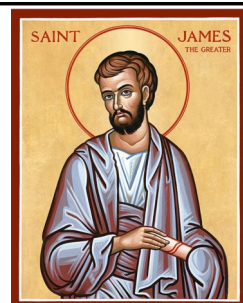


**32ND SUNDAY
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ST JAMES PARISH COORPAROO

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



In this reading, we have another parable from Jesus. This time Jesus is cautioning us to always be ready to shine our light. He tells a story of ten virgins who are waiting with lit lamps for the bridegroom. The wise virgins dim their lights to conserve the fuel until they will need it. The foolish use up all their fuel before the bridegroom appears.

The parable of the ten bridesmaids has a moral that is easy to spot. The moral is "we don't know when God will come, but we'd better be ready, have what we need at hand, pay attention, listen, and be prepared."

Usually when we hear this story, we think about our last days, and being prepared for our final judgment. But this parable also has a lot to say to us about everyday living. God calls to us throughout our lives, and God expects a response. There is an old saying by Charles Kingsley: "Have thy tools ready: God will find us work." I think this parable is about having our tools ready.

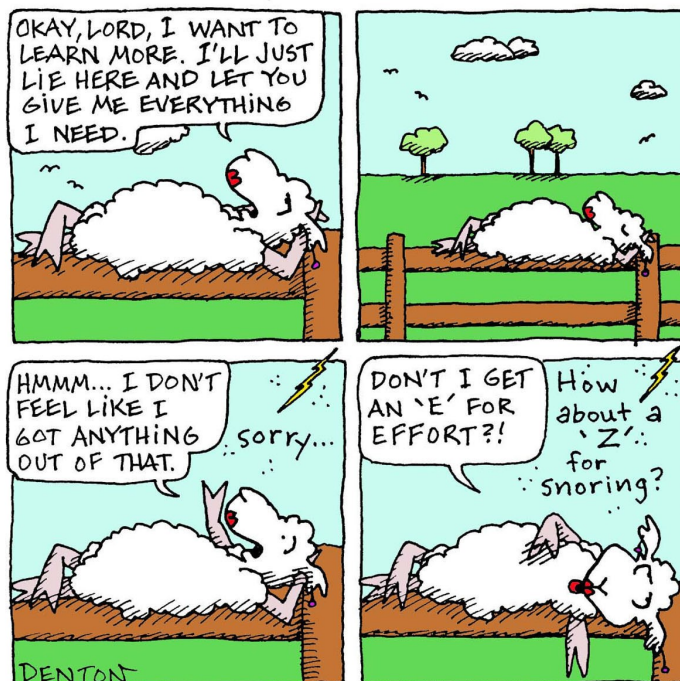
There is no doubt that parents need special tools to nurture their children to be faith-filled, independent adults. They need patience and courage as well as ingenuity and common sense. They need tools to negotiate and persuade, and tools to comfort and coax. Parents also need practical tools like being able to organize and multitask, cook, clean, and manage the finances.

Since parents can't do it all, you have to count on others to provide some of the tools they may need. What tool(s) do you most need that you don't have? Can others provide? If not, how can you get them? Pray daily for what you need, and remember God has promised to provide. With prayer and the help of others, your tools will be ready because God knows raising a child provides abundant work.

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Be Prepared

**BRINGING
HOME
THE
GOSPEL**



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"Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Sheepish Question:

So why am I not getting an "E"? What must I do about it?

Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2023

YOUR GENEROSITY THIS CHRISTMAS WILL HELP FAMILIES SURVIVE THE COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS.

Every day at the St Vincent de Paul Society, we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We are inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter. The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture, and inspire – the power to change lives – is in everyone. As we enter this Advent season, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated. If you are able to make a contribution to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal, please do so today. **Your support can provide financial and emotional assistance to families spending Christmas in poverty. VISIT the JESSE TREE with Christmas tags for gift giving - located near the side entrance to the Church. All donations received by 11th December will be greatly appreciated** as the Christmas Hampers will be delivered the following week.

OR If you wish to give a financial donation, envelopes for this purpose will be available at the door or on the pews.

