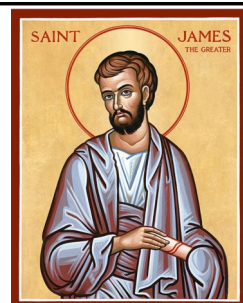


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IS A PARISH OF ACCOMPANIMENT
WHERE WE ENCOUNTER AND
KNOW CHRIST, DEEPEN OUR FAITH,
AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY



*Jesus teaches
through another sto-
ry. A man en-
trusts his servants*

with his possessions while he is on a journey. The first servant receives five talents; he trades them and ends up with ten. The second received two and also doubles his master's money. The third servant receives one talent, and out of fear, buries it. When the man returned, he punished the third servant for doing nothing with what he was given. He praises the other servants.

Well done, good and trustworthy servant. Aren't those the words we would all like to hear when we face the Lord for our final judgment? I have my own theory about what we have to do to hear those words. I don't think God is going to judge us on what we have done, but on who we have become.

We were each created to be absolutely unique. No two people are made the same. God created each of us with our own set of talents, abilities, and limitations. I think when we face God on the last day, God will say to us, "Have you become the person I created you to be?" When you become the person God created you to be, you are at your best. You become the best parent you can be, the best friend, the best teacher, lawyer, doctor, scientist, writer, designer, firefighter, or painter.

Think of the world as a giant jigsaw puzzle. Each person represents one piece of the puzzle, and when all the pieces are put together you find the Kingdom of God. But suppose a few pieces decided they didn't like their particular shape and wanted to look like the shapes next to them. Or what if some puzzle pieces decided they wouldn't show up because they weren't sure where they would fit in? It would be forever before you would get to see the Kingdom of God.

In the parable of the talents, the servant buries the treasure because he is afraid of losing it. He gives into his fear and it ends up costing him everything. Fear that is rooted in an uncertainty of our own worth can be like that. Fear of failure or rejection, or even the fear of being laughed at, can paralyse a person. Don't let that happen to you.

Discover who God created you to be and be that person. Develop your gifts and when it comes time to face your creator you are bound to hear, "Well done."

Living Up to Your Potential

**BRINGING
HOME THE
GOSPEL**



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"Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities."

Sheepish Question:

How can I take more responsibility for Jesus' call to grow his kingdom?

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Thanks Fr Abel

Many thanks Fr Abel for mending one of our Priory antique chairs when you were recently here on holidays. Much appreciated.

*Thank
you*



This 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.

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Psalm 127(128): 1-5 Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life!

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

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

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

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

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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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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:

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



And these anniversaries:

Reg Chapman; Col Stokes; Timothy + Michael Sheehan; Bob Sutcliffe; Rose O'Sullivan; Malcom & Mary Rita Deakin; Eulogio & Flaviana Diaz; Alma Ruiz, Sandy Powell.

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:

Edward Teague; Rosette Kue Gumiran.



NOVEMBER 2023

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

25/26 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; Our Lord, King of the Universe; (**Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am**);

No Baptisms.

27 Monday Advent Prayer group begins – after 8am mass in Priory (8.30am till Wednesday 8am)

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

28-30 Fr John and Fr Francis in Sydney (Provincial meetings)

29 Wednesday 6.30pm Friends of St Augustine Gathering at St James Priory

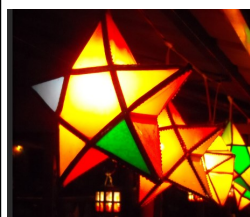
Parish news

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) our Volunteers' Year-End Dinner.



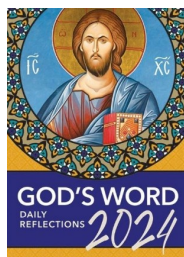
16th-23rd December (5am), & 24th December (7am) for Missa de Gallo (Christmas Novena Masses).

Invitation to all parishioners: more information shortly.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA—Service of Solidarity with Gaza and the Holy Land. In a time of deep sorrow and anguish for us all, we look for hope and healing. The Australian Catholic Bishops have said 'Peace can come only from justice. We call people of faith to pray with us for a lasting peace and the triumph of human dignity.' **Monday 27th November 4:30-5pm AEDT** Please register in advance for this webinar: https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg61Zg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

God's Word 2024 Fundraiser for Young Adults Ministry. Each book \$23. Available shortly—Cash only. Ask your YAM team.

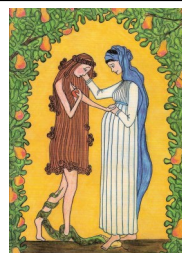


2023 Knox Public Lecture by Dr Susan Connolly RSJ on "Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins" **Tuesday, 28 November at 7.30pm.** The lecture be livestreamed via Zoom. Registration details are on the flyer (see doors)

The Parish Adult Faith Formation

Ministry team invites you to participate in a mini Advent retreat, "GETTING TO KNOW MARY." with Father John.

2nd session this **Wednesday, 22nd November**, from 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Priory. This coming week's talk is entitled, 'MARY IN THE FIRST CENTURIES OF THE CHURCH.' Learn about how, for example, St Irenaeus saw Mary as the 'Second Eve' as in this depiction, and more...



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

28-30 Fr John and Fr Francis Sydney (Provincial meetings)

In Brisbane Friday 24

Nov 6.30pm - 8.30pm, Australian Catholic University, Banyo



Aid to the Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA

Campus. Aid to the Church in Need will be welcoming 3 international guests www.aidtochurch.org/2023-tour
Speakers: His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of Melkite Greek Catholic Church - Patriarch of Antioch, Alexandria, Jerusalem, and the East; Mr Xavier Stephen Bisits, ACN Head of Projects, Lebanon, Syria and Egypt; Sr Majella Dogonyaro OP, Dominican Sister, Nthrn Nigeria.

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

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.



Christmas cards \$3
Franciscan calendars \$8
Columban calendars \$10

Planned Giving for the Week of 12 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	\$621.65	\$200	\$512	\$185	\$1,518.65
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100018086	\$406.65	\$200	\$572	\$185	\$1,361.65

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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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Social Justice (Dan)	Socialjusticeoutreach.stjames@gmail.com

Counters

November 18 / 19 Paul & Cecilia

November 25 / 26 Sylvia & John

Next week	Jesus, King of the Universe November 26	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (4th weekend)	Libby C	n/a	Glenn H	
COMMENTATOR	Helen D	John D	Libby C OR ...	
LECTOR	David P	Yoni V	Kate P	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Collette S Rosemarie Y Priya H	Barbara DeP Trish R Don T	Shadi A Dew June S	
ALTAR SERVER/S	Edward Z	Brendon or Jane	Lea / Alejandra / Leo	
POWERPOINT	Paul D or Lachlan	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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (November 26)

First Reading Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17 You, my flock, I

judge between sheep and sheep.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28 He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Reading Matthew 25: 31-46 He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

