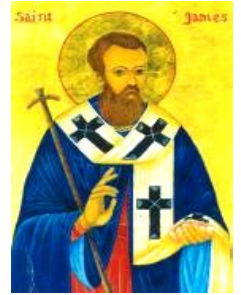


# 2ND SUNDAY LENT YR A 2020 7 / 8 MARCH

## The Parish of St James Coorparoo A Vibrant, Prayerful, Inclusive Augustinian Parish Archdiocese of Brisbane



### Bringing Home the Gospel

#### Space Mountain or Bust

Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain. He is transfigured before them. His face shines and his clothes are a dazzling white. With Jesus are Elijah and Moses. Peter tells Jesus they should set up three tents. As they come down the mountain, Jesus tells them not to tell anyone about the vision they experienced.

I was always after a mountaintop experience for our family. I can't tell you how many vacations I planned envisioning our whole family arm-in-arm declaring, "How good it is to be here!" It never happened. I remember one vacation in particular that I looked forward to for months.

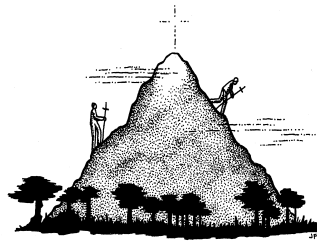
Four of our five children were teenagers. With seven different schedules we hardly ever saw each other. I longed for a week away together, playing board games and enjoying each others' company. I just knew that Disney World would be that dream vacation, so we piled into our old blue van and headed for the famed "Space Mountain."

Nothing turned out as I had pictured it. The four teens spent a great deal of their time in the "Sunshine State" napping. When we finally got to the Magic Kingdom, my suggestions that we stay together went unheard. The kids took off like marbles dropped on concrete. I felt lucky to snap a picture or two whenever we regrouped.

That was the story of the whole week. The kids would go off in twos or threes to swim or hang out. Even our nine-year-old walked at least six feet behind us. I was pretty miserable. Where was all our together time? Finally, I began to realize that all those weeks I was planning how I wanted to spend our family vacation, but the kids had different ideas.

Once I let go of my particular plan, I began to have fun. We even managed to play one or two board games. And we took great pictures. My favorite is of our five children, arm in arm, all wearing big grins and Mickey Mouse ears. Today, whenever I look at that picture I realize we can't force a mountaintop experience, but sometimes if we just let go, it may happen.

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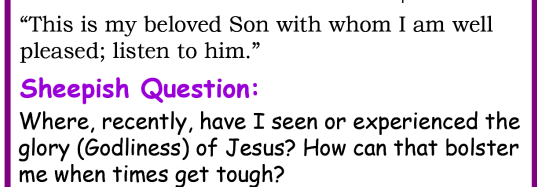


#### FAMILY RESPONSE

Have family members talk about one of their favorite vacations together as a family. You might have them draw or write down their thoughts beforehand.

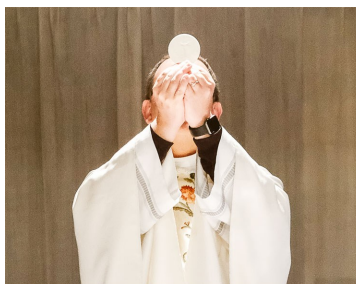
#### PERSONAL RESPONSE

What was the last mountaintop experience you remember having either by yourself or with your family? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?



"This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."  
**Sheepish Question:**  
Where, recently, have I seen or experienced the glory (Godliness) of Jesus? How can that bolster me when times get tough?

### From the Parish Priest



#### Taking extra precautions

Archdiocese of Brisbane is directing the following changes for parishes.

*In the interest of everyone's safety and protection in relation to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), I call on each one of us to be understanding in light of a few changes in practice, and heed the protocols sent out by the office of the Archbishop. In the official letter, the Archbishop also mentioned about how it would be preferable and prudent to receive Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue. This is left to the discretion of the communicant at this stage.*

#### Communion under one kind

Parishes will cease distributing Holy Communion directly from the Chalice

#### Stay home if sick

People sick with flu-like symptoms should stay home and not attend Mass

#### No Holy Water

Holy Water will be temporarily removed from fonts in churches

#### Handwashing

All ministers of Holy Communion will wash their hands before and after distributing communion

#### No handshaking

At the Sign of Peace, say "Peace be with you", offer a smile or wave



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On another note, an important one, it is with great sadness to convey to you the passing of Fr Joe Walsh, OSA. Fr Joe was assigned at St James Parish in 1961; he was a member at Villanova College in 1962, 1966-76; and a retired member of the Villanova Community in 2006-2020. Fr Joe was a resident at MaryCrest sometime in 2018 till his demise last Wednesday evening.

