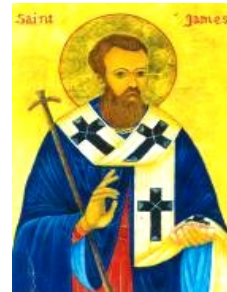


**2ND SUNDAY  
ADVENT  
YR B 2020  
6 DECEMBER**

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



***Christmas Masses 2020***

For 2020, please be advised of the Christmas Mass Times:

**24 Dec, 6pm—Christmas Eve Mass  
25 Dec, 12mn—Christmas Midnight Mass  
25 Dec, 9am—Christmas Morning Mass**

To register to come to any of these masses, please scan the QR Code below. To our parishioners who are unable to go to EVENTBRITE (our elderly, especially those who use neither mobile phones nor the internet), we invite you to register for these masses by writing your info on the Christmas Masses clipboard available now at the side entrance of the church.



Here's the link to this Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/christmas-masses-2020-st-james-church-coorparoo-tickets-131277764327>

QLD may have opened her borders, and we are very thankful for that. But please know that some restrictions to numbers are still in place and protocols on sanitation still apply. Thank you!

***Parish***

A couple of changes to our regular mass times at St James Parish:

This is probably one of the hardest decisions I have ever made as Parish Priest, and I know this won't be the last either. I have began relaying this information first with our volunteers a fortnight ago, then last Sunday with those who attended the 6pm Sunday mass. This is what I relayed to them: Beginning 20th December, we will no longer have the 6pm Sunday Mass schedule. This means that next Sunday, 13th December, will be the last Sunday that we will have a 6pm Sunday Mass. I have been asked as to whether this is only temporary, and as far as the Augustinians in Australia are concerned (considering the current number of Augustinians in active ministry and the parishes and other ministries under our care, plus the real concerted efforts of the various communities in the Province to re-focus on our charism and re-discover our prophetic identity) this is going to be the scenario in the foreseeable future. With one priest who will be assigned at St James, this is the way moving forward. Also, Friday masses beginning 1st January 2021 will be at 9AM to allow St James School community to join the regular Parish community Mass. Whether there is an anointing Mass, Friday masses will be at 9am. Thank you very much! And a blessed ADVENT season to all! - Fr Francis, OSA

***Advent 2nd Rite of Reconciliation***

**Wednesday 9th DECEMBER 2020, 7.30pm  
St James Church—YOU ARE INVITED!**

Outline of the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

The Second Rite of Reconciliation "shows more clearly the communal nature of penance" (Sacrament of Penance #22).

The community gathers having been given some formation beforehand so that for them the celebration is more fruitful and they understand the aim of the rite.

**Hymns for Reflection and Welcome**

**The Word of God**

The Word of God is proclaimed, and in the homily, prepares those gathered in heart and mind to come to reconciliation with a deeper understanding of God's love and forgiveness.

**Examination of Conscience**

During the examination of conscience there should be time given for those attending to reflect on how they have fallen short of their commitment to Jesus Christ.

**Personal Reconciliation**

The priests stand in full view of all in a space where the penitent can be seen but not heard. While no time restriction is placed on the individual, good manners and sense dictate that people limit the time they spend with the priest.

If it is necessary to spend time in discussion then the first rite of reconciliation is where that is best suited to take place.

**Conclusion**

After confessions, a prayer of thanksgiving and a blessing are recited. These are not an added extra, but an integral part of the rite and should be attended by all those gathered.

*P.S.*

*Please see insert page for a prescribed text that you can fill out and use during the part of the individual confession.*

**Farewell Sunday 6pm mass**

# BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

## Prepare Your Way

Mark begins his Gospel by telling us about John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin. He describes him as a prophet and messenger sent to prepare the people for Jesus. John is rather strange. He lives in the desert, eats and dresses oddly, yet he has attracted a large group of followers. He tells them "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me" (v. 7).

John the Baptist tells his followers, "I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit" (v. 8). The "he" of course is Jesus, and the distinction John makes concerning baptism is important. John's followers have repented and turned away from sin. He uses water to symbolize a cleansing from sin and a new beginning. Jesus' baptism presupposes the turning away from sin. His baptism not only marks the end of sin, but also the beginning of a new life, a life in pursuit of love and truth.

