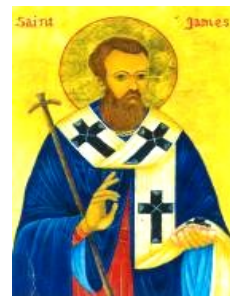


**31ST SUNDAY
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31 OCTOBER**

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



**ST JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
MULTICULTURAL MASS**

TOWARDS AN EVER WIDER "WE"

(From Pope Francis Rome, Saint John Lateran, 3 May 2021)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, I expressed a concern and a hope that remain uppermost in my thoughts: "Once this health crisis passes, our worst response would be to plunge even more deeply into feverish consumerism and new forms of egotistic self-preservation. God willing, after all this, we will think no longer in terms of 'them' and 'those', but only 'us'" (No. 35).

For this reason, I have wished to devote the Message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees to the theme, *Towards An Ever Wider "We"*, in order to indicate a clear horizon for our common journey in this world.

The history of this "we"

That horizon is already present in God's creative plan: "God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply'" (Gen 1:27-28). God created us male and female, different yet complementary, in order to form a "we" destined to become ever more numerous in the succession of generations. God created us in his image, in the image of his own triune being, a communion in diversity.



An ever more inclusive world

I also make this appeal to journey together towards an ever wider "we" to all men and women, for the sake of renewing the human family, building together a future of justice and peace, and ensuring that no one is left behind.

Our societies will have a "colourful" future, enriched by diversity and by cultural exchanges. Consequently, we must even now learn to live together in harmony and peace. I am always touched by the scene in the Acts of the Apostles when, on the day of the Church's "baptism" at Pentecost, immediately after the descent of the Holy Spirit, the people of Jerusalem hear the proclamation of salvation: "We... Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power" (2:9-11).

Today's migration movements offer an opportunity for us to overcome our fears and let ourselves be enriched by the diversity of each person's gifts. Then, if we so desire, we can transform borders into privileged places of encounter, where the miracle of an ever wider "we" can come about.

I invite all men and women in our world to make good use of the gifts that the Lord has entrusted to us to preserve and make his creation even more beautiful. "A nobleman went to a distant country to get royal power for himself and then return. He summoned ten of his slaves, and gave them ten pounds, and said to them, 'Do business with these until I come back'" (Lk 19:12-13).

The Lord will also demand of us an account of our work! In order to ensure the proper care of our common home, we must become a "we" that is ever wider and more co-responsible, in the profound conviction that whatever good is done in our world is done for present and future generations. Ours must be a personal and collective commitment that cares for all our brothers and sisters who continue to suffer, even as we work towards a more sustainable, balanced and inclusive development. A commitment that makes no distinction between natives and foreigners, between residents and guests, since it is a matter of a treasure we hold in common, from whose care and benefits no one should be excluded.

The dream begins

The prophet Joel predicted that the messianic future would be a time of dreams and visions inspired by the Spirit: "I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions" (Joel 2:28). We are called to dream together, fearlessly, as a single human family, as companions on the same journey, as sons and daughters of the same earth that is our common home, sisters and brothers all (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 8).

Holy, beloved Father, your Son Jesus taught us that there is great rejoicing in heaven whenever someone lost is found, whenever someone excluded, rejected or discarded is gathered into our "we", which thus becomes ever wider.

We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus, and all people of good will, the grace to do your will on earth.

Bless each act of welcome and outreach that draws those in exile into the "we" of community and of the Church, so that our earth may truly become what you yourself created it to be: the common home of all our brothers and sisters. Amen.

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

To Know, Know, Know Him Is to Love, Love, Love Him

In this reading a scribe asks Jesus which is the greatest commandment. When Jesus answers the question, the scribe makes it clear he understands and agrees with what Jesus has said. Jesus' answer was so impressive that no one dared to question him after that.

**BRINGING
HOME THE
GOSPEL**

In this Gospel all Ten Commandments are summed up in just two statements. First, we are to know and love God with all our heart, understanding and strength. The second is like the first; Jesus tells us we are to love our neighbours as ourselves. Jesus makes sure that those listening recognize the fact that understanding these two commandments is more important than any prayers or offerings and will lead to the kingdom of God.

The two commandments Jesus gives us can really be seen as just one.



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“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.”

Sheepish Question:

How do I describe my yearning for God?

When we come to know and love God, we open ourselves to God's love. Filled with

God's love we have no choice but to share that love with others. Experiencing God's love, which is unconditional and all consuming, enables us to love ourselves and everyone else. To come to know and love God is to come to know and love all others and ourselves.

The key is to be open to discovering who God is over and over again in our lifetime. Since we never outgrow our need to learn about God, we must continue to pray, study and talk to people, sharing our image of God and listening to theirs. God is and will always be a mystery, but the mystery that is God continually reaches out to us, asking us to reach back.

I remember the lines to a popular song when I was growing up, “To know, know, know him is to love, love, love him.” Those words are certainly true of God. We need to grow in our understanding of God so that we can grow in our capacity to love. And as parents, our job is to help our children do the same, praying, studying and listening to them share their ideas about God and sharing our own ideas with them.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Have paper and pencils ready and ask each person to draw a picture of how they “see” God. Talk about what you have drawn.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

How does God fit into your everyday life right now? Who is God in your life today? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

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Justice Challenge

In Sunday's Gospel, we hear Jesus proclaim the greatest commandment of loving God with our whole beings. But then Jesus adds the second greatest: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” Your challenge this week is to think about how loving God and loving neighbour are inseparable. Then choose one neighbour (near or far) who needs help. It might be spiritual, financial, emotional, physical, or something else. Reach out to this neighbour and offer your assistance. It's a great way to show how much you love God!



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Prayers

Please pray for recently deceased:

Barry Duncan; Steve Ruhl; Maureen Skelly; Jesus Lenon Dizon Snr; Isagani Juanzon Snr; Margaret Ryan; Cynthia Arrarunce; Restituta Bongas.

And these anniversaries: Bradley Wenceslaus; James McGuire OSA; Anto Tolo; Lilly Thomas.

Please pray for these unwell: Tina Romano; Noah Riley; Imelda Garcia Cacho; Nelia Juanzon; Lito Lobo; Samuel Quiroga Arias; Arabela Vazquez Marin; Catherine Sheridan; Margaret Tourish; Martin & Teresa Devine.

Please pray for our Baptismal children:

Julianna Gempesaw; Clare Cash; Winston Chapman; Claudia Chapman.



OCTOBER

30 / 31 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); **Year B/1 31st Sunday Ordinary (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am)** No Baptisms.

31 MultiCultural Mass Sunday 9am and celebration (+hall).

NOVEMBER

1 All Saints Day—8am mass church reopens for morning prayer

2 All Souls Day—8am mass

2 Tuesday Going Deeper Week 8 via Zoom

3 Wed Going Deeper 8:45am—9:45am at St James Priory

3 Alpha this Wednesday (zoom)

4 Thursday St Rita's Conference 6.30pm in the Priory.

5 Friday 9am Healing + Anointing mass

5 Friday Marriage Course 7pm-9pm in the Priory

6 / 7 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); **Year B/1 31st Sunday Ordinary (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am); Baptisms.**

10 Wed Going Deeper 8:45am—9:45am at St James Priory

Parish news

NOVEMBER

8am mass—1 All Saints Day

8am mass—2 All Souls Day

In November, our Church will re-open for prayers during the day (to match School hours) 8.30am—2.30pm. (Thursday closed)



THE MARRIAGE COURSE has begun!

Continuing on Fridays at 7.30pm.

Please collect your 2 journals (each couple) from the parish office.

ANGLICAN ROMAN CATHOLIC RECONCILIATION SERVICE

This year's service will be hosted by our Archdiocese at **St Stephen's Cathedral** and the theme is centred on the Season of Creation: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:32-34 NRSV)

Save **Thursday 4th November at 11am** into your diary and find out more via the event page here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/263276095690241>

Date claimer: Brisbane East Deanery Meeting...

Final meeting for 2021:

Saturday 13th November 9am Saturday Mass, Meeting and Planning morning.



St James School P & F is hosting a Family Fun Day Sunday November 14th after 9am mass. 10am to 6pm: Parishioners are very much welcome to attend the St James Christmas Family Fun Day. We will be hosting a High Tea Stall which will be open following the end of the 9am Mass.

Donation Point Tap Device will be made available shortly at entrances to our church.



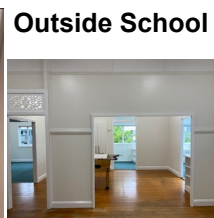
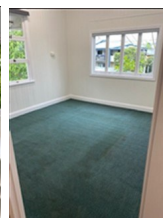
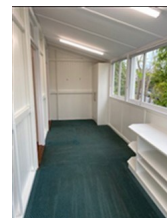
Available soon...new 28-day reflection resource called **New Life in Christ**. It can be used as an Advent resource by individuals and groups, each day will include a scripture reading and a reflection upon it, as well as some relevant remarks from Pope Francis and the Congregation for the Clergy.

Our Book of the Dead is available at the front of the church late October, for the month of November.

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Catholic Christianity Join Deacon Peter Pellican PhD on a journey through the teachings of the Catholic Church, explained in a way that is inspiring, challenging. To listen to the podcast, visit your preferred podcast streaming platform. To watch the videos, visit the Catholic Christianity website at catholicchristianity.org.

Female parishioner seeking granny flat from 19 November. Practising Catholic. leonie.constable@gmail.com



Outside School Hours Building newly repainted + children have returned.

Planned Giving for the Week of 24 October, 2021

Collection <u>Account numbers</u>	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$713.25	\$150	\$230	\$165	\$1,258.25
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891	\$423.65	\$145	\$210	\$245	\$1,023.65

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This Sunday's Readings 31st Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading *Deuteronomy 6: 2-6* Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart. **Second Reading** *Hebrews 7: 23-28* This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood. **Gospel Reading** *Mark 12: 28-34* This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.



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 5th November @ 9am.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 5th November.

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY (at this stage).

Counters

October 30 / 31 Lenore & Brendon

November 6 / 7 Paul & Cecilia

Next week	32nd Ord Time November 7	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (1st weekend)		Denise & Group	n/a	Dew & Group
COMMENTATOR		Ron S	Don T	Morag S
LECTOR		Karleen O'R	Trish R	Ray M
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		Anne S Paul D	Marj N	Mike S Pat P Sean H
ALTAR SERVER/S		Joe R	Gene T-F	Leah S
POWERPOINT		Cecilia D	Gilbert / John D	June S / helper
MARSHAL		Lorie / Karen / Edward	Brendon G / Trish R	John W

Next Sunday's Readings 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading *1 Kings 17: 10-16* The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Second Reading *Hebrews 9: 24-28* Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

Gospel Reading *Mark 12: 38-44* This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

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

