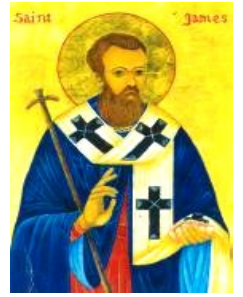


27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY YR C 2022 2 OCTOBER

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



BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

Faith the Size of a Mustard Seed

Jesus tells his apostles that if they have faith the size of a mustard seed, they will be able to uproot a mulberry tree and plant it in the sea. "The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!'" (v.5).

Some of the greatest theologians and saints once questioned the existence of God. It's not a sin to doubt our faith. Sometimes it's a healthy sign of growth. But it can be pretty scary when our youngsters begin questioning the truths we hold most sacred.

My youngest son was fourteen when he put the question to me: "Mom, what if there isn't a God?" After some discussion about what he was thinking and feeling, I realized he was just



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"For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint."

Sheepish Question:

How would I describe the scale of my faith?

as concerned about the fact that he was questioning as the question itself. I offered some advice that I've tried to follow myself: "As long as you keep honestly searching for the truth, you'll be fine."

This search for truth can be a lifelong adventure; questioning and even doubting are often a part of the process. Our job as parents is to lay a solid faith foundation so our children feel free to ask their questions, but also know where to look for answers. We do this from their earliest years by sharing Scripture and praying with them, by talking about what we believe and by taking them to church to worship, learn and serve with their peers and the larger parish.

We cannot argue our children into faith. We cannot make them believe. We know they were gifted with faith at their baptism, and we can only trust that if they keep honestly searching for the truth, they will find it. In the end they will see God, because God is truth.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Talk about the good deeds family members did last week. Ask each family member to think about the following question: "If you could ask God one question, what would it be?" Share your questions.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Is faith important to you? Why or why not? If it is important, in what ways do you model your faith at home?

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SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

The Parish of St James, together with the Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children, young people and adults-at-risk is paramount.

In continuing our commitment to compliance, this week we are highlighting the **role of Pastoral Council members.**

A Pastoral Council shares in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of the faith community, working together with parishioners to provide support for their efforts as followers of Christ. A Pastoral Council consists of the Priest together with a group of parishioners chosen by the parish community. The Pastoral Council's role is to promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in our world.

As the role has decision making capacity over child related services and activities conducted or offered by the parish, there is a legal requirement for a Blue Card to be obtained under the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000.

To best help us manage this, can we please ask all current members of this parish Ministry to register via the volunteer portal: <http://archbne.org/welcome>

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO THIS PARISH MINISTRY

Safeguarding Update



This Sunday's Readings

27th Ordinary Sunday (Year C/2)

First Reading *Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4* The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, O Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?

Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny?

Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail.

See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Today's Psalm 94(95): 1-2,6-9 If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14 Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Reading Luke 17: 5-9 If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.


'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'



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Coming soon ... In the way that John the Baptist announced the coming of something new, so giving people hope and offering them healing, we are to live lives that inspire others to reach out to God. To do this, we must learn what it means to have the '**heart of a disciple**' – increasingly open to hearing and responding to God. Learning to do this takes time, but it begins with simply 'showing up'. That is to say, we learn to put the time aside each day to allow God to teach us who he is and how he communicates with us.

Heart of the Disciple is a new 28-day reflection resource that can be used **during Advent** by individuals and groups, or at any time during the 2022-2023 liturgical year. Its main purpose is to help us to find a few minutes each day to practice what it means to sit with God and to trust him to lead us forward. Each day's reflection is inspired by a short text of scripture, and concludes with a thought or two to take away and with a prayer. Heart of the Disciple is just \$5 each



A new prayer reflection resource
FOR INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS
Advent Prayer Book coming soon

The Parish of St James acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country upon which it lies and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and culture and pays respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Prayers

Please pray for recently

deceased: Sue Colwell;

Raymond Murphy Jr; Rhelma Kenny; Robert Houghton; Ed McMahon; Enid Davey; Mary O'Brien ibvm; Laurie Prentice; Leo Falzon.

And these anniversaries: Joseph Jay Hallorina; Adam Loch; Rebecca Herft; Jim Downey; Catherine Sullivan; Neville Schesky; Rodolfo Ramirez Perez.

Please pray for these unwell: Peter Tubii; Fr Kevin Tu'itti; Kerry See; Aoife Stephenson; Neil Scanlan; Janis Mitchell; Kathleen, Mary-Clare & Michael Simpson; Michael Crilly; Harry Hidalgo; Ramon Nina Celso; Noela McCormick; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan; Mary Greene; June Olave; Sr Catherine Hefferan RSM; Rex Urbano.



OCTOBER

1 / 2 Weekend 5-5.30pm Reconciliation (through Eventbrite);
27th Sunday Ordinary (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); No Baptisms.

