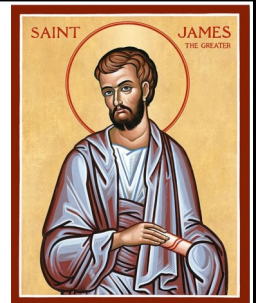


# 2ND SUNDAY ADVENT YR B 2023 10 DECEMBER

## ST JAMES PARISH COORPAROO

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



**BRINGING  
HOME  
THE  
GOSPEL**

## Prepare Your Way

strange. He lives in the desert, eats and dresses oddly, yet he has attracted a large group of followers. He tells them "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me" (v. 7).

Mark begins his Gospel by telling us about John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin. He describes him as a prophet and messenger sent to prepare the people for Jesus. John is rather

OMIGOSH! I FEEL  
SOMETHING WELLING UP  
INSIDE ME... IT'S AS  
TONGUES OF FIRE  
FILLING EVERY CORNER  
OF MY HEART... IT'S  
THE SPIRIT SPEAKING!!



It's the  
chili pie  
speaking



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"Prepare the way of the Lord ... he will  
baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

### Sheepish Question:

How can I recognize and follow the urging  
of the Holy Spirit within me?

John the Baptist tells his followers, "I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit" (v. 8). The "he" of course is Jesus, and the distinction John makes concerning baptism is important.

John's followers have repented and turned away from sin. He uses water to symbolize a cleansing from sin and a new beginning. Jesus' baptism presupposes the turning away from sin. His baptism not only marks the end of sin, but also the beginning of a new life, a life in pursuit of love and truth. When we are baptized we receive the Holy Spirit, who not only gives us new life but also blesses us with the gift we need to enter into that life.

Jesus' baptism points us in a new direction and inaugurates us into a new way of living. The gift of the Holy Spirit is an invitation to action. It is not enough to just repent from evil—we must also become actively involved in the pursuit of good. This is the baptism we received when the water that symbolizes both death and new beginning was poured over our heads.

### FAMILY RESPONSE

Decide as a family on a kind act you can do  
for someone. Set the date you will accomplish  
the task on the calendar.

### PERSONAL RESPONSE

What gifts do you need to continue to give  
yourself unselfishly to your family? Write a  
prayer asking God for this gift. What do you  
want to remember from last week? What are  
you looking forward to next week? What are  
your concerns?

Sometime this week take out the pictures of your child's baptism. Remind them that on that day they received Jesus' Spirit, and were given the special help they would need to be good and accomplish great things. Let them know that with the special gifts they received in baptism they could help to make the world a better place. Talk about some practical ways they could make a difference in someone else's life, and then schedule some time during your busy week to help them live out their baptismal gift.

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## ADVENT Rite of Reconciliation

(2<sup>nd</sup> Form – Communal Rite  
w/ individual confession)

Tuesday, 12 December, 7pm

## Christmas Mass Times

*St. James Parish Coorparoo*

### 24 December

Vigil - 5.30pm Carols followed by 6.00pm Holy Mass  
(children are invited to come in Shepherds or Angels costume)

Night - 9.30pm Carols followed by 10.00pm Holy Mass

### 25 December

Christmas Day - 7.00am Holy Mass  
Christmas Day - 9.00am Holy Mass

*Our Saviour is Born*

## This Sunday's Readings

### Second Sunday Advent YEAR B (December 10)

**First Reading** *Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 Prepare the way for the Lord.*

'Console my people, console them' says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low.

Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah,

'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

**Psalms 84(85):9-14** *Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace,  
peace for his people.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps.

### Second Reading 2 Peter 3: 8-14 We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

### Gospel Reading Mark 1: 1-8 Make straight the paths of the Lord.



The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.

