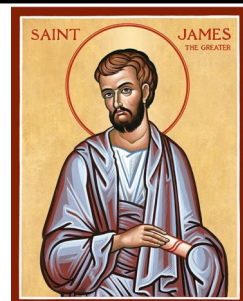


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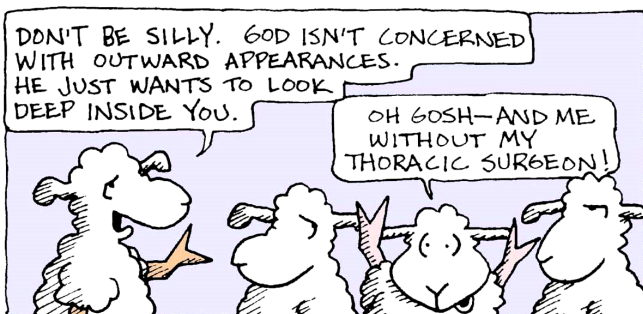
Keep Awake

Jesus tells his disciples a story about a gatekeeper who was told to watch carefully for his master's return. The gatekeeper is warned that the time or day of the man's return is unknown, and so he must be watchful. He is

cautioned to stay alert and not be caught sleeping.

**BRINGING
HOME THE
GOSPEL**

This Gospel from Mark is read on the First Sunday of Advent, the season we prepare to celebrate Christmas. And Mark certainly isn't subtle in telling us how to get ready. His Gospel almost shouts, "Keep awake, pay attention." Fortunately, being on guard and staying alert is something parents know all about.



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"Would that you might meet us doing right."

Sheepish Question:

How will I present myself when Jesus comes to me this Advent?

With five children under ten (three under three at one point), I was on guard at all times. When they were infants, my eyes were always alert for open basement doors, sharp or breakable items and choking hazards. The teen years required even more vigilance. We needed to be alert for subtler hazards. Some questions became standard: Where are you going? Who will you be with? When will you be home?

In the weeks ahead, consider staying alert in other ways. Discover where God is in your everyday life. On Christmas we celebrate more than Jesus' birth. It is a celebration of Jesus alive today, all around us in all of creation and especially in his people. And it is a celebration that Jesus, in all his glory, will come again.

Look carefully. Be alert to where Jesus can be found in your life. Recognize him in the faces of your children, friends, co-workers, and be especially vigilant in finding Jesus in the faces of those you would rather ignore. Whenever possible, help your children understand that Jesus is all around them, especially in the people he loves.

Find Jesus in your own heart, and be vigilant for opportunities to share his

love with your family and the people you encounter in your everyday life. Stay alert!

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PRIVATE SCREENING

Sun 10 Dec, 1pm, Southbank Cineplex

The greatest story ever told comes to life on the big screen this Christmas and we've booked out the whole cinema to enjoy it with you.

This live-action Christmas musical celebration for the entire family, weaves classic Christmas melodies into new pop songs in a music-infused retelling of the timeless story of Mary and Joseph and the birth of Jesus. Starring Fiona Palomo, Milo Manheim, Joel Smallbone and Antonio Banderas.

Tickets start from \$14, family discounts available.

app.tickets.org.au/ec/movies
or contact info@ec.org.au

An event hosted by Emmanuel Community.

ADVENT Rite of Reconciliation

(2nd Form – Communal Rite
w/ individual confession)

Tuesday, 12 December, 7pm

This Sunday's Readings

First Sunday Advent YEAR B (December 3)

First Reading *Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64: 1, 3-8* Oh, that you would tear the heav-

ens apart and come done.

The You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name.

Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you?

Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down! – at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind.

You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you.

We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.

We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind.

No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you.

For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins.

And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter,

we are all the work of your hand.

Psalms 79(80):2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim
throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

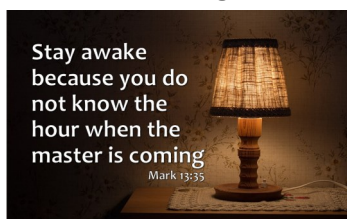
May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Reading Mark 13: 33-37 Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.



Stay awake
because you do
not know the
hour when the
master is coming
Mark 13:35

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

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Australia's Catholic bishops have released a new document to guide priests, chaplains and pastoral workers who are asked to provide pastoral support to Catholics who are considering euthanasia. The publication of the document, *To Witness and to Accompany with Christian Hope*, follows the legalisation of euthanasia in all Australian states. Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, chair of the Bishops Commission for Life, Family and Public Engagement, said the Church has been confronted with the difficult question of how to attend to the spiritual and pastoral needs of Catholics contemplating euthanasia. The focus of the priest or pastoral worker is on providing patients with God's grace and mercy. A copy of *To Witness and to Accompany with Christian Hope* can be found here: <https://bit.ly/WitnessandAccompany>

Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2023

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

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 debit donation to **BSB 064786 ACCT 100026564**

THANK NAME **SVDP St James Conference Coorparoo**

THANK YOU for your generous support.



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:

Cecily Hesse; Robyn Gillender; Fred Sueta; Eliza Serrano; Oliver Diaz Cruz; Maria Yong; Pedro Dem-lon Galido; Enrico Monterde.

And these anniversaries:

Donal Bowe; Peter Hung Due; Joanne Downey; Rey Causapin; Reg Chapman; Col Stokes; Timothy + Michael Sheehan; Bob Sutcliffe; Rose O'Sullivan.

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



Parish news

Volunteers clipboard for Christmas masses available at the side entrance — remember Sunday 24th has 4th Advent + Christmas Vigil...

From Children's Ministry

•If you are interested in being Joseph, Mary, baby Jesus, an angel or a shepherd please contact either Brent, Christine or Amor.
•We will be having a meet-up after the 9am mass on Sunday 17 December and rehearsal at 10am on Saturday 23 December.



Roster for Weekend Masses Ministry

emailed and some copies are also available in the Sacristy. We thank you for your volunteering in this ministry.

Volunteers' Year-End Dinner was held on Friday 1st December. Thanks for attending a great night.

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

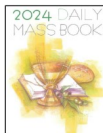
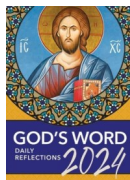
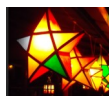
All parishioners welcome.

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

Joint Churches Domestic Violence Prevention Project—25th November is the International Day for elimination of violence against women and 10th December is Human Rights Day. These 16 days are an ideal time to highlight Domestic Family Violence (DFV). Pamphlet is available to take home at entrances.

2024 DAILY MASS BOOK form for purchase available at the side entrance. Drop your money + form into collection plate / parish letter box and we will get your Daily Mass Book to you.

DECEMBER Catholic Leader available \$4 entrances.



DECEMBER

3 Sunday Social Justice meet 10.30am Priory

4 Monday Advent Prayer group continues – after 8am mass in Priory

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

6 Marian Talk 3 (Priory 7.30-8.30pm) Fr John Sullivan

8 Friday @ 9am Anointing mass

9 Saturday 9am-12.30pm Ministry Leaders + groups planning morning in the parish hall

9 / 10 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; **2nd Sunday Advent; (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); Baptisms.**

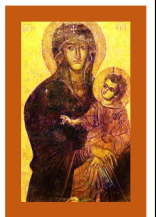
11 Monday Advent Prayer group continues – after 8am mass in Priory

12 Tuesday 2nd Rite of Reconciliation (7pm church)

Parish Adult Faith Formation Ministry Team

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

3rd session this **Wednesday, 6th December, from 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Priory.** This coming week's talk is entitled, 'THE FOUR MARIAN DOGMAS.' Learn about how Mary was given the title of 'Mother of God', the Virginity of Mary, her Immaculate Conception and her Assumption.



Tuesday—Wednesday Adorers please take note ...

12th December Adoration will go till 5pm and conclude at that time – we have Advent 2nd Rite of Reconciliation on this Tuesday evening.

19th December Adoration will go till 5pm and conclude at that time – we have Simbang Gabi the following morning



Aid to the Church in Need
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Aid to the Church in Need promotes The Catholic Shop Christmas Catalogue 2023

The proceeds of every purchase at That Catholic Shop assist the work of Aid to the Church in Need. See church side entrance.

St Vincent de Paul Jesse Tree (side entrance) has a few tags remaining 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

Used Stamps for the Missions—As Christmas comes closer and you receive your Christmas Cards from loved ones, please remember to collect those stamps.

Planned Giving for the Week of 26 November, 2023

Collection <u>Account numbers</u>	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Credit card	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$708.25	\$115	\$247	\$165	\$165	\$1,400.25
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891	\$382.60	\$100	\$357	\$165	\$345	\$1,349.60

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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...
Children & Families (Brent)	Families.stjames@gmail.com
Worship (Amor)	Worshipandliturgy.stjames@gmail.com
Youth & Young Adults (Dew)	Youthandyoungadults.stjames@gmail.com
Adult Faith Formation (Lauchy)	Adultfaithformation.stjames@gmail.com
Hospitality & Community Life (Veronica)	Communitylife.stjames@gmail.com
Social Justice (Dan)	Socialjusticeoutreach.stjames@gmail.com

Counters

December 2 / 3 Lorie & Lea

December 9 / 10 Romy & Christy

Next week	2nd Sunday Advent December 10	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (2nd weekend)		Carina Family Choir	n/a	YAM
COMMENTATOR		Karleen O'R	Trish R	Pat M
LECTOR		Sylvia P	Leslie S	June S
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		Ron S Anne S Helen D	Jan L Barbara DeP Romy U	Dennis C Dew K ...
ALTAR SERVER/S		Edward Z	Brendon or Jane	Lea / Alejandra / Leo
POWERPOINT		Paul D	Gilbert or helper	Ian or John W
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 5th January 2024.

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



Welcome
New Parishioners
Please register
using this QR code



Next Sunday's Readings

Second Sunday Advent YEAR B (December 10)

First Reading *Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11* Prepare the way for the Lord.

Second Reading *2 Peter 3: 8-14* We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

Gospel Reading *Mark 1: 1-8* Make straight the paths of the Lord.

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