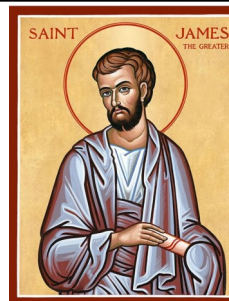


# 30TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YR A 2023 29 OCTOBER

## ST JAMES PARISH COORPAROO

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



### The Greatest Commandment

something that would get him into trouble with the Romans. They make another attempt to trap him into making a mistake against the Jewish faith. A scholar of the law asks Jesus which commandment is the most important.

A scholar asks, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" and Jesus responds "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" (v. 37). Jesus adds that the second commandment is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself" (v. 39). There they are, the two great commandments, and neither of them start with, "thou shalt not." The Ten Commandments (thou shalt and shalt not) presented to Moses are a somewhat more detailed version of these two great ones. If we know the greatness of God and love God, we don't hold anything or anyone as more important.

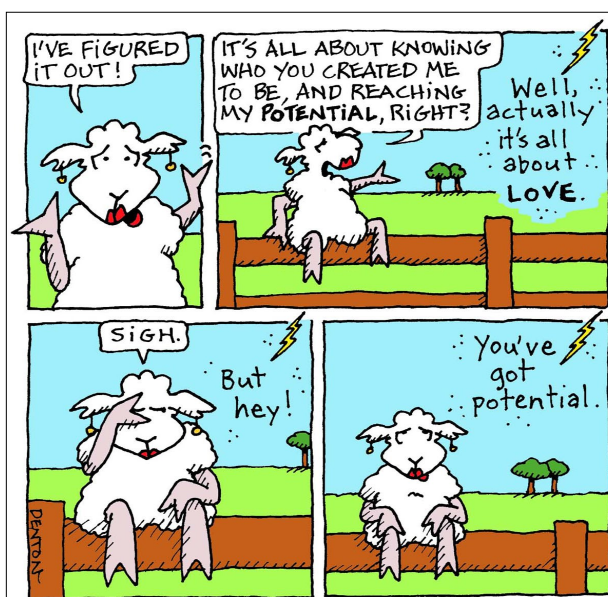
We don't use God's name disrespectfully, and we certainly don't use his Son's name, Jesus Christ, as a form of profanity. We honour the day God named holy, the day set aside for spending time with God, by not working like we do during the week. If at all possible, we rest on the Lord's Day and enjoy the gifts of God's creation.

If we love our neighbours as ourselves, we are respectful to those especially closest to us, like our father and mother. Remembering that according to Jesus, everyone - even our enemies - are our neighbours, we are called not to kill, steal, or lie about them. We are called to refrain from envy about what others have, and we strive for faithfulness to a spouse we have pledged to love forever.

Basically, the greatest commandment is to live in God's love, and to make that love so much a part of us that we cannot help but reflect it. Do everything you can to surround your children with love; your own love and others' love. Keep them close to the church community so they can see that love lived out in community.

Jesus' enemies failed in their attempt to trap Jesus into saying

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HOME THE  
GOSPEL**



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"You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

#### Sheepish Question:

The Lord has given me the capability to fully love God and my neighbor—so what holds me back?

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### Date Claimers

- All parents: **16th November** (Thurs, 6.30pm to 8.00pm, parish hall). **Real Talk** seminar.
- All young adults: **17th-19th November** (Fri-Sun) St James Young Adults **Retreat**, Lake Somerset, QLD, register at <https://bit.ly/stjamesyamretreat>
- All parish volunteers this year: **1st December** (Friday, from 6.30pm). Volunteers' Year-End Dinner.
- Invitation to all parishioners: **16th-23rd December** (5am), & 23rd Dec (7.30pm). **Missa de Gallo** (Christmas Novena Masses).