When we are baptized we receive the Holy Spirit, who not only gives us new life but also blesses us with the gift we need to enter into that life. Jesus' baptism points us in a new direction and inaugurates us into a new way of living. The gift of the Holy Spirit is an invitation to action. It is not enough to just repent from evil—we must also become actively involved in the pursuit of good. This is the baptism we received when the water that symbolizes both death and new beginning was poured over our heads.

Sometime this week take out the pictures of your child's baptism. Remind them that on that day they received Jesus' Spirit, and were

### FAMILY RESPONSE

Decide as a family on a kind act you can do for someone. Set the date you will accomplish the task on the calendar.

### PERSONAL RESPONSE

What gifts do you need to continue to give yourself unselfishly to your family? Write a prayer asking God for this gift. What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

given the special help they would need to be good and accomplish great things. Let them know that with the special gifts they received in baptism they could help to make the world a better place. Talk about some practical ways they could make a difference in someone else's life, and then schedule some time during your busy week to help them live out their baptismal gift.



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"Prepare the way of the Lord ... he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

### Sheepish Question:

How can I recognize and follow the urging of the Holy Spirit within me?

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December 6, 2020 • 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent

## Justice Challenge

The Responsorial Song for Sunday sings of justice and peace kissing when the Messiah comes. The psalmist proclaims, "Justice shall walk before him..." So many scripture readings remind us that one of the best paths to peace comes through achieving justice—making sure everyone has what he or she needs to live a life of dignity and hope. The root of conflict can usually be found when people are denied their basic human rights. Your challenge this week is to discuss as a family or household what you think the connection is between justice and peace. Then choose one act of justice which you can do to bring more peace to our world. What is God calling you to do this week—in your immediate family, in your parish or school, in your community, or even in the world itself—to help someone secure the human rights they have been denied? Remember that we Catholics believe they deserve these rights, not by earning them or buying them or even achieving them, but because they are part of the human family, just like you and me, created in God's own image and likeness.

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

### Planned Giving for the month of October 2020 (100 people per mass started from July)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total	Compare to month of June 2020
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian	\$3165.15	\$912.20	\$1499	\$110	\$5686.35	\$2,564
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Parish	\$2196.15	\$1136.10	\$1534.70	\$110	\$4976.95	\$2,886.70

## Prayer Requests

**Please pray for recently deceased:**



Peter Hung Dang; Maggie Simpliciano; Rodrigo Urbano; Edgar Galdo; Nora May Convine; Salvadore Resolado (father of Fr Saldie OSA).

**And these anniversaries:** Daniel

Reilly; Flaviana & Eulogio Diz; Tom Lunney; John Girard; Carmen Lunney; Adela Herrera; Lourde & Regina John.

**Please pray for these unwell:** Laurie Sheehan; Tina Romano; Pauline Donaldson; Rex Ducat; Charles di Bella; Bill & Carmel Trewern, Dennis Moritcho; Peter Herman; Danny Pearsall; Olive Williams.

**Give prayers to our Baptismal Children:** Margot Schatz.



## Parish News

**Christmas masses 2020**

24th December 6pm family mass

24th December midnight mass

25th December 9am mass

Clipboard for ministry volunteers at the side entrance only. Many thanks.

Registration to these masses via QRcode Eventbrite (200 people per each mass).



Yared family are looking for a **carer** for an elderly parishioner from 9am – 3pm on Wednesdays (morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea supplied). Phone 0450604091. Will discuss payment. Joseph.

## Vinnies Christmas Appeal

**SUPPORTING FAMILIES THROUGH A CHRISTMAS LIKE NO OTHER**

With the health, economic and social impacts of COVID disrupting the lives and livelihoods of all Australians, the need for support grows each day, with families brought closer to the poverty line as time passes.

**Make a life-changing difference to disadvantaged Queenslanders:**

\* Please **place your gifts + tags** by the Jesse Tree. All donations received by **13th December** will be greatly appreciated as the Christmas Hampers will be delivered the following week.

\* If you wish to give a **financial donation**, envelopes for this purpose are available at the door or on the pews.