There will be a vigil in honour of Fr Joe on Tuesday, 10th March at 7pm. His funeral is on Wednesday, 11th March at 11am, followed by refreshments in the courtyard.

-Fr Francis, OSA

**Today's Readings** 2nd Sunday Lent:  
**First Reading** *Genesis* 12: 1-4 The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.  
**Second Reading** *2 Timothy* 1: 8-10 God has saved us, and called us to be holy.  
**Gospel Reading** *Matthew* 17: 1-9 His face shone like the sun.  
 For complete Sunday's readings, visit our St James website (look for the Prayer tab).

**Prayer Requests** Please pray for recently deceased:  
 Fr Joe Walsh OSA;  
 Gavan Carroll; George Kishaba; John Donnelly; Caroline & William McCarthy; Fr John Downey OSA; Ric Enright.  
 And these anniversaries: Robert DeMello; Luke O'Reilly; Robert Romano; Merle Chapman; Drago Andreis.  
 Please pray for these unwell: Peter & Stephen Darch; James Clifford; Tina Romano; Anne Holroyd; Fr Ron Mollison; Greg Whitney; Steven McSwan; Tess Walsh; Rodrigo Urbano; Santina Romano.  
 Give prayers and welcome our Baptismal Children: Kye & Alexis Aldridge; Sienna Roche.

**Social Justice** SIGNIFICANT DATES  
 MARCH:  
 Sunday 8: International

Women's Day.  
**Wednesday 11:** 2011: Earthquake and tsunami in Fukushima Prefecture, Japan killing 18,500 people and causing widespread contamination.  
**Thursday 12:** 1913: founding of Canberra as Australia's capital.

**International Women's Day—still listening to the Spirit**

20th anniversary of the Australian Bishops' response to research on the participation of women in the Catholic Church in Australia. The research results published in Justice Statement 2000 *Woman and Man: the Bishops respond*. In 2019, *Still Listening to the Spirit, Woman and Man Twenty Years Later* book published.

"...women are still listening to the Spirit and seeking to engage the whole Church in a conversation about a more fulsome development of the participation of women in the Church, for the sake of us all, and for the sake of the Reign of God.

There is unfinished business from the action commitments made by the bishops in 2000. There is also an opportunity to contribute to the communal discernment process of the Plenary Council 2020."

**Parish News** Fr Joe Walsh's funeral mass will be held at St James Church on **Wednesday 11th March at 11am**, with refreshments held afterwards outside the church, under the tree. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**20-23 March** Augustinian Prior Provincial Fr Peter Jones OSA is visiting St James parish and Villanova College. He will meet with parish staff and Pastoral Council over this time. Fr Peter will say the homily at all masses over this weekend.

**NEXT ANOINTING MASS:**  
**Wednesday 1st April**, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).  
 Wednesday only for the month of April.

Lent has begun and the Annual Chrism Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral. This year the Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 2nd April at 7.00pm**.

Your invitation for the Ordination to the Diaconate of **Br Tuan Anh Le OSA**.

The Order of St Augustine joyfully announces the ordination of Peter Lê Tuấn Anh OSA to the Order of the Diaconate by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. **Thursday 23**

**April 2020 at 7.30pm** St James Parish Church, followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Kindly **RSVP by 15 April 2020** to Trish (parish office) (Invitation on noticeboard)

Our YYAM are currently on a retreat at Tamborine Oxenford Road. It is held over this weekend 7 /8 March. Fr Francis and Br Tuan Anh are with our Young Adults. Please pray for them over this weekend.

