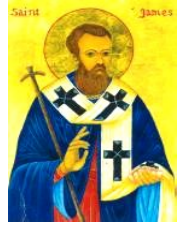


**4TH SUNDAY
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**The Parish of St James
Coorparoo.
A Vibrant, Prayerful,
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Archdiocese of Brisbane**



Reflection (By Ron Rolheiser, OMI)

EMBITTERED MORALIZING

One of the dangers inherent in trying to live out a life of Christian fidelity is that we are prone to become embittered moralizers, older brothers of the prodigal son, angry and jealous at God's over-generous mercy, bitter because persons who wander and stray can so easily access the heavenly banquet table.

But this isn't unique to faithful church-goers. It's part of the universal struggle to age without bitterness and anger. We spend the first-half of our lives wrestling with the sixth commandment and spend the last-half of our lives wrestling with the fifth commandment: Thou shalt not kill! Long before anyone is shot by a gun, he is shot by a word, and before he is shot by a word, he is shot by a thought. We all think murderous thoughts: Who does he think he is? And it becomes harder and harder not to think them as we age.

Aging without bitterness and anger is in fact our final struggle, psychologically and spiritually. The great Swiss psychologist, Alice Miller, suggests that the primary task of the second-half of life is that of mourning, mourning our wounds so as not to become bitter and angry. We have to mourn, she says, until our very foundations shake otherwise our ungrieved wounds will forever leave us prone to bitterness, anger, and cold judgments.

At the end of the day there is only one remaining spiritual imperative: We are not meant to die in anger and bitterness. And so, as we age, we can progressively slim our spiritual vocabulary down to one word: Forgive, forgive, forgive. Only forgiveness can save us from bitterness and anger.

Indeed, there are few Gospel texts as sobering as the Gospel story of the Prodigal Son. As good commentaries on this text are quick to point out, the central character of this story is not the prodigal son, but the father, and the central message of the text is his over-generous mercy. He is a father who is trying to get his two sons into his house (his house being an image for heaven). But the younger son is, for a long time, out of the house through weakness, while the older son is just as effectively outside the house through a bitterness and an anger that have soured his fidelity. Unlike the father who is grateful and joyous because his wayward son has come home, the older brother is angry and bitter that the father has not withheld his mercy and that his errant brother was not first punished and made to meet certain conditions before he was welcomed back home.

Now there's an older brother of this sort in all of us. We see it, for instance, in the fierce resistance many, wonderfully faithful, church-going, Christians express apposite certain people receiving communion at the Eucharist. Granted, there are legitimate ecclesial issues here, to do with public forum and scandal, which need to be sorted out, as the recent Synod on family life tried to do. But that synod also highlighted the resistance that many feel towards persons that they deem unworthy to receive communion at the Eucharist.

Independent of the ecclesial issues coloring this, those of us who struggle with certain others going to communion should still ask ourselves: Why is this bothering me? Why am I angry about someone else going to communion? What's really the basis for my resistance? What might this be saying about me? Is my heart wide and mellow enough right now to go to heaven, to sit down at the banquet table with everyone?

Do I have the courage and humility to ask myself this question: Am I not akin to the older brother standing outside the house, bitter that someone who seems undeserving is receiving the Father's love and blessing?

But we need to ask ourselves that with sympathy. We aren't bad persons; it's just that a certain bitter moralizing is an occupational hazard for us. Still we need to ask ourselves these hard questions, for our own sake, lest, blind to ourselves, we become the older brother of the prodigal son.

Paradoxical, ironic, strange, but we can be faithful, upright-morally, duty-bound, church-going Christians, preaching the gospel to others and, at the same time, carry inside of ourselves an anger, a bitterness, and an unconscious envy of the amoral which has us standing outside the house of celebration, blocked from entry because we are angry at how wide and indiscriminating is our own God's embrace.

But that weakness and bi-polarity have already been taken into account. The story of the Prodigal Son ends, not with the father's joy at the return of his sinful son, but with the father at the door of the house, gently pleading with his older son to give up his bitterness and enter the dance. We don't know how that story ends, but, given God's jealous love and infinite patience, there's little reason to doubt that eventually the older brother entered the house and sat down at table with his prodigal brother.



Next week, 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 with a celebratory cuppa after the mass. Please sign clipboard (side entrance) to note your plate-to-share.

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading *Joshua 5: 9-12* The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover. **Second Reading** *2 Corinthians*

5: 17-21 God reconciled us to himself through Christ. **Gospel Reading** *Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32* Your brother here was dead and has come to life. **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: Deirdre Roberts; Leonila Dosado; Samantha McGirl; Kerry Heisner; Kim Rohweder.

And these anniversaries: Alan Thompson; May Jirallding Benedict; Secondo Berta; Stan Frampton.

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

Please give prayers and welcome to these baptismal children:

Alexandra Banham.



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 / APRIL:

Saturday 30: Earth Hour (8.30 to 9.30pm local time).

Monday 1: 1897: death of Jandamarra, Aboriginal resistance leader of the Bunuba people (WA).

Tuesday 2: World Autism Awareness Day.

Thursday 4: 1968: assassination of Martin Luther King Jr in Memphis, Tennessee, USA.



30th March Earth Hour... is a worldwide movement organised by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The event is held annually encouraging individuals, communities and businesses to turn off non-essential electric lights for one hour, as a symbol of concern for and commitment to the planet. The first Earth Hour was held in Sydney in 2007. In 2018, lights including the Sydney Opera House, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament (London), the Tokyo Sky Tree, the Empire State Building (NY), the Pyramids of Egypt (Cairo), Christ the Redeemer statue (Rio de Janeiro) and the Eiffel Tower (Paris) were switched off.