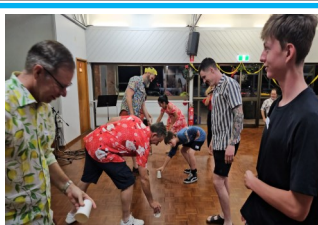
A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

And so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel<sup>1</sup>skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he

said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

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Amor, George.  
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### Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2023

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY THIS CHRISTMAS.**

**This week we finish accepting your hamper donations.** Drop your goodies to the donation boxes by Tuesday this week. **Your support will provide financial and emotional assistance to families spending Christmas in poverty.** If you are able to make a contribution to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal, please do so today. 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 debit donation to

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## Prayers

**Please pray for recently deceased:** Judith De Groot; Serafin Bermudez; Cecily Hesse; Robyn Gillender; Fred Sueta; Eliza Serrano; Oliver Diaz Cruz; Maria Yong.



**And these anniversaries:** Errol Rivera Bergania; Kevin & Tess Walsh; John Girard; Dolores Cruspero; Donal Bowe; Peter Hung Due.

**Please pray for these unwell:** Honey Binny; Chad De Paoli; Michael Simpson; John Canavan; David + Kerry See; Leanne Simpson; Darshika Uluwita; Lynette Edwards; Kevin Sheehan; Paul Hogan; Maylene Nator; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan; Joan Scraggs; Michael Barton; Heshala Watapuluwa; Ted Richardson; Kathleen Duffy.

**Please pray for these Baptismal children:** Mia + Stella Jamieson.

## Parish news

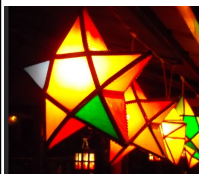
**Photo frames** from November Remembering our Loved Ones are now to be found in the Sacristy. Please collect.



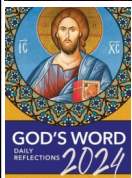
**Volunteers clipboard** for Christmas masses available at the side entrance—remember Sunday 24th has 4th Advent + Christmas Vigil...

### From Children's Ministry

•If you are interested in being Joseph, Mary, baby Jesus, an angel or a shepherd please contact either Brent, Christine or Amor.  
•We will be having a meet-up after the 9am mass on Sunday 17 December and rehearsal at 10am on Saturday 23 December.



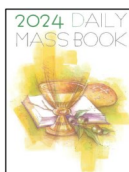
**16th-23rd December (5am), & 24th December (7am) for Missa de Gallo (Christmas Novena Masses).**  
All parishioners welcome.



**God's Word 2024** Fundraiser for Young Adults Ministry. Each book \$23. Available after mass—Cash only. Ask your YAM team.



**2024 DAILY MASS BOOK** form for purchase available at the side entrance. Drop your money + form into collection plate / parish letter box and we will get your Daily Mass Book to you.



**Used Stamps for the Missions**—As Christmas comes closer and you receive your Christmas Cards from loved ones, please remember to collect those stamps. Loreto Nuns appreciate this assistance.



At the **Romero Centre**, we welcome and support people seeking asylum. Inspired by the mission of Oscar Romero and Catherine McAuley, we are guided by the spirit of 'Mercy' in our community. <https://romerocentre.org.au>



## DECEMBER

- 11** Monday Advent Prayer group continues – after 8am mass in Priory
- 12** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation (7pm church)
- 13** Marian Talk Final (Priory 7.30-8.30pm) Fr John Sullivan
- 14** Thursday St V de P meeting 6.30pm
- 16 / 17** Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent; (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); Baptisms.
- 16 - 23** Missa de Gallo (Christmas Novena Masses) 5am mass
- 18** Monday Advent Prayer group continues – after 8am mass in Priory
- 23 / 24** Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent; (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); Baptisms.
- 24** Missa de Gallo Final Novena Mass within 7am mass

## Parish Adult Faith Formation

**Ministry Team** invites you to participate in our mini Advent retreat, "GETTING TO KNOW MARY" in the Priory. Our **final session is Wednesday, 13th December**, from 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Priory. The talk is entitled 'MARIAN DEVOTION in WORLD CULTURES.'