### Prayer for the Synod on Synodality Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



**Please pray for recently deceased:** Maria Yong; Barbara De Paoli Snr; Pedro Demlon Galido; Enrico Monterde; June Loxton; Patricia Smith; Su Gil Lee; Kevin O'Grady; Peter Dawson; Chrisante.  
**And these anniversaries:** Stephen Gannon; Joseph Jay Hallorina; Gail Giltrow; Eleanor Lynam; Dot Smith; Adriano Jiro Rivera; James (Jim) Downey; Marcelina Robles Canta; Constante Elumba; Orlando Besande; Engracia Tan; Carlos De Leon; Kay Hill; John Sheehan; Julia Sheehan; Charlie Fisher; Chrisan Thi; Yuko Dias; Lawrence Dias.  
**Please pray for these unwell:** Darshika Uluwita; Mery Sepulveda; Fr Brian Fitzpatrick, OSA; Lynette Edwards; Kevin Sheehan; Paul Hogan; Lenore Girard; Carmel Vosper; Bill Trewern; Zion Petersen; Marj Norris; Maylene Nator; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan; Joan Scraggs; Michael Barton; Heshala Watapuluwa; Ted Richardson.

## Parish

**November 1st Wednesday — All Saints 8am mass & 7pm mass.**

**November 2nd Thursday — there is an ALL SOULS DAY MASS at 9am.** This is for all Souls, and especially offered for those who passed away from November 2022 until October 2023. This memorial mass will be followed by a morning tea under the mango tree. The Book of the Dead will be at the front of the church from the end of October, you are invited to write down the names of your beloved departed on the page/day when mass could be offered for them. You are also invited to bring picture frames (small to medium size only) of your beloved departed to be displayed at the front of the church.



**RCIA 2023-2024.** Rite of Christian Initiation is a process requiring attention be given to the individual needs of each enquirer, ensuring they receive suitable pastoral, liturgical and catechetical formation. The goal of such formation is the ongoing conversion of the individual's heart and mind to Christ. Priory phone 3397 1671 or [kevmahoney2@bigpond.com](mailto:kevmahoney2@bigpond.com)

**Dates** – Sunday from November 19th to December 3rd 2023 and from January 21<sup>st</sup> to March 24th 2024 inclusive. **Times** – 9.30 to 10.15 am.



**WITH EXPECTANT HEARTS** is a new 22-day reflection resource that can be used during Advent by individuals and groups during the 2023-2024 liturgical year. Each reflection is written to help us sit with God and to trust Him to lead us forward. Each day's reflection is inspired by a short text of Scripture from the day's Gospel reading and concludes with a prayer and a thought or two to take away. Each week is introduced with a detailed look at the different parts of the Madonna of a Rose painting by Raphael, focusing on each member of the Holy Family and John the Baptist. *St James Parish will have a weekly prayer group throughout (after 8am mass; day to be announced soon). Everyone is welcome!*

**WITH EXPECTANT  
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A NEW PRAYER RESOURCE  
FOR ADVENT 2023



**8th November— Wednesday 6.30pm Friends of St Augustine Gathering at St James Priory (To Be Confirmed)**

Next week 31st Ordinary November 5	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (1st weekend)	Rex U	n/a	Dan F
COMMENTATOR	Sylvia P	Leslie S	Christine U-M
LECTOR	David P	John D	Darren McC
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Priya H Lorie R Geoff P	Heather L Christy U Don T	Jaqueline S Denis Mcl ...
ALTAR SERVER/S	Edward Z	Brendon or Jane	Lea S + Alejandra + Leo
POWERPOINT	Paul D	Gilbert / helper	June S
WELCOMER	Karen / Edward		John W / Cathy / Darren

## Counters

**October 28 / 29** Karleen + Sandra

**November 4 / 5** Parish Staff

## Next Sunday's Readings

**31st Sunday Ordinary**

**First Reading** *Malachi 1: 14—2: 2, 8-10* You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

**Second Reading** *1 Thessalonians 2: 7-9, 13* We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 23: 1-12* They do not practise what they preach.