Planned Giving for the Week ending 24th March (Week 4)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 st Collection Augustinian	\$834.05	\$580.50	\$170	\$195	\$1,779.55
2 nd Collection Parish	\$473.05	\$392.50	\$190.70	\$195	\$1,258.25

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.



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



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Michaela is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis center in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.

Please donate to **Project Compassion 2019** and help provide essential health care, employment and training for First Australians like Michaela.

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.

Week Three collection: \$497.90 (via Project Compassion envelopes, not parish collections)



Roster for Eucharistic Ministers; Lectors; Commentators and Hospitality Ministers is now available at the Sacristy. Many thanks to all our Ministry volunteers who assist us at each mass over the weekend. If you would like to assist in this Ministry, please call 3397 1671 or visit a priest after mass.

Please sign clipboard (side entrance) to note your plate-to-share for Fr Francis cuppa at his Installation Mass next Sunday 7th April, after 9am mass.

EASTER SERVICES 2019

TUESDAY, 9th April - HOLY WEEK.

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION - 7.30PM

THURSDAY, 18th April - HOLY THURSDAY.

MORNING PRAYER - 8AM

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - 7PM

FRIDAY, 19th April - GOOD FRIDAY.

MORNING PRAYER - 8AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 10AM



CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION - 3PM

(collection for Holy Land)

SATURDAY, 20th April - HOLY SATURDAY.

MORNING PRAYER - 8AM

THE EASTER VIGIL - 7PM

(3 RCIA candidates for full reception)

SUNDAY, 21st April -

EASTER SUNDAY.

MASS TIMES: 7AM & 9AM

NO EVENING MASS



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.

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

Augustinian Volunteers Australia supports the training / formation of Augustinian Priests in the Australian Province through prayer, community and fundraising for all their expenses BSB# 032190 Acct# 105386 (see noticeboard).

Or at St Kieran's Parish Office by 5 April 2019



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Some of Our Seminarians:

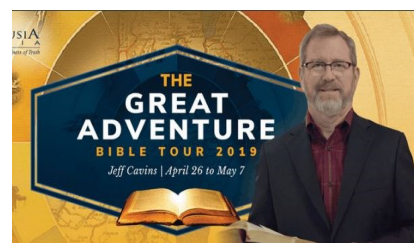


RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS Co-ordinator: Kev Mahoney.
Sunday, March 31st: The Healing Sacraments.



Scan me

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 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**



Brass Cleaning 2019 reminder...Saturday 6th April (after 8am Mass)

Archdiocese news

Position Vacant – Youth Ministry Coordinator

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. (see noticeboard details)
Applications close: 29 March 2019

Position Vacant – Sacristan

Applications are open for a position at the Cathedral of St Stephen. A person with Cathedral or Parish experience in liturgical ministry is required for a full time position of Sacristan for 37.5 hours a week working on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. (see noticeboard details) **Closing date 18th April 2019**

Other news of interest

LOVE THY NEIGHBOURS

Neighbour Day, on Sunday 31 March, reminds us it's our connection to the people around us that makes Brisbane a great place to live, work and relax.

The theme for Neighbour Day 2019 is 'Loneliness: what neighbours can do to create connections', and there are many easy ways to get to know the people in your neighbourhood. Simply greeting a neighbour could start a new friendship.

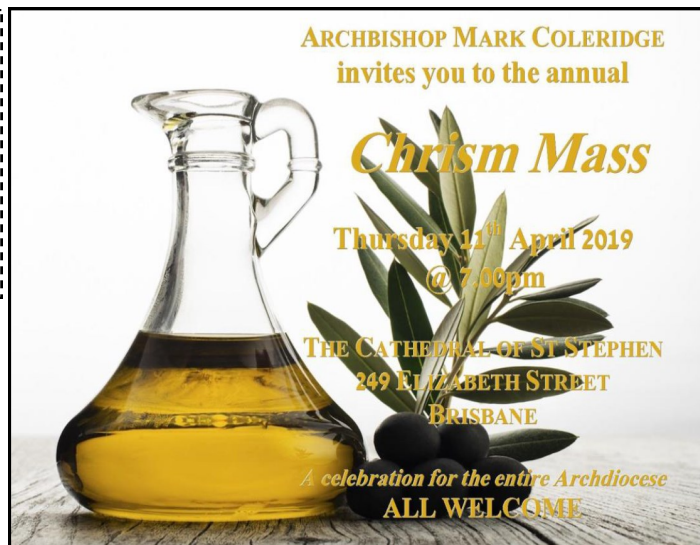
ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE
invites you to the annual

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



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Counters

March 30 / 31 Anne & Margaret

April 6 / 7 Karleen & Sandra

NEXT WEEK April 6 / 7	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	D. PHILLIPS	J. DUNGAN	J. RICHARDS	E. FERNANDO
LECTOR	L. JAYALATH	G. TRIGGS-FULTON	R. MITCHELL	C. MANALAC
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ALTAR SERVERS	DENEB	OLIVER, GENE	*	JOHN, RODEL, RAMIL, ALYSSA, KLARIS
POWERPOINT	CECILIA	GENE, GILBERT	DI, OLIVER, JUNE	SYDEL

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 21st April 2019 — 9am mass.

Ten Marks of Spiritual Maturity...

6) **You do not compare yourself to others**

Spiritually mature Christians understand reaching their full potential does not come from looking horizontally at the world, but looking vertically to God.

Fr Joseph Lam