2 Sunday Ministry Team Leaders Brunch at 10.30am in our Parish Hall.

3 Monday Public Holiday

4 Wednesday 9am Going Deeper Prayer Session 8

7 Friday @ 9am Anointing mass

8 / 9 Saturday 5-5.30pm Reconciliation (through Eventbrite);
28th Sunday Ordinary (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); Baptisms.

9 Launching of the PARISH 5-year STRATEGIC PLAN during the 9am Mass

Parish news

Please be aware of EMAIL SCAMS

doing the rounds, claiming to be from parish priests asking for monetary or other help. Our Clergy would never seek to contact you in this way, or require of you that you provide them with cash or store cards to get them out of a bind. Please be vigilant.



Going Deeper—a ten-session series. **This program continues (till October) every Wednesday** morning after 8am mass in St James **Priory ... 8.45am** there will be a morning tea to share, time for discussion and to identify questions for the authors of this program. All Welcome.



9th October 9am Mass—Launch of the PARISH STRATEGIC PLAN during the 9am Mass, and Commissioning of Ministry Team Leaders.



St. Vincent de Paul St James Coorparoo – celebrating 100 years this year. A celebration Mass will be held at **9.00am Sunday 16th October**. Cutting of cake and morning tea will be held under the mango tree afterwards. Everyone is invited to help celebrate this special occasion.



Fr John Sullivan here at St James Parish on Monday 17 — Wednesday 26 October.



Family Mass – Sunday 30th October, the school has been invited to attend the Sunday 9am Parish Mass at St James.



September Launch **ArchBne Refugee Sponsorship Initiative**. This new initiative creates opportunities for your parish or faith community to provide welcome, support and belonging to refugee families seeking safety and a new home in Australia. Our hope is that by participating in this initiative, your community has the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of love of neighbour and generate greater connectedness, unity and community life.



Deanery news

Catholic Mission: 2022 Appeal
Brisbane East Deanery and St James Parish. **Speakers**

for Catholic Mission Appeal will speak at most weekend masses **15/16 October**.



Snapshot photos of **August 2022:** [visit our parish website](https://www.stjamesparish.org.au/visit-our-parish-website)



Registrations are now open for **Evangelise**, an online conference for all Catholics, **20-22 October** hosted by the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry. You can find further details about the conference and register at www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter last live-in weekend for 2022 will be held from Friday evening **14 October to Sunday afternoon 16 October**



(including Mass) at Santa Teresa, Ormiston. For bookings/details contact Maria and David Murphy: 0481 307 821 qldbookings@wwme.org.au Watch Archbishop Mark Cole-ridge's support video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o_Wp6qGB44 Information website: www.wwme.org.au



DID YOU KNOW? St James' parish hall is available for ongoing hire. With staging facilities and a small kitchenette, the space is capable of hosting a variety of events, functions and seminars. The hall offers flexibility, with access via Kirkland Avenue, on and off street parking and affordable rates. Please enquire at the parish office with your interest by contacting us on 3397 1671.



October Catholic Leader available at entrances...



CANOSSIAN Sister Melissa Dwyer will be leaving Brisbane for Rome in November after she has recently been elected.

\$4 at entrances

Planned Giving for the Week of 25 September, 2022

Collection Account numbers	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$622.10	\$264.70	\$270	Week 4	\$1,156.80
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891	\$446.65	\$205	\$230	only	\$881.65

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Weekly Mass times

WEEKEND: Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.

Sunday 7am, 9am, no longer 6pm.

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am **WEEKDAY:** Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30pm... by [Eventbrite link](#) or call parish office.

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Friday 7th October 2022 @ 9am.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 7th October 2022.

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY (at this stage).

Counters

October 1 / 2 Karleen & Sandra

October 8 / 9 Lenore & Brendon

Next week	28th Ordinary Sunday October 9	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (2nd weekend)	Carina Family Choir	n/a	YAM w Dan	
COMMENTATOR	Ron S	Don T	Christine U-M	
LECTOR	Karleen O'R	Trish R	Ray M	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Anne S Paul D	Heather L	Carmel T Sean H Ray M	
ALTAR SERVER/S	Joe R / helper	Edward / helper	Leah S / helper	
POWERPOINT	Cecilia D	Gilbert / helper	June S / helper	
HOSPITALITY	Karen / Edward	Brendon G / Trish R	Cathy M / John W	

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<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate-now/>

<https://goodsamsfoundation.org.au/>



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Next Sunday's Readings

28th Ordinary Sunday (Year C/2)

First Reading 2 Kings 5: 14-17 Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophete, and acknowledged the Lord.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 2: 8-13 If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Gospel Reading Luke 17: 11-19 It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

For complete Sunday's readings, visit our St James website ([Prayer tab](#)).

