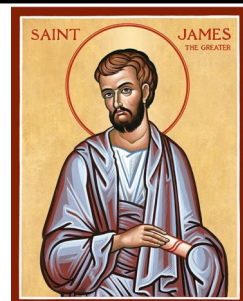


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IS A PARISH OF ACCOMPANIMENT
WHERE WE ENCOUNTER AND
KNOW CHRIST, DEEPEN OUR FAITH,
AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY



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"He shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted."

Sheepish Question:

How can I enhance my feelings of compassion with a deeper sense of justice?

Produce Good Fruit

John the Baptist let his followers know that he was baptizing with water, but the one who was coming after him, Jesus, would baptize with the Holy Spirit. He reminds us that it is not enough to be sorry for our sins or shake our heads helplessly over the wrongs of the world. We must be people of action and do something to change things.

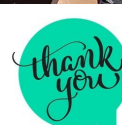
John's baptism promoted a turn away from sin. The baptism Jesus offers not only turns us away from sin, it propels us into loving action. Our baptism into the Body of Christ empowers us to carry Christ's love to the world. If it doesn't do that then we are like the chaff of wheat, the useless husk covering the seed that John the Baptist talks about in this reading.

Our baptism marks us as children of God, a people of love. Not just the hearts-and-flowers-love that musicians sing about or even the platonic love between really good friends. As a matter of fact, we don't even have to like someone in order to love him or her in Christian love. The love we share as God's children is more like a bond. It is the God-glue that links us to one another, binding us in a relationship closer than brothers and sisters or husband and wife. It makes all people, all creation, one with each other and with God.

This is the love God wants us to share with our children. It may not have the same euphoric feeling we felt for our children when they were born, but it is no less honest or deep. Somehow in those first few years of their lives we have to help our youngsters carry the familial love they experience at home to the whole family of God. We can do this by introducing them early to the community of faith: bringing them to Mass as babies, enrolling them in the parish preschool program, taking them as they grow older to serve at the soup kitchen or sort food for the Thanksgiving baskets. If we get involved in our parish community, our children can meet and interact with their peers as well as adults and experience the love that binds God's community. Healthy seeds can be planted to bear all sorts of good fruit in their futures.

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This Sunday's Readings

2nd Sunday Advent (Year A/1)

First Reading *Isaiah 11: 1-10* He judges the poor with justice.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

(The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox.

The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand.

They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Today's Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,12-13,17 Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.	In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.	For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are help- less. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.	May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name.
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Second Reading *Romans 15: 4-9* Christ, the hope of all people.

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

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

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'



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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 SVPD St James Conference Coorparoo

THANK YOU for your generous support.



Prayers

Please pray for recently deceased:



Bob McEwan; Helen Pinto; Kathleen Whelan; Clare Hammond; John Canavan; Jean Hickey; Michelle Gett.

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

Please pray for these unwell: Rosalie Pascual; Patricia Hildreth; Agnes Rodda; Jose Luis Manzanilla Gil; 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; Michael Simpson; Harry Hidalgo; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan; Mary Greene; June Olave; Sr Catherine Hefferan RSM; Rex Urbano.

Parish news

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

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



Last chance! 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.**



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY available for purchase from St Vincent de Paul at the front of the church...

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



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

The Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre Cost \$10

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



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



Our December Masses 2022 noted on church doors...



DECEMBER

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

9 Friday @ 9am Anointing mass with cuppa afterwards

10 Saturday 9am Parish working bee for church and grounds

10 / 11 Saturday 5-5.30pm Reconciliation (through Eventbrite);
3rd Sunday Advent (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); **Baptisms.**

Parish news

Parish Advent Rite of Reconciliation

(2nd Rite: **Community Celebration + Individual Confession**)

on 13th December at 7.00pm.



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 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.**



December Catholic Leader at entrances—\$4 a copy.



A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

That Catholic Shop - Christmas orders from Aid to the Church in Need's online store can still be made all the way up to 19 December! Broad range of religious gifts and receive free shipping for orders over \$100.

www.thatcatholicshop.com



"Missa de Gallo" 5am, 16-24 December...
Food Sponsors and confirmed

Choirs for our 9-day Novena. Not all complete yet... see **in red** for help that's still needed. Thanks to Vange Munn for co-ordinating.

	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	Dan Farrelly	To be confirmed...
Day 6 — 21	Denise & Tope Dizon	Coorparoo Group
Day 7 — 22	Louie Elicano & friends	Louie Elicano and friends
Day 8 — 23	Glen Hallorina	Lielany and CFCA Handmaids
Day 9 — 24	Our Lady's Voice Choir	Wynnum Group

Planned Giving for the Week of 27 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	\$438.95	\$115	\$332	Week 4	\$885.95
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891	\$351.55	\$110	\$262	only	\$723.55

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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 6th January 2023.

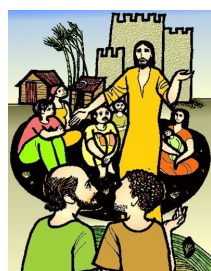
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: **Sunday 11 December 2022 @ 9am** running weekly for the next few weeks up until 18 December

Counters

December 3 / 4 Paul & Cecilia

December 10 / 11 Sylvia & John

Next week	3rd Sunday Advent December 11	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (2nd weekend)	Carina Family Choir	n/a	Dan F + YAM	
COMMENTATOR	Helen D	John D	June S	
LECTOR	Ron S	Jana V	Kate P	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Anne S Sylvia P	Jan L	Priya Christine U-M Cathy M	
ALTAR SERVER/S	Joe R / helper	Brendon / helper	Leah S / helper	
POWERPOINT	Karen / Edward	Gilbert / helper	... / helper	
HOSPITALITY	Karen / Edward	Brendon G / Trish R	Cathy M / John W	



Next Sunday's Readings

2nd Sunday Advent (Year A/1)

First Reading *Isaiah 35: 1-6*, 10 God

himself will come and save us.

Second Reading *James 5: 7-10* You must also be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 11: 2-11* Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

St James website (Prayer tab) www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/

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