## **33RD SUNDAY ORDINARY** YR B 2021 **14 NOVEMBER**

From the Parish Priest

## **The Parish of St James** Coorparoo

## A Vibrant, Prayerful, Inclusive **Augustinian Parish Archdiocese of Brisbane**



vouth group



#### Good day to everyone!

For a couple of years now at St James, we have celebrated the Christmas Novena Masses, a Filipino tradition which Fr Saldie brought to the parish when he was still assigned here. This occurs on **16-24 December** with a Mass and usually followed by shared meal. As we are nearing December, I am calling on our Filipino community who wish for the "Simbang Gabi" tradition to continue here at St James to take lead in organising (liturgy: readers, servers; music; contacting food sponsors for each day: setting up and setting down, etc.; sharing mass info to other parishes). Although a Filipino tradition, these masses have welcomed everyone from all cultures. So, everyone is invited to

take part in organising the "Simbang Gabi". I'm setting a date for an initial meeting on 15th November at St James Priory at 7:30pm. Please spread the word! Once again, everyone is welcome!

#### Also, to our Volunteers at St James Parish,

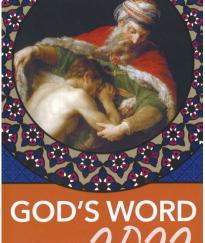
Let's have a Celebration of you and your important Ministries! We thank you for all your efforts and support throughout 2021, another challenging year. We invite you to a morning tea to celebrate your contribution towards our Vibrant, Prayerful, Inclusive Augustinian Parish.

Please check your emails next week or reminders in our bulletin for details on how to RSVP as soon as possible. Will you come to...

Sunday 5th December morning tea at 10am Or

#### Sunday 12th December morning tea at 10am

Call Trish 3397 1671 or email osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au - Fr Francis, OSA



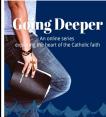
#### God's Word 2022 Daily Reflections Donation of \$20 per copy as a fundraiser for Friends of St Augustine. Find your copy at the side entrance to the church.



societyacti

New Life in Christ. Each day has a scripture reading and a reflection upon it. Please make a donation of \$5. Find your copy at the side entrance to the church. This book enables our prayer group on Wednesdays to continue throughout the Advent Season.





Every Wednesday for the past 10 weeks a group of 12 parishioners have come together to enjoy the 'Going Deeper' program prepared and presented by the Brisbane Archdiocese Evangelistic team. A variety of topics under the banner of - Our relationship with our God, our relationship with our Church and our relationship with everybody were presented and discussed. We found the approach to each of these topics open and informative as it provided valuable information founded in the Bible and our Catholic doctrine. Each provided us with a better understanding of how we can develop a more deeper and rewarding relationship with Jesus, the Holy Spirit and God our Father. We would recommend this

course to all looking to deepen their faith and their relationship with their God.

(Jan Lepp, parishioner)

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

# **God Only Knows**

In this Gospel we find another scary reading about the end times. Jesus tells his disciples that the moon will not give light and the stars will fall from the heavens. He tells his followers that while there may be signs, only God knows when the last days will be.

We don't have to focus on the end times to experience the feeling of fear and anxiety today. Just living in the everyday of this uncertain world can cause the same concern. So how do we learn to live with this uncertainty? Consider what it is like when a woman is preparing to give birth to a child.

I remember my ninth month of pregnancy, the Christmas before Phillip was born. He was due at the beginning of January. He was our fourth child. Roger Andy was six, Kristin was two, and James was a year. Strangely enough, getting ready for both Christmas and a new baby seemed to help me focus on getting things done.

It was probably the only year I was really ready for Christmas. I was so afraid I would go into labour early that my presents were bought and wrapped, cards were signed and addressed and cookies were baked by mid-December. My house was in order every day because I knew that as soon as I went into the hospital my mom would becoming down from Chicago to help with the kids.

#### FAMILY RESPONSE

Have everyone answer the following question: If you had only ten minutes to grab the things you wanted to take on a very long trip, what would you make sure to take?

#### PERSONAL RESPONSE

Other than your family members, what things are most valuable to you in your home? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

That year

I really enjoyed the Christmas season because everything was done and I was ready. I remember sitting with my feet up sipping hot cocoa listening to carols and watching the children play. That was the one and only year I kept a daily journal for a few months. It was such a good feeling being ready-a feeling I had rarely experienced before and hardly ever experienced afterward.

I think that is the peace and joy Jesus wants us to experience as we live every day in these scary, uncertain times. We focus on what needs to be done and get it done. We get ourselves and our lives ready for whatever, whenever, and enjoy the present moment knowing that uncertainty is part of life.

Bringing Home the Gospel: Parent Reflections on the Sunday Gospels • Copyright © 2007, 2021 Judith Dunlap. Published by the Pastoral Center, PastoralCenter.com. All rights reserved. Scripture passages have been taken from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright ©1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., and used by permission. All rights reserved.

ustice Challenge

On November 17th we celebrate the feast day of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. She was canonized a saint for her devotion to the poor

and her choice to give up a life of luxury to work with the sick and those most in need. Your challenge this week is to examine your own lifestyle. What is one thing you could do to live a more simple life? What could you give up in order to help someone who has less than you? Choose an item in your closet or home to donate to St. Vincent de Paul. Or give up one movie you were going to see, or another activity you were going to do, and give the money that would have cost to Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities, or another worthy helping agency.

