when a parent needs to speak with attention-getting authority. Make sure one of those times is when you are talking about the gospel—delivered in your everyday voice and without "the look."

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**BRINGING
HOME THE
GOSPEL**

FAMILY RESPONSE

Discuss the different people of authority in your lives. Help your children understand that even adults have people who have power over them.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

How do you respond to authority? Are you careful in how you use your authority over your children? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?



Come and join us for a
**Morning
Tea**
Sunday 4 February
After the 9am Mass

We invite everyone to please bring a plate to share. Let's come together, share our blessings, and enjoy the warmth of fellowship.

WEEKEND: Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.

Sunday 7am, 9am.

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am.

WEEKDAY: Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30pm.

PERPETUAL ADORATION: has begun for 2024 (Tuesdays 8.30am till Wednesday 8am)

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HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: no Anointing Mass (Dec/Jan/Feb) begins 1st March 2024.

FIRST FRIDAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 2nd February 2024.

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 1st and 3rd Sundays @ 9am mass. Kids Bulletin available at side entrance each week: <https://thekidsbulletin.com/about/>

Masses & Services





Please pray for recently deceased: Joan Flew; Yolanda Sacazaz de Castro; Maria Luisa Pelcastre; Maria Esther Castro de Castro; Marilyn Ackers.
And these anniversaries: Gerard O'Reilly; Amada & Emilia Elicano; Zosimo Cruspero; Ron Ketter; Rudy Sueta; Severina Merced.
Please pray for these unwell: Loretta Mesina; Bryan O'Connell; Denis Strano; Ty De Paoli; Michael Simpson; John Canavan; Darshika Uluwita; Lynette Edwards; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan; Heshala Watapuluwa; Ted Richardson; Kathleen Duffy; Maricris Luong.

Parish news

No Anointing Mass Dec/Jan/Feb. No healing mass in February due to School Welcome Mass. HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: begins 1st March, 9am.



Saturday 3rd February Working Bee (9am-11am) for St James Church – we will be sorting through the outside shed; upstairs Priory and moving the old organs from the church. We would love your help!



Ash Wednesday 2024—Wednesday 14th February. Masses 8am and 7pm in our church. **Lenten Prayer Program 2024** - held in Priory after 8am mass. Begins after Ash Wednesday on **Mondays** 19th, 26th February + **Mondays** 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March. Everyone very welcome. **Private Individual Lenten prayer books available at side entrance only—\$7 cash thanks.**



Adult Faith Formation: "Mark's Gospel" evening discussions by Fr Francis and Fr John – Wednesdays 28th February + 6th, 13th & 20th March. More details to come. All welcome.



Social Justice Ministry—Joni McCourt from E.B. Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) is coming to our first meeting in 2024 - **Sunday 4th February @ 10.30am** in Priory. Everyone very welcome.

Our RAP paves the way for us all to make reconciliation a real part of the work we do each day and in our daily lives.

St James Coorparoo is calling for nominations from community members for our Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group (RAPWG). See church doors & noticeboard for more information.



Fr Francis Arackal OP has his book launch **From News to Good News** on 4th February @4pm. Venue: Our Lady of Graces parish, Carina. RSVP by 31/1/24 to 0424077370 or farackal@gmail.com



Way of the Cross happens in Lent—each Wednesday after 8am mass, beginning 21st February. All welcome.



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| Next week | 5th Sunday Ordinary February 4 | VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM | SUNDAY 7AM | SUNDAY 9AM |
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| CHOIR (1st weekend) | Rex U and group | n/a | Dan F | |
| COMMENTATOR | Frank F | Don T | Sean H | |
| LECTOR | Ron S | Leslie S | Christine U-M | |
| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION | Helen D Paul D Anne S | Jan L Barbara DeP Romy U | Cathy M Priya John W | |
| ALTAR SERVER/S | Joe R | Brendon G or Jane V | Leah S / Alejandra / Leo | |
| POWERPOINT | Cecilia D | Gilbert / helper | Matthew A | |
| WELCOMER | Karen / Edward | | Melissa / Arlene / Gian / Ian | |

Counters

January 27 / 28 Romy & Christy

February 3 / 4 Lorie & Lea

Next Sunday's Readings

(YEAR B) 5th Sunday Ordinary:

First Reading Job 7: 1-4, 6,7 I am filled with sorrow all day long. **Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22,23 Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

Gospel Reading Mark 1: 29-39 He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