\* You may wish to make a **direct deposit** to:  
BSB: 064786; ACCT: 100026564  
ACCT NAME: SVDP St James Conference Coorparoo  
**THANK YOU for your generous support!**



St Vincent de Paul Society  
QUEENSLAND  
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The webinar **Reading Augustine in a Time of Crisis**

Here is the link to the recording of the webinar: [https://youtu.be/IBtHKUCO\\_1M](https://youtu.be/IBtHKUCO_1M)



## DECEMBER

- 5/6** Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); **Year B 2nd Sunday Advent**
- 7-11** Parish secretary on annual leave (volunteers will monitor our parish office phone)
- 9** Wednesday Advent 2nd Rite of Reconciliation [7.30pm]
- 11** Friday Anointing mass 10am (no 8am mass on this day)
- 12/13** Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); **Year B 3rd Sunday Advent**
- 12-20** **No Christmas Cheer this year, due to CV19 conditions.**
- 15 - 23** **Christmas Novena masses** (to be co-ordinated by St James parishioners) 7pm except Saturday 6pm
- 19/20** Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); **Year B 4th Sunday Advent [no 6pm Sunday]**
- 24/25** **Christmas masses: 6pm Vigil; Midnight and 9am.**
- 26/27** Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); **Year B Holy Family**
- 28-30** **Monday-Wednesday** 8am services will be Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service led by Dcn Tuan Anh.

## JANUARY (no Anointing Mass in January)

- 1** Tuesday Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 8am mass

## Today's Readings 2nd Sunday Advent

**First Reading** *Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11* Prepare the way for the Lord.

**Second Reading** *2 Peter 3: 8-14* We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

**Gospel Reading** *Mark 1: 1-8* Make straight the paths of the Lord.



## Parish news

**St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Cards and**

**Calendars** available for purchase from St Vincent de Paul at the front of the church ...

**Vinnies** Christmas cards \$3  
Franciscan calendars \$8  
Columban calendars \$10

**Friends of St Augustine Coorparoo...** Invitation to our Christmas Luncheon on Friday **11th December at 1pm** Easts Leagues Club, Coorparoo. RSVP: For catering numbers, please send acceptances, no later than **Tuesday 8th December**, to Cathy Monterde – [cathy.monterde@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.monterde@gmail.com) or send text to 0455 313 215. Parishioners are most welcome to join "Friends of St. Augustine" group.



Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia who have been devastated by unprecedented flooding after Typhoon Vamco hit the region - only weeks after being hit by Super Typhoon Goni, the strongest storm this year.

Severe flooding has submerged towns up to 12 metres deep across the Cagayan region of the Philippines, leaving **tens of thousands of families trapped without electricity, clean water or road access.**

Across the region, homes have been destroyed and livelihoods lost with **hundreds of thousands of people fleeing to evacuation centres, where the risks of spreading COVID-19 are high.**

With your help, and with our church and NGO partners on the ground, we can provide vital support to those affected by this and other disasters as part of our Asia Emergency Appeal.

Donate today at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.



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**December 5 / 6** Sylvia & John

**December 12 / 13** Lorie & Lea

NEXT WEEK December 12 / 13	SATURDAY 6 PM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 7AM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 9AM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 6PM (SIGN AT DOOR)
COMMENTATOR	Bill S	Berenice T-F	Marina Y	Leo B
LECTOR	Ron S	Don T	Morag S	Marie G
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HOSPITALITY	None	during	CV19	restrictions
ALTAR SERVER/S	Joe	Gene	Leah	Rodel/ Ramil/ Alyssa/ Klaris
POWERPOINT	Cecilia	John D / Gilbert	Di / June S	Sydel /
MARSHAL	Dew / Karl M / Lorie	Brendon G / Trish R	Doreen C / Cathy M	Mark G / Marie G / Matheus H

## Mass Times & Services:

**WEEKEND:** Saturday 8 am; Vigil 6 pm (marshal required)  
Sunday 7 am, 9 am, 6 pm (marshal required each mass)

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

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 4.30—5.30 pm...by appointment only.

**ADORATION:** Thursday 8 am (postponed until further notice)

**ALL NIGHT VIGIL:** Friday 8th January 2021.

**NEXT HEALING MASS:** Friday 5th, February 2021 at 9am.

**NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY** (at this stage).

## Next Sunday's Readings:

**3rd Sunday Advent**

**First Reading** *Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11* I exult for joy in the Lord.

**Second Reading** *1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24* May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel Reading** *John 1: 6-8, 19-28* There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