**Tuesday—Wednesday Adorers please take note ...**  
**12th December Adoration will go till 5pm** and conclude at that time – we have Advent 2nd Rite of Reconciliation on this Tuesday evening.  
**19th December Adoration will go till 5pm** and conclude at that time – we have Sim-bang Gabi the following morning



**Aid to the Church in Need promotes The Catholic Shop Christmas Catalogue 2023**



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The proceeds of every purchase at That Catholic Shop assist the work of Aid to the Church in Need. See church side entrance.



**St Vincent De Paul Christmas Cards and Calendars** available for purchase.  
**Christmas cards \$3**  
**Franciscan calendars \$8**  
**Columban calendars \$10**



## Community and Hospitality Ministry

After 9am Mass  
Sunday 7th January 2024  
join parishioners for a Morning Tea. We invite all parishioners to bring a plate to share and enjoy moments of fellowship.



Hospitality & Community Life  
[Communitylife.stjames@gmail.com](mailto:Communitylife.stjames@gmail.com)

## Planned Giving for the Week of 26 November 2023

Collection <u>Account numbers</u>	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Total	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian Priory</b> BSB: 064 786 Account #: <b>100019791</b>	<b>\$602.55</b>	<b>\$360</b>	<b>\$280</b>	<b>\$175</b>	<b>\$1,417.55</b>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection St James Parish</b> BSB: 064 786 Account #: <b>100018086</b>	<b>\$398.10</b>	<b>\$440</b>	<b>\$290</b>	<b>\$175</b>	<b>\$1,303.10</b>	

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## Ministry Teams—get involved...

We offer many opportunities to multi-cultural community... Send	get involved and participate in our vibrant your enquiries to the email below...
Children & Families (Brent)	<a href="mailto:Families.stjames@gmail.com">Families.stjames@gmail.com</a>
Worship (Amor)	<a href="mailto:Worshipandliturgy.stjames@gmail.com">Worshipandliturgy.stjames@gmail.com</a>
Youth & Young Adults (Dew)	<a href="mailto:Youthandyoungadults.stjames@gmail.com">Youthandyoungadults.stjames@gmail.com</a>
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## Counters

December 9 / 10 Romy & Christy

December 2 / 3 Lorie & Lea

Next week	3rd Sunday Advent December 17	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (3rd weekend)	Glenn H	n/a	Canossa Choir	
COMMENTATOR	Ron S	Don T	June S	
LECTOR	Karleen O'R	Trish R	Pat M	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Sylvia P Anne S Paul D	Heather L Christy U ...	Christine U-M Denis Mcl Pat P	
ALTAR SERVER/S	Edward Z	Brendon or Jane	Lea / Alejandra / Leo	
POWERPOINT	Cecilia D	Gilbert or helper	Adriana M	
WELCOMERS	Karen +		Cathy + John + Darren	

## Masses & Services

### WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.

Sunday 7am, 9am.

MASS SERVICES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am.

MASS SERVICE: Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30pm.

PERPETUAL ADORATION: (Tuesdays 8.30am till Wednesday 8am) Vicky [brisbane.adoration@gmail.com](mailto:brisbane.adoration@gmail.com)

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: no Anointing Mass in January 2024.

FIRST FRIDAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 5th January 2024.

PRAYER MEETING: Every Friday (Except 1st Friday of the month) @ 7.10 pm (Rosary), 7.30 pm (Praise & Worship followed by Message)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: continues 1st and 3rd Sundays @ 9am mass. Kids Bulletin available at side entrance each week: copyright <https://thekidsbulletin.com/about/>



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## Next Sunday's Readings

### Third Sunday Advent YEAR B (December 17)

First Reading *Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11* I exult for joy in the Lord.

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24* May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading *John 1: 6-8, 19-28* There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

he came to testify  
about the  
**LIGHT**  
John 1:8