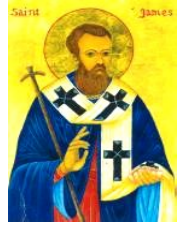


**FIRST SUNDAY
ADVENT
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1 / 2 DECEMBER**



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



From the Outside of the Window

The liturgical season of Advent marks the time of spiritual preparation by the faithful before Christmas. Advent begins on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (Nov. 30). It spans four Sundays and four weeks of preparation, although the last week of Advent is usually truncated because of when Christmas falls. (For instance, this year, the fourth Sunday of Advent is obviously on Sunday, and then the following evening is Christmas Eve.)

The celebration of Advent has evolved in the spiritual life of the Church. The historical origins of Advent are hard to determine with great precision. In its earliest form, beginning in France, Advent was a period of preparation for the Feast of the Epiphany, a day when converts were baptized; so the Advent preparation was very similar to Lent with an emphasis on prayer and fasting which lasted three weeks and later was expanded to 40 days. In 380, the local Council of Saragossa, Spain, established a three-week fast before Epiphany. Inspired by the Lenten regulations, the local Council of Macon (France) in 581 designated that from November 11 (the Feast of St. Martin of Tours) until Christmas fasting would be required on Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Eventually, similar practices spread to England. In Rome, the Advent preparation did not appear until the sixth century, and was viewed as a preparation for Christmas with less of a penitential bent. The Church gradually formalized the celebration of Advent. The Gelasian Sacramentary, traditionally attributed to Pope St. Gelasius I (d. 496), was the first to provide Advent liturgies for five Sundays. Later, Pope St. Gregory I (d. 604) enhanced these liturgies composing prayers, antiphons, readings, and responses. Pope St. Gregory VII (d. 1095) later reduced the number of Sundays in Advent to four. Finally, about the ninth century, the Church designated the first Sunday of Advent as the beginning of the Church year.

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Despite the sketchy history behind Advent, the importance of this season remains to focus on the coming of our Lord. (Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning coming.) The Catechism stresses the two-fold meaning of this coming: when the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviours first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming (No. 524).

Therefore, on one hand, the faithful reflect back and are encouraged to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's first coming into this world. We ponder again the great mystery of the incarnation when our Lord humbled Himself, taking on our humanity, and entered our time and space to free us from sin. On the other hand, we recall in the Creed that our Lord will come again to judge the living and the dead and that we must be ready to meet Him.

A good, pious way to help us in our Advent preparation has been the use of the Advent wreath (old English spelling). (Interestingly, the use of the Advent wreath was borrowed from the German Lutherans in the early 1500s.) The wreath is a circle, which has no beginning or end: So we call to mind how our lives, here and now, participate in the eternity of God's plan of salvation and how we hope to share eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. The wreath is made of fresh plant material, because Christ came to give us new life through His passion, death, and resurrection. Three candles are purple, symbolizing penance, preparation, and sacrifice; the pink candle symbolizes the same but highlights the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, when we rejoice because our preparation is now half-way finished.

The light represents Christ, who entered this world to scatter the darkness of evil and show us the way of righteousness. The progression of lighting candles shows our increasing readiness to meet our Lord. Each family ought to have an Advent wreath, light it at dinner time, and say the special prayers. This tradition will help each family keep its focus on the true meaning of Christmas. In all, during Advent we strive to fulfil the opening prayer for the Mass of the First Sunday of Advent: Father in Heaven, ... increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of His coming may find us rejoicing in His presence and welcoming the light of His truth.

[Acknowledgement: Saunders, Rev. William. The Liturgical Season of Advent. Arlington Catholic Herald. Reprinted with permission of the Arlington Catholic Herald.]

As always, let us pray for each other, Fr. Joe.

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading *Jeremiah 33: 14-16* I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David. **Second Reading** *1 Thessalonians 3: 12 - 4: 2* When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness. **Gospel Reading** *Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36* Your redemption is near at hand. **For complete Sunday's readings, visit our St James website (look for the Prayer tab). www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings**



Please pray for recently deceased: Concettina Intelisano; Reg Chapman; Shirley O'Brien; Michael McGuire; Sr Tess Bailes SMN; Basil Nolan Jr.

