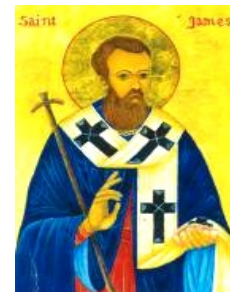


# 1ST SUNDAY ADVENT YR A 2019 30 NOV / DEC 1

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



### Bringing Home the Gospel

First Sunday of the Liturgical Calendar,  
Year A: year of the Gospel of St Matthew

## Stay Awake

*Our first Scripture reading is the Gospel for the first Sunday of Advent. Its purpose is to remind us that Christmas is not just the day on which we celebrate Jesus' birth: it is also a celebration of Jesus' Second Coming at the end times. Matthew is telling us how important it is to be watchful so that we are always ready to greet the Lord when he comes.*

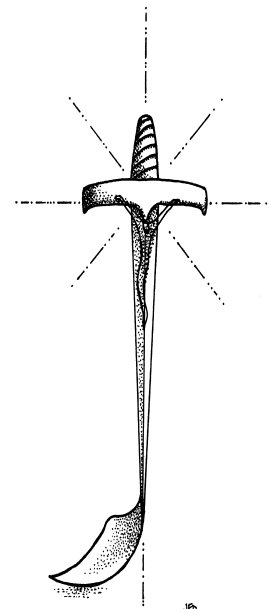
This Gospel reading is a sober beginning for a weekly journal. Yet Matthews advice to be ready for anything is certainly still valid today. Somehow, we have to balance living in the present with a healthy concern for tomorrow. We need to concentrate on living one day at a time—fix breakfast, go to work, and plan for that special vacation, always aware that no plans are set in concrete. We are never quite in control.

I may wake up in the morning to discover there's no milk and then be late for work because of bad traffic. Worse yet, I could get to work and find out the company is cutting back and I'm going to be laid off. So much for that hoped-for vacation. We can plan for all sorts of contingencies, but we can-not control what curve balls life will throw at us.

I used to think that God was testing me, but now I realize God doesn't play that way. As Christians, we believe in a God of abundant love who doesn't test his children to see if they will fail. What I do know is that God is with us in every step and mis-step.

Indeed, Jesus tells us that he is not just with us but in us.

So we plan and re-plan and count on God to be at every crossroads. We grieve over our losses, but find strength in knowing we have Jesus' endurance and courage to lean on. We stay alert for what may come, but we find God in the present. If we re-member Jesus is always with us, as close as our next breath, we can better stay alert and recognize Jesus when he comes again.



### FAMILY RESPONSE

Together, draw up a list of ways each family member can show his or her love for each other in the New Year. Post the list on the refrigerator.

### PERSONAL RESPONSE

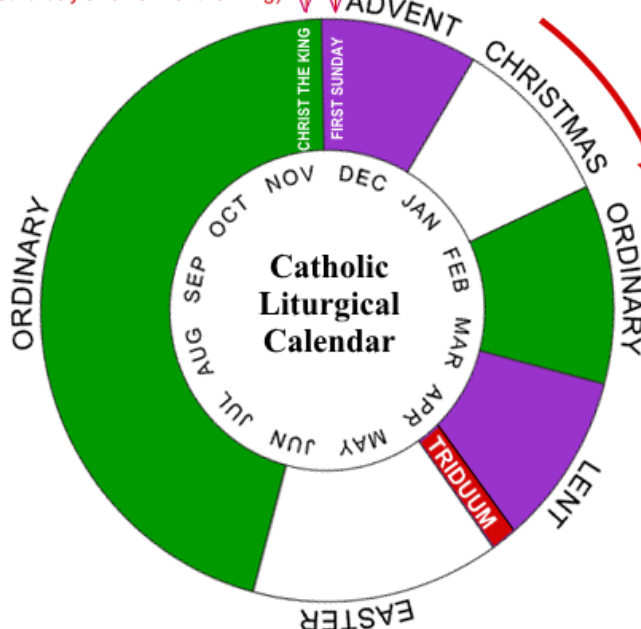
As you begin this journal, what are your hopes and concerns for the year ahead?  
What were the highlights from last year?  
What are you looking forward to next week?  
What are your concerns?

**THE CHURCH YEAR** is a cycle of seasons and feasts that makes present for us the saving action of Jesus' life and ministry.

The Temporal Cycle of the Church Year revolves around three great feast days that celebrate the Mysteries of Christ—Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. The seasons that connect these days are Advent, the Christmas Season, Lent, the Easter Season, and Ordinary Time.

