

**3RD SUNDAY
LENT
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23 / 24 MARCH**



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



This weekend in all our parish masses, a statement from Fr Peter Jones, OSA, Prior Provincial - Augustinians, will be read. The statement concerns the recent conviction of a member of our Order for historic child protected related offences. This will take place following the Prayer after Communion.

A LENTEN REFLECTION

(The following reflection is by Maureen McCann Waldron from Creighton University's Online Ministries)

It's the Third Sunday of Lent – halfway through. For many of us, it's hard to admit that this Lent is not all we had hoped for. On Ash Wednesday, we *intended* to make some changes in our lives. And yet halfway through Lent, we are disappointed in ourselves.

Today's gospel tells us of a landowner who planted a fig tree that did not produce fruit for three years. Giving up on it, he tells the gardener to cut it down. But the wise gardener knows that what the tree needs is cultivating and feeding. He suggests, "I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future."

Jesus "gets" us. He understands our hearts and he knows that our instinct is to give up on the tree that bears no fruit. To give up on our Lent halfway through. Today Jesus tell us not to give up hope that we can be better. He offers us his love, care and his help.

But how and where do we begin this journey again?

Lent is not about our own efforts to win God's approval or to earn a merit badge on our souls.

Today, instead of redoubling our own efforts and trying to "manage" Lent on our own, we ask God, "What is it you want to give me this Lent?" There are still three weeks left. If I want to move to a more adult, growing relationship with God, it could lead to a conversation, heart to heart, as I ask,

What is it you desire to free in my heart so I can love better? How can I be more loving to my family? Where can I be a peacemaker with my children instead of a scold? How do you want to soften my heart from being harsh with others to being more loving – in the way you have loved me? How can I be less judgmental and see others as you see them? How has my drinking, spending or use of pornography affected my marriage and my children? What would it cost me to slow down my life so I can listen to you more deeply?

The traditional foundations of Lent are prayer, fasting and charity. These are not ends in themselves, not items to be checked off on our To Do list. These are the doors that open a deeper place in our hearts, part of the sacred ground God shares with Moses in the first reading.

When I fast, it can focus my attention more clearly on Jesus and how he wants to heal my heart.

When I give from my heart this Lent, it makes me more aware of those who need my help.

When I pray, it gives me a space to discover God's heart's desire for me.

God has a very specific and active love for each one of us and has desires for each of us for changes in our lives that will lead to our best and happiest selves. By freeing our hearts and changing our sinful habits, we undertake what Pope Francis calls, "a journey of preparation" whose end is the priceless gift of God's mercy.



Sunday, 7th April, 9am: the official Installation and Blessing of Fr Francis as Parish Priest of St James Parish, Coorparoo. Mass to be presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, and we will be joined by Fr Peter Jones OSA, Prior Provincial. Everyone is invited. A celebratory cuppa will follow after the mass. Please bring a plate to share. Save the date!

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15 This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you. **Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12 All this that happened to the people of Moses was written for our benefit. **Gospel Reading Luke 13: 1-9** Unless you repent you will all perish as they did. **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: Samantha McGirl; Kerry Heisner; Kim Rohweder; Avis Greenup; Pat Killin; Daniel Ross Tynan.

And these anniversaries: Secondo Berta; Stan Frampton; Assunta Barbaro; Elsie Frampton.

Please pray for these unwell: Natividad Lobo Umali; Debbie Bradfield; Keith Evans; Rex Ducat.

Please give prayers and welcome to these baptismal children:

Alaina Dawson.



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

Social Justice

SIGNIFICANT DATES — MARCH:

Sunday 24: St Oscar Romero.

International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and Dignity of Victims.

Monday 25: International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and Transatlantic Slave Trade.

Friday 29: 1941: death of William Cooper, Aboriginal activist and community leader.



24th March St Oscar Romero... was known for his deep piety and devotion to Jesus. On 24 March 1980, following an evening of reflection and prayer with his fellow-clergy, he began to celebrate Mass at a hospital for cancer patients and was killed by an assassin's bullet. St Oscar Romero was canonised on 14 October 2018. *"We must not seek the child Jesus in the pretty figures of our Christmas cribs. We must seek him among the undernourished children who have gone to bed at night with nothing to eat, among the poor newsboys who will sleep covered with newspapers in doorways."* St Oscar Romero

Planned Giving for the Week ending 17th March (Week 3)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 st Collection Augustinian	\$770	\$339.50	\$50	Week 4	\$1,159.50
2 nd Collection Parish	\$449.85	\$306	\$30	only	\$785.85

Parish news

Lenten Program continues on Fridays. The program commences straight after 8am mass (held in Priory dining room) and continues till 12th April. **Way of the Cross** continues on Wednesdays after 8am mass, till 10th April.