And these anniversaries: Joanne Downey; Sara Jimenez; Colin Mullins; John Gerard; Mervyn Parker.

Please pray for these unwell: Ebbie Bradfield; Alberico Salvatori; Salvador Resolado Jr.

Please give prayers and welcome to these baptismal children:

Sophie O'Kane; Max Morrissey.



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

Social Justice

SIGNIFICANT DATES —
DECEMBER:



Saturday 1: World AIDS Day.

Sunday 2: International Day for the Abolition of Slavery.

Monday 3: International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Wednesday 5: 2013: death of Nelson Mandela.

Thursday 6: St Nicholas (Santa Claus).

Friday 7: 1965: Vatican II Pastoral Constitution (Joys and Hopes).

International Human Rights Day... the Universal Declaration on Human Rights was adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1948. Australia was a founding member of the UN and played a prominent role in the negotiation of the UN Charter in 1945. Australia was also one of 8 nations involved in drafting the Universal Declaration. This was largely due to the influential leadership of Dr Herbert Vere Evatt, the head of Australia's delegation to the UN. In 1948, he became President of the UN General Assembly and oversaw the adoption of the Universal Declaration.

Planned Giving for the Week ending 25th November (Week 4)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 st Collection Augustinian	\$949.25	\$434	\$170	\$315	\$1,868.25
2 nd Collection Parish	\$555.65	\$367	\$190.70	\$275	\$1,388.35

Parish news

St James Parish choir practice will be held Tuesday nights at 7:30pm in the church from now until Christmas. Helen Deakin 0419124873 for enquiries. We will be singing a variety of old favourites and brand new Carols. You do not have to be able to read music or be a great singer to join. Just be willing to lift your voice in song with a joyful heart.

Next practice: Tuesday 4th December, 7:30 pm in the church.



St James Parish will be holding a Ceremony of Readings and Carols on **Thursday 13th December from 7 - 8 pm** followed by a "Bring a Plate" supper. Please come and join us to share in the joy of Christmas with a range of Carols, both traditional and new, interspersed with Readings appropriate to the season. All are very welcome.

NEXT ANOINTING MASS: Friday **14th December 2018**, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).



*Everyone is **very welcome to Christmas Cheer** on the weekend of **15 / 16 December** after all masses:*

Saturday 6pm; Sunday 7am; 9am & 6pm.

*A chance to wish everyone **A Merry Christmas!!***



Biblical Talk with Fr Joseph
 Title: Westfield or Jesus? Unlocking Luke's Infancy Narrative of Jesus.
 Date: 12th December at 7.30pm
 Venue: the Priory Dining Room

Vinnies Christmas Appeal Christmas Cards and Calendars are available for purchase from St Vincent de Paul at the front of the church...
Christmas cards \$3 Franciscan calendars \$8 Columban calendars \$10
"RESTORE HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS"

- 🕯️ Visit the Jesse Tree with Christmas tags for gift giving, at the front of our altar.
 - 🕯️ DONATIONS such as food, etc can also be left in the box at the front door of the Church.
 - 🕯️ If you wish to give a financial donation, envelopes for this purpose will be available at the door or on the pews.
 - 🕯️ Any donations received by mid-December will be greatly appreciated as the Christmas Hampers will be delivered shortly after.
- THANK YOU for your generous support.**



The Youth and Young Adults Ministers are organising a fundraiser by selling Advent Wreaths, \$38 each at church front entrance. Proceeds go to YYAM; ongoing formation; social justice projects; retreats; community activities.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS Co-ordinator: Kev Mahoney
Sunday, December 2: The Church Year. Mass at 6pm then the meeting is in St James Priory dining room. We leave after the homily and retire for about 1 hour to discuss the Gospel and to explore some major areas of Catholic faith. Meetings conclude 7.30 pm.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES 2018

Our parish community invites you to join us for Christmas Novena Masses – a 9 day preparation for Christmas. Saturday 15th – Sunday 23rd December – weekday masses at 7pm and weekend - regular 6pm masses. Theme: Come, Lord Jesus.