ALTERNATIVELY - You may wish to make a direct deposit to: BSB 064786 ACCT 100026564

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THANK YOU for your generous support.

St James Coorparoo Conference St V de P Society



This Sunday's Readings

32nd Sunday Ordinary (November 12)

First Reading *Wisdom 6: 12-16* *Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Psalm 62(63):2-8 *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land
without water.

So I gaze on you in the
sanctuary
to see your strength and your
glory.
For your love is better than
life,
my lips will speak your
praise.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my
hands.
My soul shall be filled as with
a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you
with joy.

On my bed I remember
you.
On you I muse through
the night
for you have been my
help;
in the shadow of your
wings I rejoice.

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18* *Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

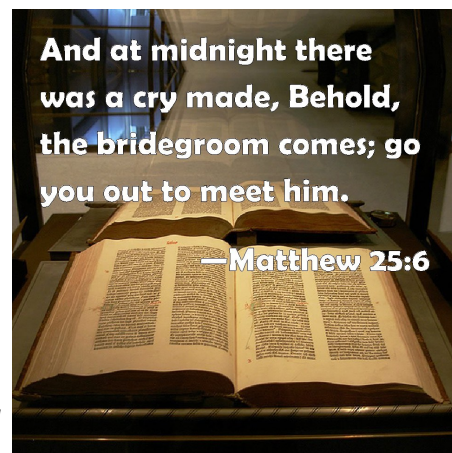
Gospel Reading *Matthew 25: 1-13* *Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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**And at midnight there
was a cry made, Behold,
the bridegroom comes; go
you out to meet him.**

—Matthew 25:6



PARENTS & CAREGIVERS SESSION

St James Parish - Coorparoo



Thursday
16th November
6:30pm

Location: **St James Church Hall (brochure at entrances)**

Date and Time: **Thursday 16 November 2023.**

6.30 pm to 8 pm

Who is this session for? It is primarily targets at parents and caregivers of children in years 4-7 at school

Can I bring my children? The parish will be putting on a movie and supervising the children in the St James priory

TOPICS BEING COVERED:

Current culture and what's impacting our kids.

Is **technology** taking over your family? Tips to help you understand & manage the digital world.

What's happening to my child? Let's talk **developmental changes** & our kids.

Let's talk about sex: Stuck for words or not sure how to have these important chats?

How can **parents** help?

**All attendees will receive free access to Real Talk's Parent Portal resource!*

The Parish of St James acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country upon which it lies and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and culture and pays respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Prayers

Please pray for recently deceased: Helena Carr;

Oliver Diaz Cruz; Maria Yong; Barbara De Paoli Snr; Pedro Demlon Galido; Enrico Monterde.

And these anniversaries: Malcom & Mary Rita Deakin; Eulogio & Flaviana Diaz ; Alma Ruiz, Sandy Powell; Dr John English; K & D Dwyer; John Simpson; Sam Wiles.

Please pray for these unwell: Michael Simpson; John Canavan; David + Kerry See; Leanne Simpson; Darshika Uluwita; Mery Sepulveda; Lynette Edwards; Kevin Sheehan; Paul Hogan; Carmel Vosper; Maylene Nator; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan; Joan Scraggs; Michael Barton; Heshala Watapuluwa; Ted Richardson; Kathleen Duffy.

Please pray for these Baptismal children:

Darshika Zahlia Scarlett; Joshua Knowles.



NOVEMBER 2023

12 Sunday St James School Fete 10am-3pm

12 Sunday 12.30pm November Remembrance Mass for the Irish Community

13 Monday 7-9pm Adult Faith Formation (final)

Tuesdays Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration after 8am mass: (8.30am till Wednesday 8am)

15 Marian Talk 1 (Priory 7.30-8.30pm) Fr John Sullivan

17-19 YAM retreat Lake Somerset

18 / 19 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time; (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); Baptisms.

Tuesdays Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration after 8am mass: (8.30am till Wednesday 8am)

22 Marian Talk 2 (Priory 7.30-8.30pm) Fr John Sullivan

23 Thursday St V de P meeting 6.30pm

Parish news

Friends of St Augustine gathering will be Wednesday 29th November, 6.30pm in the Priory. All welcome.



All YAM: 17th-19th November (Fri-Sun) St James Young Adults **Retreat**, Lake Somerset, QLD, register at <https://bit.ly/stjamesyamretreat>



Available \$6 cash (at side entrance only)
With Expectant Hearts is a new 22-day reflection resource for Advent, beginning **Mondays from 27th November** after 8am mass. Each reflection is written to help us sit with God and to trust Him to lead us forward.



All parish volunteers 2023: 1st December (Friday, 6.30pm) we will have our **Volunteers' Year-End Dinner**.



Invitation to all parishioners: **16th-23rd December (5am), & 24th December (7am) for Missa de Gallo (Christmas Novena Masses)**. More information shortly.



St Vincent's Hospital (Kangaroo Point) are seeking Eucharistic Ministers/ Volunteers to assist with the care of our patients. Volunteer Coordinator: Maureen Hansen on maureen.hansen@svha.org.au
Shifts would be just a couple of hours and we would really appreciate your time and enthusiasm.



There is a change to **Childrens Liturgy** - first and third Sundays of each month, instead of each week.



2023 Knox Public Lecture by Dr Susan Connelly RSJ on "Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins" **Tuesday, 28 November at 7.30pm**. The lecture will be livestreamed via Zoom. Registration details are on the flyer (see doors)



NO RCIA for **St James Parish 2023/2024**.



The Parish Adult Faith Formation Ministry team invites you to participate in a mini Advent retreat, "GETTING TO KNOW MARY." Father John will lead the 4 sessions which will begin next

Wednesday 15th November from 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Priory. The first talk will be on 'MARY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.' Just exactly what do we know of Mary from the writers of the New Testament?

For organisational purposes, could you please let the office know (details on back page) if you intend to participate.

Dates: Wednesdays 15th + 22nd November and Wednesdays 6th + 13th December.



NEXT Brass Cleaning- Friday 17th November after 9am mass. All welcome to volunteer and help.



St Vincent de Paul Jesse Tree (side entrance) now has tags for donations towards our Christmas Hampers.

Boxes for donations at both entrances.

Christmas Cards and Calendars now available for purchase from St Vincent de Paul...

Christmas cards \$3

Franciscan calendars \$8
Columban calendars \$10



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Planned Giving for the Week of 5 November 2023

Collection <u>Account numbers</u>	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$694.25	\$140	\$280	\$220	\$1,334.25
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100018086	\$408.40	\$105	\$290	\$220	\$1,023.40

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Ministry Teams—get involved...

We offer many opportunities to multi-cultural community... Send	get involved and participate in our vibrant your enquiries to the email below...
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Counters

November 11 / 12 Lenore & Brendon

November 18 / 19 Paul & Cecilia

Next week	33rd Sunday Ordinary Time November 19	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (3rd weekend)	Glenn H	n/a	Canossa Choir	
COMMENTATOR	David P	Yoni V	Kate P	
LECTOR	Ron S	Don T	Sean H	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Sylvia P Lorie R Helen D	Heather L ... Priya	Sepali Deborah H Amor McC	
ALTAR SERVER/S	Joe R	Brendon or Jane	Lea / Alejandra / Leo	
POWERPOINT	Cecilia D	Gilbert or helper	June S or helper	
WELCOMERS	Karen +		Cathy + John + Darren	

Masses & Services

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.

Sunday 7am, 9am.

MASS SERVICES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am.

MASS SERVICE: Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30pm.

PERPETUAL ADORATION: (Tuesdays 8.30am till Wednesday 8am) Vicky brisbane.adoration@gmail.com

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Friday 8th December—not 1st December @ 9am.

FIRST FRIDAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 1st December @ 7pm.

PRAYER MEETING: Every Friday (Except 1st Friday of the month) @ 7.10 pm (Rosary), 7.30 pm (Praise & Worship followed by Message)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: continues 1st and 3rd Sundays @ 9am mass.



Welcome
New Parishioners
Please register
using this QR code



Next Sunday's Readings

33rd Sunday Ordinary (November 19)

First Reading *Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19, 20, 30-31* Give

her a share in what she has worked for.

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 45: 1-6* The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 25: 14-30* Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