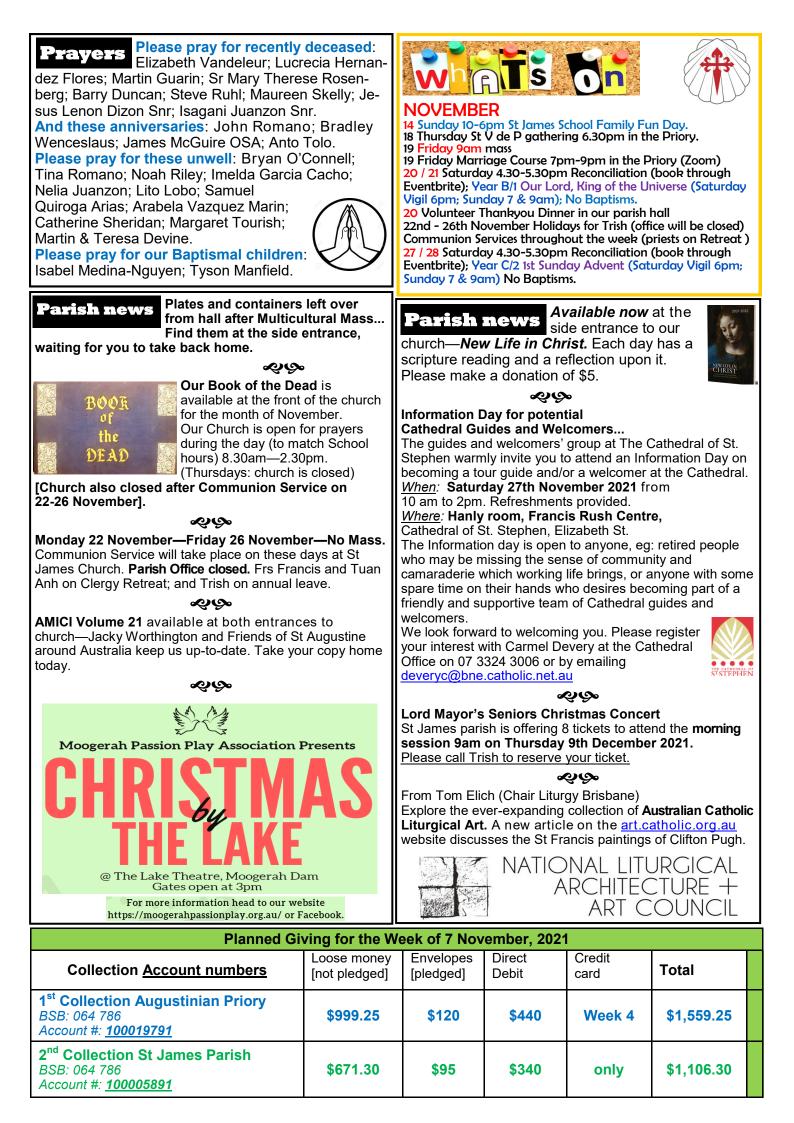






"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." Sheepish Question:

How attached am I, really, to the things of the world?



### The Parish of St James

165 Old Cleveland Road. Postal: PO Box 1051 COORPAROO DC, QLD, 4151 Phone: (07) 3397 1671 OR 3847 3696 Email: osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au Parish Priest: pp.stjames@bne.catholic.net.au Web: www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au

## Primary School

92 Kirkland Ave, Coorparoo, 4151. Julian Cotter—Principal Peter Gibson—Religious Education Phone: 3457 1100 Fax: 3847 3337 Email: pcoorparoostj@bne.catholic.edu.au Web: www.stjames.qld.edu.au/

## Administration

Parish Priest	Fr Francis Belciña OSA	3397 1671
Assistant Priest	Fr Lê Tuấn Anh (Tuan Anh) OSA	3397 1671
Parish Secretary	Trish Rashad	3397 1671
Parish Council Chairperson	Ray Mitchell	3892 1682
Finance Committee	Mark Garden	3397 1671
Pastoral Care	Parish Office	3397 1671
Safeguarding Officer	Kate Pearson	3397 1671

## This Sunday's Readings 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading Daniel 12: 1-3 When that time comes your own people will be spared. Second Reading Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18 By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified. Gospel Reading Mark 13: 24-32 He shall gather his elect from the four winds.



Weekly Mass times WEEKEND: <u>Saturday</u> 8am; Vigil 6pm.

**WEEKDAY:** <u>Monday</u>, <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>Wednesday</u> 8am **WEEKDAY:** <u>Friday</u> 9am. **RECONCILIATION:** <u>Saturday</u> 4.30—5.30pm... by <u>Eventbrite link</u> or call parish office. **HEALING + ANOINTING MASS:** Friday 10th December @ 9am (as 3rd December is final day of school for St James and they have Farewell Liturgy in church).

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 3rd December.

Counters November 13 / 14 Sylvia & John

November 20 / 21 Lorie & Leah

Next week Christ the King November 21	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (3rd weekend)	Dizon family	n/a	Canossa Choir / Vadil
COMMENTATOR	Lorie R	Jana V	Leo B
LECTOR	Bill S	Merina M	Sean H
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Collette S Priya	Heather L	Carmel T Ray M Christine U-M
ALTAR SERVER/S	Joe R	Gene T-F	Leah S
POWERPOINT	Paul D	Gilbert / John D	June S / helper
MARSHAL	Lorie / Karen / Edward	Brendon G / Trish R	John W

#### **Next Sunday's Readings Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe First Reading** *Daniel 7: 13-14* His sovereignty is eternal.

Second Reading *Revelation 1: 5-8* The ruler of the kings of the earth...made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God. Gospel Reading *John 18: 33-37* You say that I am a king.

For complete Sunday's readings, visit our <u>St James website</u> (look for the Prayer tab). <u>www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings</u>.

