

**2ND SUNDAY
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8 / 9 DECEMBER**



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



From the Outside of the Window

Good-Bye

In this Sunday's Gospel, we note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. He mentioned the names of Roman Emperor Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor of Judea who sentenced Jesus to death; and lastly, the four regional rulers of Israel. They all shared one common interest. They cleaved to their thrones at the cost of the poor. Their focus was to save themselves. Luke shows that salvation preached by John is for all people and situated in world events. Yet, God's salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

When I started my ministry here at St. James, Malcolm Turnbull was PM and Bill Shorten was Leader of the Opposition. QLD was in the hand of the Palaszczuk's government. Except the change of a new PM, the political situation has not changed much. True too, I do not see myself as a priest challenging the political class. My intention was to calm down the waves of confusion and uncertainty caused by the unexpected departure of Fr. Jaison and the coming and going of Frs. Dave Austin, Peter Jones and Pete Wieneke. True too, I was not given much time by my Provincial who had asked me to act only as a *caretaker*, until he appointed a new Parish Priest for St. James. Now, my time is up: January 20th is my last day at St. James.

In comparison to John, I am too insignificant to write about what I may have achieved at St. James. To me, it doesn't matter much. None is irreplaceable. The only one thing that truly matters is the presence of Jesus in our lives. It is Jesus Christ who at all times cares for us! He is the one who transforms and leads us. Unlike the many priests, His coming is not departure since His name is EMMANUELL (meaning "God is with us"). This fellowship should help us to realize how rich Christ is. He is the Word of God – we are rich through Christ.

My late mother, who sadly passed away in February this year, has bequeathed me with a rich sense of duty and commitment. I could see my time at St. James as a duty accomplished. Yet, my heart is heavily plagued with a sense of guilt. Have I treated all at St. James with magnanimity or with respect or dignity? Have I been honest?

Since John's preaching was about repentance and forgiveness, *I hope that you also forgive me because of my shortcomings and weaknesses, for which I really repent.*

You all have been good to me during the past nine months. These months were among the best days of my life. While I can never repay my debt to you, I wish that you know that you will be in my prayers.

As we are now in the summer season of holidays and you may be travelling, I just want to say "Good-bye" to you. May the good Lord always keep you in his love.

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

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading *Baruch 5: 1-9* Jerusalem - God will show you splendour.

Second Reading *Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11* Show yourself sinless

and without blame in the day of Christ. **Gospel Reading** *Luke 3: 1-6* All people shall see the salvation of God. **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.

And these anniversaries: John Gerard; Mervyn Parker; Mervyn Wilson; Ailsa Byrne; Jesūs Chaves.

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:**

Sunday 9: International Anti-Corruption Day.

Monday 10: Human Rights Day.

70th anniversary of the adoption of UN Declaration of Human Rights (1948).

1992: Redfern Speech by PM Paul Keating.

Tuesday 11: International Mountain Day.

Wednesday 12: 1831: founding of Sisters of Mercy by Catherine McAuley.



Australia's current role in International Human Rights... in

2008, the federal government took a number of steps towards improving Australia's protection of human rights, including by:

*ratifying the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

*holding consultations about ratification of the Optional Protocol to the International Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

*expressing commitment to formally support the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Planned Giving for the Week ending 2nd December (Week 1)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 st Collection Augustinian	\$708.75	\$422.50	\$265	Week 4	\$1,396.25
2 nd Collection Parish	\$417.25	\$435	\$260	only	\$1,112.25

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 11th December, 7:30 pm in the church.



Keeping with our traditional practice, there are strips of red and green cloth for you to take home. These will be found at the crib, near the church altar. On these, please write your message or prayer in connection with the spirit of Christmas, and bring them back to be presented at the crib at one of our Christmas masses.

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.



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"

THANK YOU for your generous support - Christmas hampers are being created this Thursday and St V de P are overwhelmed with your wonderful donations.

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.



St Vincent de Paul Society
QUEENSLAND
good works

Biblical Talk with Fr Joseph

Title: Westfield or Jesus? Unlocking Luke's Infancy Narrative of Jesus.

Date: Wednesday 12th December at 7.30pm Venue: the Priory Dining Room

On behalf of St. James, Fr. Joseph and all Parish Volunteers...

We wish to thank **Steve Miller and his Family** for their contribution to our recent Parish Volunteers Dinner. Steve's preparation and choices of food were second to none. We express our gratitude to Kate Pearson who took the lead in the organisation of the dinner. We also thank Doreen Cheng, Sylvia Philips, Barbara Downey, George De Paoli, Joe Turrini, Ray Mitchel, Paul Davey and Frs Dang & Saldie.



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.

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: Prepare the Way of the Lord.



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!!*



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.

Take the handy December 2018 calendar insert home today.



Volunteers for ministry over Christmas period - clipboard is waiting at the church side entrance :)

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



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS Co-ordinator: Kev Mahoney

Christmas break is upon us and next meeting will be Sunday, February 4th: Baptism / Confirmation.

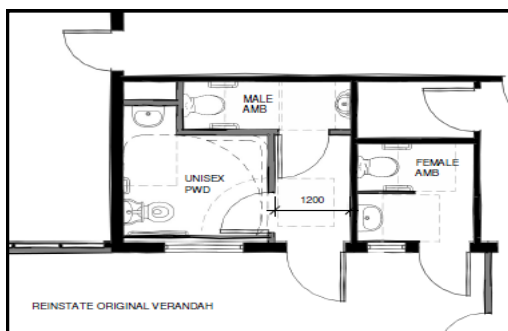


Thank you for all your ministries Celeste and Mark...reading, commentator & Eucharistic ministries (Celeste), power point (Mark) and counting (both). St James parish has been very grateful for all your assistance and we will miss you.

Trish on annual leave December 26th - January 4th (Parish Office closed December 26th - January 4th) Fr Joe's mobile (in case of emergencies 0490 148 387)

Fr Saldie away December 26th - January 18th.

Fr Dang away January 7th - February 14th.



Construction work relating to the Parish toilets and kitchen will begin 15th January 2019 and work till 28th February 2019. Parking will be limited and certain parts to the Church may be closed during this time!



Christmas tale, illuminating historic St Stephen's Cathedral every 12 minutes from 7:30pm through until midnight.

249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

Charter Hall



Wednesday 12 December until Christmas Eve

HAPPY Holidays



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Counters

December 8 / 9 Sylvia & Lorie

December 15 / 16 Mark & Celeste

NEXT WEEK December 15 / 16	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	R. STEPHENSON	D. TALLON	M. SLACK	L. BRADLEY
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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 4th January 2019.

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

NEXT MASS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sunday 16th December 2018 — 9am mass.



The candles of the Advent Wreath:
The second candle represents John the Baptist,
who pointed to Jesus as the 'Lamb of God.'