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The Liturgical Year ends with the Last Saturday of Ordinary Time (Saturday after Christ the King) → The Liturgical Year begins on the First Sunday of Advent



### ADVENT

is a season marked with the theme of waiting & preparation for Christ's coming. It consists of the 4 Sundays before Christmas. The feast of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated during this season.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** *Isaiah 2: 1-5* The Lord will gather

all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

**Second Reading** *Romans 13: 11-14* The time has come, our salvation is near.

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 24: 37-44* Stay awake, you must be ready.

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

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for the recently deceased:

Peter Ha; Bernadette

Lawless; Carmel O'Connell; Col Davies.

**And these anniversaries:** Joanne Downey; John Girard; Ray Killin; Barry Lunney; Reg Chapman; Roberto Rogelio Jr.

**Please pray for these unwell:** John Pender; Tess Walsh; Martin Devine; Rodrigo Urbano; Santina Romano; Isabelo Corpus; Mary Dungan; Jocelyn Tibayan; Michael Simpson.

**Please pray for these Baptismal children:** Willow Johns; Joseph Davies.



## Social Justice

**SIGNIFICANT DATES**  
NOV / DEC:

**Sunday 30:** 1World AIDS Day.

**Monday 2:** International Day for Abolition of Slavery.

**Tuesday 3:** International Day Persons with Disabilities.

1854: battle of the Eureka Stockade.

**Thursday 5:** 2013: death of Nelson Mandela.

**Friday 6:** St Nicholas (Santa Claus)



*Eternal God,*

*In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.*

*We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops.*

*Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.*

*In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth.*

*Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life:*

*Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth.*

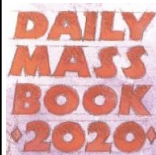
**Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians - Pray for us.**

## Parish News

In our church  
**Tuesday choir practice** for



Christmas Midnight Mass and Carols on all Tuesday nights at **7:30 pm** at the Church. (17/12 will start after novena mass) - all welcome!



**Daily mass books (2020)** are now available for daily mass parishioners Year 2/A. These are located in a storage container at side entrance. Please return them after each mass.



**Friends of St Augustine, Coorparoo** – invitation to all parishioners for **Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 4th December – 12noon for 12.30pm;** The Bistro @ The Village, 398 Cavendish Road, Coorparoo. Cost: \$25 per person (pay Ray or Karleen on arrival), call the parish and let **Trish know by 12nd Tuesday 3rd December for catering purposes.** (Please advise any dietary requirements)



(see noticeboard for extra details)



**Parish-based 'Simbang Gabi'**

[9-day Novena Masses in preparation for Christmas]

**15th - 23rd December 2019**

(weekdays 7pm; weekends 6pm)

here at St James' Church, Coorparoo.



**Sunday 15th December**

(beginning of Advent Novena season)

after all masses 7am - 9am – 6pm AND

**Saturday 21st December** after 6pm mass

A chance to wish everyone a merry Christmas!



**Volunteers for ministry over Christmas period**

24th and 25th December - clipboard is waiting at the church side entrance. Thanks to those who have placed their names.



**This year our Christmas Eve Mass will again be held at 6pm** to assist families with young children.

Parents may like to have young children dress up as angels or shepherds to help them enjoy the experience of Jesus' birth.



## Planned Giving for the Week ending 24th November (Week 4)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian [BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006160102]	\$624	\$549.45	\$170	\$265	\$1,608.45
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Parish [BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006161103]	\$437.50	\$438.10	\$190.70	\$225	\$1,291.30

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





## NOVEMBER

30/1 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; Year A 1st Sunday Advent

## DECEMBER

- 2 Monday 6.30pm PPC and PFC and nominees to meet for Information Evening and meal in Priory 6.30pm
- 3 Tuesday 7.30pm Choir practice in the church
- 4 Wednesday Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane (Cathedral 10am)
- 4 Wednesday Friends of St Augustine Christmas Lunch 12pm
- 4 Wednesday St James School Yr6 Graduation Liturgy 6.30pm in the church, followed by Arts Performance
- 6 St James School farewell mass 9am in the church  
No 8am Mass or Anointing Mass on this day
- 7/8 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; Year A 2nd Sunday Advent
- 9 Monday 8am mass The Immaculate Conception of the BVM
- 10 Tuesday 7.30pm Choir practice in the church
- 14/15 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; Year A 3rd Sunday Advent
- 15 Sunday Christmas Cheer after every mass - join us!
- 15-23 Christmas Novena Masses or 'Simbang Gabi' at St James Church (7pm weekdays & 6pm weekends)
- 17 Tuesday 8pm Choir practice in the church (after Novena)
- 21/22 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; Year A 4th Sunday Advent
- 21 Saturday Christmas Cheer after 6pm mass - join us!