Volunteers for ministry over Christmas period will see a request clipboard at side door shortly...

Christmas Celebrations for St James Parish 2018...

Monday 24 December—6pm Family Mass (new time)

Monday 24 December—11.30pm for Midnight Mass (sing Carols before)

Tuesday 25 December—7am Mass and 9am Mass (There is NO 6pm Mass)

Wednesday 26th December— 8am Mass

Sunday 30th December - Feast of the Holy Family — 7am, 9am and 6pm Mass

Tuesday 1 January — Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -8am and 6pm Mass



ST JAMES PARISH DATE-CLAIMER: This year our Christmas Eve Mass will be held at 6pm (not 7pm) to assist families with young children. Parents may like to have young children dress up as angels or shepherds to help them enjoy the experience of Jesus' birth.

Next weekend, we will add a handy December 2018 calendar to this bulletin, so that everyone knows all upcoming celebrations in our Church. Please place it where you can easily view it.

Young Adults Mass – every 4th Sunday of the month 6pm. For details phone 0413 762 544.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER
 Keeping Faith with You

*Catholic priest says the tragic death of a baby girl found washed up on a beach highlights the shocking crisis of homelessness on the Gold Coast

*Damaging bushfire across Central Queensland pulls community together

*St Stephen's Cathedral's Christmas sound and light show & animation written + narrated by the Red Wiggle

*The Religious Freedom in the World 2018 report reveals an increase of oppression of religious activity across the world

*Catholic religious orders across Australia are making a national Day of Sorrow and Promise for those hurt by abuse

Archdiocese news

VACANCY: Pastoral Associate. The Parish of Sts Peter and Paul at Bulimba has a vacancy for a part-time pastoral associate: 16 hours a week, flexible working hours, beginning in 2019. Please send expressions of interest to the parish priest, Fr Tom Elich elicht@liturgybrisbane.net.au. (see noticeboard)

Position Vacant – Parish Secretary

Applications are open for a position at the Wilston Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a permanent Part Time position of Parish Secretary for 25 hours a week (days of the week to be negotiated). (see noticeboard)

Position Vacant – Parish Secretary

Applications are open for a position at the Banyo Nundah Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a full time position of Parish Secretary for 38 hours a week, Monday to Friday. (see noticeboard)

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Safeguarding Officer	Kate Pearson	capearson@optusnet.com.au

Counters

December 1 / 2 Danielle & Phill

December 8 / 9 Sylvia & Lorie

NEXT WEEK December 8 / 9	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	K. O'REILLY	M-J VIDLER	R. MITCHELL	C. MANALAC
LECTOR	B. SMITH	G. TRIGGS-FULTON	J. SPENCER	B. SCHLECHT
EUCCHARIST	C. NEANDER PRIYA *	N. POKARIER M. NORRIS *	C. TREWERN J. BUTOYI D. MARTIN	L. BRADLEY P. DAVEY R. YLAGAN
HOSPITALITY	E. O'REILLY S. GREGORY	E. GANNON	P. PRINGLE J. SCRAGGS	*
ALTAR SERVERS	MAX	DON, GENE, DENE	*	JOHN, RODEL, RAMIL, ALYSSA, KLARIS
POWERPOINT	MARGARET	GENE, GILBERT	DI, OLIVER, JUNE	SYDEL

Mass Times **WEEKEND:** Saturday 8 am; Vigil 6 pm;
Sunday 7 am, 9 am, 6 pm.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30 pm.

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8 am.

ADORATION: Thursday 8 am.

PRAYER GROUP: each morning prior to Mass.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 7th December 2018.

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NEXT MASS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sunday 2nd December 2018 — 9am mass.



The candles of the Advent Wreath:
The first candle represents the Old Testament prophets
who foretold Christ's coming.