Sacramental Preparation



St James Parish Coorparoo (date-claimer for 2019) - here is our Sacramental program for children.

Please email: osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au to let us know your interest.

Term 2: Yr 4 children who wish to continue their Sacramental Program with First Eucharist: from May 13th

Term 3: Yr 3 children who wish to begin their Sacramental Program with Confirmation: from July 29th

Term 4: Yr 5 children who wish to conclude their Sacramental Program with Penance: from October 14th

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

Sunday, March 17th: Marriage and Holy Orders. Mass begins 6pm then the meeting is in St James Priory dining room. We leave after the homily and retire for about 1 hour to discuss the Gospel and to explore some major areas of Catholic faith. Meetings conclude 7.15 - 7.30 pm.



Augustinian Volunteers Australia supports the training / formation of Augustinian Priests in the Australian Province through prayer, community and fundraising for all their expenses (see noticeboard).

SPONSORSHIP & REGISTRATION monies can be paid into the AFA Account - BSB: 03219 Account No: 105386 Ref: AFA Walk Or at St Kieran's Parish Office by 5 April 2019



SPONSOR a Seminarian

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Some of Our Seminarists:



Diep Tin Marco Tuan-Anh Huy John

Peter is thrilled to now have clean water on tap at his boarding school. Long walks to unsafe water sources were tiring for Peter, who is living with a disability. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with a brighter future.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future.

Week Two collection: \$255 (via Project Compassion envelopes, not parish collections)

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Ministers (Eucharistic, Hospitality, Readers, Collectors, etc) will be required for masses over our Easter period. If you are available at this time, please note your name down on the clipboard at side church entrance.

Jeff Cavins, who is well known by (USA) EWTN audiences worldwide for his



regular program **Life on the Rock** and **Understanding the Mystery of the Bible**, will be in Brisbane to talk about **Catholic Faith and Scripture**. To Register, scan this QR code using your iPhone (camera) or Android Phone (QR reader app) **Date: 5th May 2019 (Sunday)**



Venue: St. James Catholic Parish Catholic Church and Hall, 165 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo. **Time:** 12 noon to 5:00 pm **Fee:** Free (but we request donations to defray expenses) **Bring-a-plate to share. Drinks provided. Sonny@0421437752**

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Welcome Fr Percival to this Sunday's YYAM 6pm mass.

Deanery news

Brisbane East Deanery Meeting on March 27, 2019 at Sts Peter & Paul: 7pm for 7.30pm start. A report from St James parish has been supplied. **RSVP to our office 3397 1671. All welcome to attend.**

Archdiocese news

The question for today is...

The Listening and Dialogue phase is over. What happens now?

With the Listening and Dialogue phase now complete, the National Centre for Pastoral Research will continue the deep listening process, conducting a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the submissions received and, using best-practice research methods, will identify key themes that have emerged.



Position Vacant – Youth Ministry Coordinator (see noticeboard details) Applications are open for a position at St Mary's, South Brisbane and Dutton Park Parishes. A person who is interested in coordinating and supporting youth programs is required for a part time position of youth ministry coordinator for 15 hours per week. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers. Applications close: 29 March 2019

ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE
invites you to the annual

Chrism Mass

Thursday 11th April 2019
@ 7.00pm

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN
249 ELIZABETH STREET
BRISBANE

A celebration for the entire Archdiocese
ALL WELCOME



Other news of interest



To our YYAM...Rotary holds a week long leadership and team management seminar called the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards for young people between the ages of 18-26. I was lucky to go along last year and had a fantastic time. Rotary offer sponsorship for the seminar as well as all accommodation and food; and so all that is asked of participants is that they dedicate themselves for the entire week between May 4th - May 10th, 2019. If there is anyone interested they can call me on 0488232151 or email me on kimberleyae4@gmail.com



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March 23 / 24 Greg & Kate

March 30 / 31 Anne & Margaret

NEXT WEEK March 30 / 31	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	S. PHILLIPS	G. TRIGGS-FULTON	R. MITCHELL	C. MANALAC
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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 5th April 2019.

NEXT ANOINTING MASS: Friday 5th April 2019, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

NEXT MASS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sunday 7th April 2019 — 9am mass.

Ten Marks of Spiritual Maturity...

5) **You maintain a childlike sense of wonder and awe.**

Becoming a child doesn't mean you are immature.

It means you refuse to accept the joyless, bored life that often associates adulthood.

Fr Joseph Lam