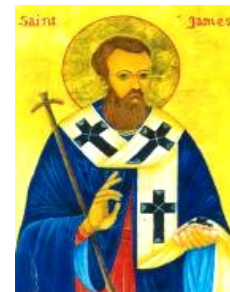


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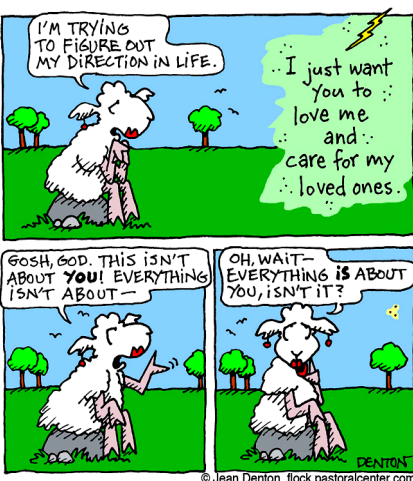
## The Parish of St James Coorparoo A Vibrant, Prayerful, Inclusive Augustinian Parish Archdiocese of Brisbane



### Bringing Home the Gospel

Water is basic for life. We need it for nourishment, for healing, and for cleansing. Water can also take life. Left under water long enough, we die. This is why water is the perfect sign for the sacrament of baptism. Through the waters of baptism, we die to our old self and receive new life in Christ. The church reinforces this imagery of baptism by sprinkling us with holy water at various times through the year, and by placing holy water fonts at church entrances.

Parishioners are also encouraged to take holy water home with them. This is something my husband and I did faithfully for the first few years of our marriage. We had been given a holy water font for our wedding. It hung by the front door of our first few apartments. I don't know what happened to it after that. The miniature font was a nice reminder that our home was the domestic church. Like the parish church, we dipped our hand and blessed ourselves when we entered or left.



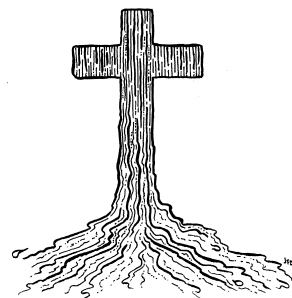
"If you knew who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

#### Sheepish Question:

Realizing it is all about Jesus, what must I do differently with my life?

### Holy Water, Holy Place

*Jesus and his disciples travel to Samaria. Jesus goes ahead of his disciples and encounters a Samaritan woman who is drawing water from the well. When Jesus asks her for a drink they begin a dialogue that leads to her conversion. Jesus tells her that those who drink the water he offers will never be thirsty again. She asks for the water without knowing what she is asking for.*



I remember dipping my finger in the font to bless my children on their first day of school each year. I continued to bless them as they grew up. I would make a simple Sign of the Cross on their foreheads before big events in their lives like final exams or a long trip. My children are all grown now, and I still bless them. Sometimes they even bless me back.

When we moved into our first house, my mother brought her own holy water on her first visit. Like the holy water used during the dedication of a new church, my mother sprinkled her holy water and blessed each room in our own house church. Blessing the house reminds us that our homes are church, and blessing each other reminds us that we are the embodiment of that church. Holy water is a sign of our new life as part of the body of Christ.



- ▶ **Adults:** Where have you found a source of "living water" for your own journey of faith?
- ▶ **Kids:** Name some times when your belief in Jesus helped make you stronger.

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### From the Parish Priest

We began last weekend in implementing in our church the protocols in relation to the Coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19); this is in response to the need for everyone's safety and protection. We wish to provide hand sanitisers to be placed at our church entrances, however as you would know, these products are out of stock in stores for several days now. We have ordered online for some already, but they are in backorder status. At the moment, we encourage everyone to bring their own hand sanitisers and disinfectants.

Monitoring the national news and what's happening around the globe, I am one with everyone who feels restless about what this 'pandemic', as it is now already considered, would entail from each of us as God's people. Although we are not at a crisis point yet (hopefully not ever), our government officials and

medical professionals, who are doing their best, all need our cooperation at this time. The needless panic buying by some individuals of goods, that supposedly would help more people to be protected, is not helping at all.

Let us ceaselessly ask for the protection of our Blessed Mother, and pray as we always do at mass that we may be delivered from every evil and be safe from all distress... (See continuation of message inside) - **Fr Francis, OSA**

#### Communion under one kind

Parishes will cease distributing Holy Communion directly from the Chalice

#### No Holy Water

Holy Water will be temporarily removed from fonts in churches

#### No handshaking

At the Sign of Peace, say "Peace be with you", offer a smile or wave

#### Stay home if sick

People sick with flu-like symptoms should stay home and not attend Mass

#### Handwashing

All ministers of Holy Communion will wash their hands before and after distributing communion



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## Today's Readings

**3rd Sunday Lent:**  
**First Reading** *Exodus*

17: 3-7 Give us water to drink.