## 2019 Vinnies Christmas Appeal

\*Available for purchase from St Vincent de Paul at the front of the church...  
Christmas cards \$3 Franciscan calendars \$8  
Columban calendars \$10  
\*Visit the Jesse Tree in our church with Christmas tags for gift giving. DONATIONS such as food and Christmas items can be placed under the Jesse Tree.  
\*If you wish to give a financial donation, envelopes for this purpose will be available at the door or on the pews.  
\*All donations received by mid-December will be greatly appreciated as the Christmas Hampers will be delivered shortly after.  
**THANK YOU for your generous support.**

**St Cecilia's Concert last Friday night** was a great evening for church-music enthusiasts, and a good reminder that there are things in our faith - like music, fellowship, love for God - that unites us with other Christian denominations - view photos on our website.

**Fr Pete Hayes'** trailer is now for sale. Consider giving your details and offering a price to our parish office. It is currently registered and in good condition.

24 December, TUES 6pm  
Christmas Eve FAMILY MASS

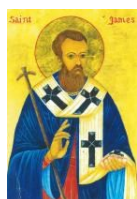
24/25 December, TUES / WED  
(11.30pm Carols)  
12mn MIDNIGHT MASS

25 December, WED  
7am CHRISTMAS DAY

25 December, WED  
9am CHRISTMAS DAY



## Parish News St James' School & St James'



**Parish Mass**  
**Friday 6th December**  
**9am Morning Mass**  
(No 8am mass or Anointing Mass on this day)  
**St James School farewells 2019!**

**NEXT ANOINTING MASS:**  
**Friday 13th December 2019, at 10am**  
(last anointing mass for the year;  
no 8am mass on this day).



**Parishioners nominated to be members of the Parish Pastoral Council...** 'Information Evening' and 'Discernment Session' for the Parish Pastoral Council with current Parish Pastoral Council members and members of the Finance Committee -  
**Monday 2nd December at St James Priory, starts with dinner at 6.30pm**

**30th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St Stephen at 10am Mass on Wednesday 4th December.**

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate Mass to commemorate this 30th anniversary, following the 1989 renovations. Parishioners are invited to attend with morning tea following the Mass.



**11 - 24 December**  
St Stephen's Cathedral Lights of Christmas an extraordinary sound and light show - free event to delight families with music, food and children's activities every evening **6.30-10.30pm.**

## Archdiocese news

St Benedict's Parish, Northlake's -part time position of Parish Secretary (see noticeboard) for a shared position of 18.5 hours per week, working on Monday to Wednesday. Commencing Monday January 20, 2020.

Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish - Parish Office Coordinator 28 hours per week over 4 days (see noticeboard). The role encompasses Administration duties and Financial coordination, as well as project management of Property upgrades and maintenance.

**WE BELIEVE IN PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE**

We believe in prioritising the women, men and children most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

Be an angel of hope to vulnerable families around the world and buy a gift this Christmas.



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## Administration

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Assistant Priest	Fr Ngọc Hải Đăng Nguyễn OSA	3397 1671
Retired	Fr. Peter Hayes OSA	
Parish Secretary	Trish Rashad	3397 1671
Parish Council Chairperson	Ray Mitchell	3892 1682
Finance Committee	Mark Garden	0437 730 792
Pastoral Care	Parish Office	3397 1671
Safeguarding Officer	Kate Pearson	capearson @optusnet.com.au

## Counters:

**Nov 30 / Dec 1** Anne & Margaret

**Dec 7 /8** Karleen & Sandra

NEXT WEEK December 7 / 8	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	Karleen O'R	Trish R	Ray M	Christine M
LECTOR	Bill S	Berenice T-F	June S	Bill S
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Helen D Priay *	Marj N Jan L *	Carmel T Dianne M Mike S	Leo B Rosemarie Y *
HOSPITALITY	Elizabeth O'R Sandra G	Esme G	Pat P Joan S	*
ALTAR SERVERS	Deneb	Gene	*(assistance needed, please contact parish)	John, Rodel, Ramil, Alyssa, Klaris
POWERPOINT	Cecilia	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 6th December 2019.

**NEXT ANOINTING MASS:** Friday 13th December 2019, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

## Next Sunday's Readings:

**2nd Sunday Advent: First Reading** *Isaiah 11: 1-10* He judges the poor with justice.

**Second Reading** *Romans 15: 4-9* Christ, the hope of all people. **Gospel Reading** *Matthew 3: 1-12* Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

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

[www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings](http://www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings).