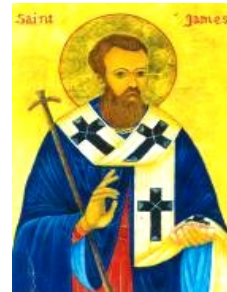


4TH SUNDAY ADVENT YR B 2020 20 DECEMBER

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



Volunteers for ministry over the Christmas masses
Thursday 24th and Friday 25th December -
clipboard is waiting at the church side entrance. This
weekend is the last chance for you to put your names
down. Thanks to those who are conscientious and have
put their names down already.

24th December 6pm mass

Welcomers/Marshalls - Brendon Gibb

+ 3 more required.

Servers— Thomas + Lochland + Llewellyn (children)

+ 1 adult required.

Commentator – **1 required.**

Reader – Merina Maheswaran

Powerpoint – Cecilia Devlin

Collectors – Rondell Zorilla + Catherine Zorilla

+ Rommell Fernandez **+ 1 required.**

Eucharistic Ministers – Ray Mitchell + Paul Devlin

+ John Walsh **+ 1 required.**

24th/25th December Midnight mass

Welcomers/Marshalls- **+ 4 required.**

Servers— Lea Sueta + Rodel Israel **+ 2 required**
(adult or children).

Commentator— Ben Sharp

Reader— Leo Bradley + Ben Sharp

Powerpoint— Sydel Israel

Collectors— **+ 4 required.**

Eucharistic Ministers— Priya + Rosemarie Ylagan

+ 2 required.

25th December 9am mass

Welcomers/Marshalls- **+ 4 required.**

Servers — Lea Sueta + Gene Triggs-Fulton

+ 2 required (adult or children).

Commentator – **1 required.**

Reader— Berenice Triggs-Fulton

Powerpoint – **+ 1 required**

Collectors – **+ 4 required.**

Eucharistic Ministers – Carmel Trewern **+ 2 required**

As parishioners, we are hosts of these services, so let
us do our share to volunteer and prepare to welcome
guests to church this Christmas! We do this to welcome
others, and help make others join us fully in worship!

- Fr Francis

Maintenance works done this year 2020:

Parish Hall Toilet windows:

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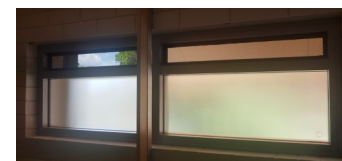
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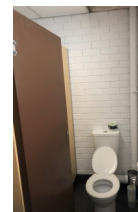
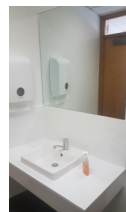
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After from inside:



Parish Hall lavatory and cubicle doors after:



VGA to HDMI cables for church screen monitors (for a much clearer resolution)



Monitor Speaker for choir:



**BOOK CHRISTMAS MASS
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Congratulations to Fr Brian Fitzpatrick OSA on his 50th Priestly Anniversary !!!

After his Simple Profession in 1963, Brian was sent to Villanova University, Pennsylvania, to study philosophy. From there he studied theology at the Augustinian College' Washington, D.C., a subject he continued to study later, at Clayfield, Brisbane. Brian made his Solemn Profession in Villanova on 25 March 1961 and continued his studies until 1969 when he returned to Australia. On 19th December 1970, in the presence of his family and a host of parishioners and friends, some dating back to his days at Bamawn School near Echuca, Brian was ordained priest by Bishop Bernie Stewart. The Ordination took place at Echuca and was great for his hometown parish.



BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

The Lord is With You

The Gospel of the Annunciation tells us the story of an angel inviting Mary to become the mother of the Messiah. She asks how this is possible since she is unmarried and has never been intimate with a man. She is told that the Holy Spirit will come upon her, and she will conceive a son. With great faith, Mary says yes to this mystery.

Our children are growing up in a world filled with fear and uncertainty. They need the virtues of faith, hope and love more than ever. They need faith in a God who will always be there for them, and they need to trust that whatever they require will be provided. If we hope to help them grow in this faith we have to make sure they feel anchored in our love, and God's love. Mary, Jesus' mother, is the perfect model for every parent. Imagine how strong Mary's faith must have been to say yes to God's request. She was a young girl, probably in her early teens. She was unmarried and knew the harsh consequences of being unwed and pregnant. But still she said yes, trusting that whatever she needed would be provided.



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"The Lord is with you. ...the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

Sheepish Question:

Okay, again: So WHY did Jesus come into the world?

Mary was open to God's Spirit and allowed the Spirit to work in her and through her. She said yes, and taught her son to say yes. All through her life she modeled for her son the virtues of faith, hope and love. She taught him his prayers, and told him the stories of their faith. She anchored him in the love, and encouraged him in his mission.

Like Mary, we too are invited to model for our children the faith, hope and love the Spirit is eager to share with us. When Mary said yes and allowed the Spirit to work within her, the world changed forever.

We too are invited to live in God's spirit and teach our children to say yes to the Spirit's gifts so that, like Mary, we can be Christ-bearers to the world around us.

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December 20, 2020 • 4th Week of Advent

Justice Challenge

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the angel inviting Mary to become the mother of the Messiah. Mary worries about doing this without breaking her promises to God. The angel replies with the story of Elizabeth being with child even though she was beyond the age of child-bearing. The angel states, "...for nothing will be impossible for God." Your challenge this week is to bring the Good News of Jesus and his message of possibilities to someone who has been weighed down by darkness or despair—due to illness, financial stress, relationship problems, or whatever. As a family, choose one person—or one family—who needs you to remind them that with God, nothing is impossible. How can you help "liberate" this person or family from whatever is keeping them from living a free and full life?

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

Prayer Requests

Please pray for recently deceased:



Beth Mennie; Noel Harris; Lyn Janouris; Peter Hung Dang; Maggie Simpliciano; Rodrigo Urbano; Edgar Galdo; Nora May Convine.

And these anniversaries: Fernando family; Mary & Gordon Dungan; William Palakkal; Treasa William; Daniel Reilly; Flaviana & Eulogio Diaz; Tom Lunney; John Girard; Carmen Lunney; Adela Herrera; Lourdes & Regina John.

Please pray for these unwell: Mariena Corzo; Paul & Esme Gannon; Bill & Carmel Trewern; Beth Mennie; Laurie Sheehan; Tina Romano; Pauline Donaldson; Rex Ducat; Dennis Moritcho; Peter Herman; Danny Pearsall.



Parish News

Christmas masses 2020

24th December 6pm family mass is now fully booked—please attend...

24th December midnight mass or 25th December 9am mass

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

* Registration to these masses via QRcode Eventbrite 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.

Tis the season to be jolly organised



THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Keeping Faith with You

We have good news to share with you — The Catholic Leader has **printed** a Christmas edition. Parishioners, know that the free edition will be available in the church over Christmas. In the meantime, The Catholic Leader is still available digitally and parishioners can sign up to receive their free digital edition through the website: www.catholicleader.com.au/covid19free

Vinnies Christmas Appeal—many hampers have been delivered to families, couples and individuals.

We wish you a happy and Holy Christmas.

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.



Farewell Sunday 6pm mass.
All Friday masses in 2021 will be 9am.



DECEMBER

12-20 No Christmas Cheer this year, due to CV19 conditions

15-23 Christmas Novena Masses, "Simbang Gabi"

(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**

24/25 Christmas masses: Vigil; Midnight; 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.

28-30 Fr Francis away on annual leave

JANUARY

(no Anointing Mass in January + all Friday masses 9am in 2021)

1 Friday Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 9am mass only

2/3 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); **Year B Epiphany of the Lord**

4-8 Sydney: Augustinian Australian Province Gathering [Communion Service on these weekdays]

5-11 Tues-Mon Parish secretary on annual leave (volunteers will monitor our parish office phone)

9/10 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through

Today's Readings 4th Sunday Advent

First Reading 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.

Second Reading Romans 16: 25-27 The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.

Gospel Reading Luke 1: 26-38 You will conceive and bear a son.



Parish news



In this Advent season, as we prepare for Christmas, we look back on our past year and also prepare for the festive season and the year ahead.

At our recent Friends gathering in North Harbour we participated in a guided meditation by Fr Paul Maloney and all at the gathering found it to be a very nourishing and strengthening

experience, one I would like to share with you.

Jacky Worthington FOSA Leader

The meditation can be accessed via this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sqo7RiTX8Ps>



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December 19 / 20 Greg & Kate

December 26 / 27 Karleen & John

NEXT WEEK December 26 / 27	SATURDAY 6 PM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 7AM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 9AM (SIGN AT DOOR)
COMMENTATOR	Bill S	John D	John W
LECTOR	Anne C	Don T	Kate P
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HOSPITALITY	None	during	CV19
ALTAR SERVER/S	Joe	Gene	Leah
POWERPOINT	Margaret	John D / Gilbert	Di / June S
MARSHAL	Dew / Karl M / Lorie	Brendon G / Trish R	Doreen C / Cathy M

Mass Times & Services:

WEEKEND: Saturday 8 am; Vigil 6 pm (marshal required)
Sunday 7 am, 9 am, **no longer 6pm.**

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8 am (2021—Friday 9am).

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:

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading Genesis 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3 Your own son shall be your heir.

Second Reading Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19 The faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.

Gospel Reading Luke 2: 22-40 The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.
For complete Sunday's readings, visit our St James website ([look for the Prayer tab](#)).

www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings.