**Second Reading** *Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8* The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

**Gospel Reading** *John 4: 5-42* The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

**Visit our St James website (look for the Prayer tab).**

## Prayer Requests

**Please pray for recently deceased:**

Archbishop John

Bathersby; Maeve Murphy; Aurelio Leonor; Fr Joe Walsh OSA; Gavan Carroll; George Kishaba; John Donnelly.

**And these anniversaries:** Secondo Berta; Elsie Frampton; Braulio Monterde; Robert

DeMello; Luke O'Reilly; Robert Romano; Merle Chapman; Drago Andreis.

**Please pray for these unwell:** Judy Ketter; Veron Forsyth; Peter & Stephen Darch; James Clifford; Tina Romano; Anne Holroyd; Fr Ron Mollison; Greg Whitney; Steven McSwan; Tess Walsh; Rodrigo Urbano; Santina Romano.



## Social Justice

**SIGNIFICANT DATES MARCH:**

**Wednesday 18:** 2019: death

of Deacon Boniface Perdjert, respected Elder and first Aboriginal Permanent Deacon.

**Thursday 19:** 1866: beginning of Sisters of St Joseph at Penola, SA.

2003: invasion of Iraq by USA and Allies.

**Friday 20:** National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence.



### Death of Deacon Boniface

Deacon Boniface passed away in 2019. As the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council's tribute says:

His words and actions spoke loudly to the members of the Wadeye Community, of which he was a deeply loved and respected Elder, but also to the Catholic Hierarchy with whom he shared his wisdom and official occasions.

*"My people existed here in Australia thousands of years before Abraham. In all that time God was with my people. He worked through their culture. He was saving us despite human weakness. He was preparing us for the day when he would see the features of Aboriginals in the image of his Son.*

*God has asked us to love him with whole mind, heart and soul. So I must give myself to God as an Aboriginal. This is what God wants."*

## Parish News

**20-23 March**

Augustinian Prior  
Provincial Fr Peter



Jones OSA is visiting St James parish and Villanova College. He will meet with parish staff and Pastoral Council over this time. Fr Peter will say the homily at all masses over this weekend.



Your invitation for the  
Ordination to the Diaconate  
of **Br Tuan Anh Le OSA.**



The Order of St Augustine joyfully announces the ordination of Peter Lê Tuấn Anh OSA to the Order of the Diaconate by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. **Thursday 23 April 2020 at 7.30pm** St James Parish Church, followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Kindly **RSVP by 15 April 2020** to Trish (parish office) (Invitation on noticeboard)



Mt Carmel Parish Coorparoo provides support for education projects in Timor Leste.

The Friends of Zumalai Fundraising Committee is holding a fundraiser at The Coorparoo Bowls club on the **29th March; 2pm – 7pm** (see noticeboard for details).



Cosme Cham (School Chaplain)...my role as a Chaplain at St James School is to help and assist in the liturgical and worship life of the school, whether that is through formal liturgies or classroom prayer. My other role is to give pastoral support to students, staff, and parents to help create a safe place for all involved in the St James Community. I hope that my role will aid and assist parents and staff at St James to raise a new generation of leaders for our community.



Saturday 28th March; 8:30am - 3pm  
Dominic Centre, (100 Mayfield Rd, Carina)  
RSVP due: Wed 18th March  
More info: (07) 3324 3440



## Planned Giving for the Week ending 8th March (Week 2)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian [BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006160102]	\$750.75	\$382.50	\$15	Week 4	\$1,148.25
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Parish [BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006161103]	\$501.40	\$378	\$15	only	\$894.40

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





## MARCH

- 16 Monday 6-7.30pm Rite of First Reconciliation for children (Church)**  
**18 Wednesday Stations of the Cross in the Church after 8am Mass.**  
**20 Friday Lenten Program meeting in Priory after 8am mass**  
**20-23 Augustinian Prior Provincial Fr Peter Jones OSA visiting St James parish and Villanova College.**  
**21/22 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; 4th Sunday Lent**  
**22 Sunday 9am Thanksgiving mass for Sacrament of Reconciliation children (with cuppa afterwards sponsored by children and parents) joined w/ St James School Term 1 Community Mass**  
**25 Wednesday Stations of the Cross in the Church after 8am Mass.**  
**27 Friday Lenten Program meeting in Priory after 8am mass**  
**28 Saturday 8.30 – 3pm OLOG Carina: Parish Leadership Development Day, St James parishioners joining**  
**28/29 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; Year A 5th Sunday Lent**

## APRIL

- 1 Wednesday, 9.15am Stations; 10am Anointing Mass**



**PROJECT COMPASSION**  
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Barry grew up in a tough environment. With the support of a program from Caritas Australia's partner, Red Dust Healing, Barry has overcome many of life's challenges. He is now an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community. Please donate to Project



**Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

Compassion 2020 and help vulnerable people like Barry, so that they are empowered to assist members of their communities in Australia. You can donate through Parish envelopes, by phoning 1800 024 413.



