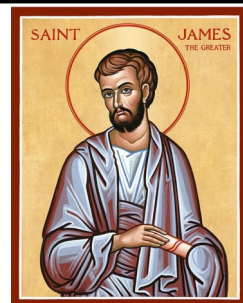


FIRST SUNDAY ADVENT YR A 2022 27 NOVEMBER

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



Stay Awake

Our first Scripture reading is the Gospel for the first Sunday of Advent. Its purpose is to remind us that Christmas is not just the day on which we celebrate Jesus' birth: it is also a celebration of Jesus' Second Coming at the end times. Matthew is telling us how important it is to be watchful so that we are always ready to greet the Lord when he comes.

This Gospel reading is a sober beginning for a weekly journal. Yet Matthew's advice to be ready for anything is certainly still valid today. Somehow, we have to balance living in the present with a healthy concern for tomorrow. We need to concentrate on living one day at a time—fix breakfast, go to work, and plan for that special vacation, always aware that no plans are set in concrete. We are never quite in control.

I may wake up in the morning to discover there's no milk and then be late for work because of bad traffic. Worse yet, I could get to work and find out the company is cutting back and I'm going to be laid off. So much for that hoped-for vacation. We can plan for all sorts of contingencies, but we cannot control what curve balls life will throw at us. I used to think that God was testing me, but now I realize God doesn't play that way. As Christians, we believe in a God of abundant love who doesn't test his children to see if they will fail. What I do know is that God is with us in every step and misstep. Indeed, Jesus tells us that he is not just with us but in us.

So we plan and re-plan and count on God to be at every crossroads. We grieve over our losses, but find strength in knowing we have Jesus' endurance and courage to lean on. We stay alert for what may come, but we find God in the present. If we remember Jesus is always with us, as close as our next breath, we can better stay alert and recognize Jesus when he comes again.

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**BRINGING
HOME THE
GOSPEL**



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"It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."

Sheepish Question:

What holiday preparations are taking my attention away from the coming of the Lord?

"Missa de Gallo" 5am, 16-24 December

Here's a list of our confirmed Food Sponsors and confirmed Choirs for our 9-day "Missa de Gallo". Not all complete

yet... see **in red** for help that's still needed.



	MUSIC GROUP	FOOD SPONSORS / HOSPITALITY
Day 1 — 16	Our Lady's Voice Choir	CFCA Handmaids of the Lord
Day 2 — 17	One Community Choir	Missionary Families of Christ QLD
Day 3 — 18	Friends Filo Group	Carina Family & Umali Group
Day 4 — 19	Dew	Nanay Dapitan Group
Day 5 — 20	no confirmation yet	need sponsor for this morning
Day 6 — 21	Denise Dizon	no confirmation yet
Day 7 — 22	Louie Elicano & friends	Louie Elicano and friends
Day 8 — 23	need music volunteer for this day	Lielany and CFCA Handmaids
Day 9 — 24	Our Lady's Voice Choir	Wynnum Group

Parish Working Bee

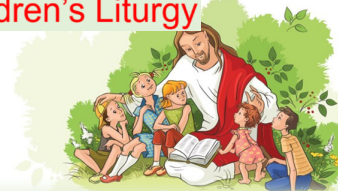
Date claimer...

Working Bee to prepare our church and grounds for Christmas 2022.

Saturday 10th December from 9am – please offer your talents!



Children's Liturgy



SUNDAY @ 9am

This Sunday's Readings

1st Sunday Advent (Year A/1)

First Reading *Isaiah 2: 1-5* The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Today's Psalm 121(122):1-2,4-5,6-9 Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates,
O Jerusalem.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of
judgement
of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem
pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your
walls,
in your palaces, peace!'

For love of my brethren and
friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the
Lord
I will ask for your good.

Second Reading *Romans 13: 11-14* The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 24: 37-44* Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.'

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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Christmas cards \$3

Franciscan calendars \$8

Columban calendars \$10

Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2022

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

ACCT NAME SVDP St James Conference Coorparoo

THANK YOU for your generous support.

St James Coorparoo Conference St V de P Society



Prayers

Please pray for:



All mentioned in our Book of the Dead.
Please pray for recently deceased: Kathleen Whelan; Clare Hammond; John Canavan; Jean Hickey; Michelle Gett.

And these anniversaries: Joanne Downey; Reg Chapman; Eulogio and Flaviana Diaz.

Please pray for these unwell: Patricia Agnes; Fr Ming-Hoang Tan OSA; Mary-Rita Deakin; Veron Forsyth; Peter Tubii; Fr Kevin Tuitu'u CP; Kerry See; Aoife Stephenson; Neil Scanlan; Kathleen, Michelle, Mary-Clare & Michael Simpson; Harry Hidalgo; Ramon Nina Celso; Noela McCormick; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan; Mary Greene; June Olave; Sr Catherine Hefferan RSM; Rex Urbano.

Parish news

World Youth Day and Augustinian Youth Encounter

Dates: 19 July 2023 - 9 August 2023
 Location: Lisbon, Milan and Fatima

God's Word 2023

On sale - \$20 cash

Side entrance to assist with costs.



Available at Priory—Daily Mass Book 2023—see order form at side entrance.

RCIA

People wishing to be received into communion with the Catholic Church or those wishing to find out more about the faith are advised that the

RCIA programme will continue weekly. Those interested should contact Kevin Mahoney at 38475778. Or email Fr Francis at pp.stjames@bne.catholic.net.au

Lord Mayor's Free Seniors Christmas Concert 2022

St James is offering 8 tickets (free) for 10am session on

Thursday 8th December at Bne

City Hall — call Trish at office

33971671. Doors open 9am.

Refreshments 9.15am.



Thank you for generously supporting the Augustinians + our parish of St James. Each \$10 tap at entrance to our church is divided evenly between our parish and our Augustinians.

Bishop Michael Putney Memorial Lecture will take place on **Thursday 17th December at 7pm.**

The Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre

196 Charlotte Street, Brisbane

(Free parking available underneath via Charlotte Street)
 Cost \$10

RSVP: Register in advance at:

<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/BMPMemorialLecture22>



NOVEMBER

26 / 27 Saturday 5-5.30pm Reconciliation (through Eventbrite); 1st Sunday Advent (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); No Baptisms.

26 Saturday 7.15pm - evening meal for Volunteers (parish hall).

27 Sunday 10.30am Baptismal Preparation in our church.

28-30 Trish on holidays

DECEMBER

1 Thursday Yr 6 Graduation St James School

2 Friday 9am mass

2 Friday 11am St James School Farewell Liturgy

3 / 4 Saturday 5-5.30pm Reconciliation (through Eventbrite); 2nd Sunday Advent (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); No Baptisms.

8 Thursday 9am Lord Mayor's Senior Christmas Party

8 Thursday St V de P evening meeting Priory

Parish news



Parish Advent Rite of Reconciliation (2nd Rite: Community Celebration + Individual Confession)

on 13th December at 7.00pm
 (St James Church).

Invitation to everyone in the parish, and especially to our children (with their parents) who made their first reconciliation this year + last year.

Heart of the Disciple is available at the side entrance for \$5...28-day reflection resource

Get ready ... Cloth for the Cradle this Advent

This Advent all parishioners are invited to write their special intentions on a ribbon that you will find in a basket (**next week**) at the front and side entrance of the church.

Once you have written your special intention, you are invited to place your ribbon in a dedicated basket at Our Lady's near the altar throughout Advent. The ribbons with your intentions will then be used to line the manger of **our Nativity Scene at Christmas Mass.**

Regina Caeli Parish 81 Waverley Rd, Coorparoo Heights invites you to an Advent Retreat in our beautiful grounds **3-6pm Saturday 10th December.**

There will be two 20 minute presentations, time for personal space, journaling and meditation. 6pm Mass for the 3rd Week in Advent. Please RSVP 0402 588 296 (Brian Moffett) for us to have materials for you.

\$5 to buy "The Heart of the Disciple" (Archdiocese)

Remember our donation tap machines at front and side entrance – **thank you** for generously supporting the Parish and the Augustinians.

Planned Giving for the Week of 20 November, 2022

Collection Account numbers	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$903.95	\$130	\$325	\$165	\$1,523.95
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891	\$832.30	\$125	\$315	\$345	\$1,617.30

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Weekly Mass times

WEEKEND: Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.

Sunday 7am, 9am, no longer 6pm.

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am **WEEKDAY:** Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30pm... by [Eventbrite link](#) or call parish office.

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Friday 9th December 2022 @ 9am.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 2nd December 2022.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: **Sunday 4 December 2022 @ 9am.** (running weekly for the next few weeks up until 18 December)

Counters

November 26 / 27 Lenore & Brendon

December 3 / 4 Paul & Cecilia

Next week	2nd Sunday Advent December 4	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (1st weekend)	Denise D	n/a	Dan F + parish	
COMMENTATOR	Ron S	Jana V	Kate P	
LECTOR	Bill S	Merina M	Sean H	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Rosemarie Y Anne S	Heather L	Ray M Sean H Christine U-M	
ALTAR SERVER/S	Rodel / Ramil	... / helper	Leah S / helper	
POWERPOINT	Sydel	... / helper	June S / helper	
HOSPITALITY	Karen / Edward	Brendon G / Trish R	Cathy M / John W	

REPENT

for the
kingdom
of heaven
is at hand.



Next Sunday's Readings

2nd Sunday Advent (Year A/1)

First Reading *Isaiah 11: 1-10* He

judges the poor with justice.

Second Reading *Romans 15: 4-9* Christ, the hope of all people.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 3: 1-12* Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

For complete Sunday's readings, visit our St James website

(Prayer tab). www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings

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Interested? Scan the QR code below.

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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.