#### Planned Giving for the Week ending 1st March (Week 1)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian [BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006160102]	\$969.40	\$478	\$200	Week 4	\$1,647.40
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Parish [BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006161103]	\$633.60	\$420.50	\$35	only	\$1,089.10

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





## MARCH

- 9 Monday 6-7.30pm Child Session 2 & pizza for Sacrament of Reconciliation children (School meet room)**
- 11 Topic 2: Humble, Healing and Merciful. Speaker: Associate Professor Robyn Horner (ACU) Brisbane Leadership Centre, Level 3, Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth St.**
- 11 Wednesday Stations of the Cross in the Church after 8am mass.**
- 13 Friday Lenten Program meeting in Priory after 8am mass.**
- 14/15 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; Year A 3rd Sunday Lent**
- 15 Sunday Baptism Preparation (11am) in the church for baptismal families with Fr Dang.**
- 16 Monday 6-7.30pm Rite of First Reconciliation children (Church)**
- 18 Topic 3: Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal. Speaker: Ass Professor Orm Rush (ACU) Brisbane Leadership Centre, Level 3, Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth St.**
- 18 Wednesday Stations of the Cross in the Church after**

## Sacrament of Penance for children continues...

March	
9 Monday 6pm-7.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation children Session 2 & pizza (school meeting room)
16 Monday 6pm-7.30pm	Rite of First Reconciliation (church)
22 Sunday 9am	Thanksgiving Mass for Sacrament of Reconciliation children and morning tea afterwards, sponsored by children and parents (church & grounds)



**Stations of the Cross** after Morning Mass each **Wednesday** during Lent.

**2020 Lenten program, Be Opened** – continues each **Friday** through **March**, straight after 8am mass, in our Priory.



## PARISH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DAY

- the intentional parish -

### PROGRAM

- Mass with Archbishop Mark
- Archbishop's Address
- Intentional Leadership
- Morning Tea
- Why Discipleship Matters
- Intentional Parish
- Lunch
- The Future of Your Parish
- How to Become an Intentional Parish

**Date: Sat 28th March**  
**Time: 8:30am - 3pm**  
**Location: Dominic Centre, (100 Mayfield Rd, Carina)**  
**Register: ebab.weebly.com**  
**RSVP due: Wed 18th March**  
**More info: (07) 3324 3440**



Twenty-seven-year-old Phany was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills and better water management, to combat drought.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



During the season of Lent **Aid to the Church in Need** would like to invite you to "Journey with the Martyrs" through an online Lent calendar. The Lent calendar features 47 true stories of modern martyrs, witnesses of love, who heroically offered their lives for God and their communities. Visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/lent2020](http://www.aidtochurch.org/lent2020)



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## Deanery news

Next Brisbane East Deanery meeting is **Wednesday 20th May @ Mt. Carmel.**



Mt Carmel Seniors Social Club Bus Excursion - **Thursday 19th March.** Shopaholics take note – we're off to Mt Tambourine, (ample time to browse the many fascinating shops there). Sumptuous morning tea will be provided en route, with lunch at Tambourine Mtn Memorial Sports Centre. Bus will leave from Mt Carmel Church 8.30am, Cost \$50, payable on day. For bookings, please call Paddy 3343 9424 / 0414 334389



## Other news of interest

Some notices do not get placed in our bulletin, but are on our noticeboard (near front steps of church). Regularly check this noticeboard for... Brisbane East Deanery news, Archdiocese job offers, Plenary Council information, Safeguarding information, and much more.



Lourdes Hill College enrolments open – see noticeboard



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## Counters:

**March 7 / 8** Anne & Margaret

**Mar 14 / 15** Karleen & Sandra

NEXT WEEK March 14 / 15	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	Ron S	Don T	Morag S	Marie G
LECTOR	Karleen O'R	Trish R	Ray M	Ana I
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Anne S Paul D Helen D	Heather L Yen Mai Vu Marj N	Yen N Pat P *	Rosemarie Y Benedict Denis S
HOSPITALITY	Therese K Nev G	*	Judith M	Bill S
ALTAR SERVERS	Deneb	Gene	*(assistance needed, please contact parish)	Rodel, Ramil, Alyssa, Klaris
POWERPOINT	Margaret	John, Gilbert	Di, June	Sydel

## Mass Times & Services:

**WEEKEND:** Saturday 8 am; Vigil 6 pm;  
Sunday 7 am, 9 am, 6 pm.

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

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 4.30—5.30 pm.

**ADORATION:** Thursday 8 am.

**PRAYER GROUP:** each morning prior to Mass.

**ALL NIGHT VIGIL:** Friday 3rd April.

**NEXT ANOINTING MASS:** Wednesday 1st April, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).  
(none in March due to World Day of Prayer)

**NEXT CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Sunday 15th March, at 9am mass.

## Next Sunday's Readings:

**3rd Sunday Lent: First Reading** *Exodus 17: 3-7* Give us water to drink.

**Second Reading** *Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8* The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. **Gospel Reading** *John 4: 5-42* The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

**For complete Sunday's readings, visit our St James website (look for the Prayer tab).**