## Other news of interest

Palms is keen to attract more skilled parishioners willing to put their faith into action, reach beyond and respond to the requests from overseas communities, ultimately improving opportunities for our global family. Your assistance in 2020 will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation and support. You will be rewarded with riches greater than you might imagine. All trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. (see noticeboard) Look at [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) and talk to Roger on 0422472567, or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)



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## from the Parish Priest

The Liturgy Committee meeting held on Tuesday this week covered the planning for the upcoming Paschal Celebration, the Easter Triduum. In preparation for Palm Sunday (5 Apr), we ask those who have palm branches to generously bring some to the parish during the week before Palm Sunday, that is from 30 Mar to 3 Apr.

Also, we encourage our Liturgical Ministry volunteers to begin signing up soon for the Easter Triduum rosters.

An important point came up during one of the discussions: **THE PLACE OF SILENCE in the CELEBRATION OF THE MASS**. The late Pope JP II reminds us that we need silence "if we are to accept in our hearts the full resonance of the voice of the Holy Spirit and to unite our personal prayer more closely to the Word of God and the public voice of the Church" (*Spiritus et Sponsa*).

There is a brief pause for recollection, a time of silence, following the presider's call, "Let us pray", so the gathered community may become aware of being in God's presence and may call to mind their intentions. "The Liturgy of the Word is to be celebrated in such a way as to favour meditation..." (GIRM#56). Please expect a period of silence after the lector proclaims the reading. This silence is right **before** the lector says, "The Word of the Lord". Another place of sacred silence is right after communion, or after the communion and/or thanksgiving hymns are sung.

**Fr Francis**



## NEXT ANOINTING MASS:

**Wednesday 1st April**, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day). Stations before the Anointing Mass on 1st April to be 9.15am. Wednesday only for this month of April.



The Annual Chrism Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on **Thursday 2nd April at 7.00pm**.



## Sacrament of Penance for children continues...

<b>March</b>	
<b>16 Monday 6pm-7.30pm</b>	Rite of First Reconciliation (church)
<b>22 Sunday 9am</b>	Thanksgiving Mass for Sacrament of Reconciliation children and morning tea afterwards, sponsored by children and parents



Augustinian Formation Australia (AFA) Fundraising FUN WALK & TALK on Sunday, 29 March 2020.

AFA supports the training/formation of Augustinian students in the Australian Province through prayer, community and fundraising for all their expenses.

**SPONSOR a Seminar or Priest! SPONSORSHIP & REGISTRATION monies can be paid into the AFA Account - BSB: 032190 Account No: 105386 Ref: AFA Walk**



## Archdiocese news

Archbishop John Bathersby's Vigil Liturgy will be held at **5.00pm on Sunday 15 March, 2020**, at The Cathedral of St Stephen. His funeral mass and Rite of Committal will be held at **11.00am on Monday 16 March, 2020** on the same venue. Both liturgies will be web cast online.

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

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**Mar 14 / 15** Karleen & Sandra

**March 21 / 22** Lenore & Brendon

NEXT WEEK March 21 / 22	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	Bill S	Berenice T-F	Marina Y	Young
LECTOR	Ron S	Don T	Morag S	Adults Group
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Paul D Sylvia P *	Gene T-F Jan L *	Dianne M Christine U-M Mike S	John W Barbara D Jincy CJ
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ALTAR SERVERS	Deneb	Gene	*(assistance needed, please contact parish)	Rodel, Ramil, Alyssa, Klaris
POWERPOINT	Paul	John, Gilbert	Di, June	Sydel

## Mass Times & Services:

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

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

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 4.30—5.30 pm.

**ADORATION:** Thursday 8 am.

**PRAYER GROUP:** each morning prior to Mass.

**ALL NIGHT VIGIL:** Friday 3rd April.

**NEXT ANOINTING MASS:** Wednesday 1st April, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).  
(none in March due to World Day of Prayer)

## Next Sunday's Readings:

**4th Sunday Lent: First Reading** 1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13 In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

**Second Reading** Ephesians 5: 8-14 Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. **Gospel Reading** John 9: 1-41 The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

**For complete Sunday's readings, visit our St James website (look for the Prayer tab).**

[www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings](http://www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings).