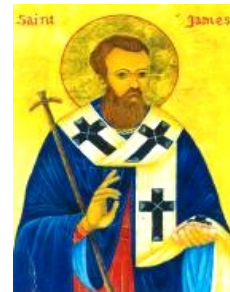


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The Parish of St James
Coorparoo
A Vibrant, Prayerful, Inclusive
Augustinian Parish
Archdiocese of Brisbane



From the Parish Priest

St James Christmas Mass Times

December 24, 25, and 26

24 December, Friday - Christmas Eve

(5.30 pm Carols)
6.00 pm Christmas Eve Family Mass
(11.00 pm Carols)
12.00 am Midnight Mass

25 December, Saturday - Christmas Day

7.00 am Christmas Day Mass
9.00 am Christmas Day Mass

26 December, SUNDAY - Holy Family Sunday

7.00 am Sunday Mass
9.00 am Sunday Mass



DEC 24 6pm



DEC 25 9am

Registration is required for the following Christmas Masses ONLY:

- DEC 24, 6pm Christmas Eve - 6pm Mass (5.30pm Carols)
- DEC 25, 9am Christmas Day Mass

Christmas Masses Ministry: *please add your name to the clipboard at the side entrance (only) to our church. We are requesting Volunteer Welcomers + Ushers; Servers; Commentators; Readers; Powerpoint Operators; Collectors; Eucharistic Ministers. There are many vacancies.*

| 24 December 6pm Vigil Mass | 24 December Midnight Mass | 25 December 7am Mass | 25 December 9am Mass |
|---|---|---|--|
| Servers 1. 2. | Servers 1. Lea Sueta 2. | Server 1. | Servers 1. Lea Sueta 2. |
| Commentator | Commentator | Commentator Karleen O'Reilly | Commentator |
| Reader Hannah Aloubo | Reader | Reader David Phillips | Reader Kev Mahoney |
| Powerpoint Alejandral | Powerpoint | Powerpoint | Powerpoint June Spencer |
| Collectors 1. 2. 3. 4. | Collectors 1. Greg Diete 2. 3. 4. | Collectors 1. 2. 3. 4. | Collectors 1. Kev Mahoney 2. 3. 4. |
| Welcomers/ Ushers 1. Hannah Alonso 2. 3. 4. | Welcomers/ Ushers 1. 2. 3. 4. | Welcomers/ Ushers 1. Trish Rashad 2. | Welcomers/ Ushers 1. 2. 3. 4. |
| Eucharistic Ministers 1. Paul Devlin 2. 3. | Eucharistic Ministers 1. Priya 2. 3. | Eucharistic Ministers 1. Barbara DePaoli 2. | Eucharistic Ministers 1. Carmel Trewern 2. 3. |

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

John the Baptist Baptizes with Water

John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus by telling people to repent. He baptizes them with water as a sign of their repentance. When people begin to think that John might be the Messiah, he makes it very clear that they are wrong. He tells them that one mightier than he is coming. "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (v. 16).

**BRINGING
HOME THE
GOSPEL**

When John the Baptist's followers are ready to turn away from their dishonesty and selfishness, he baptizes them with water, a cleansing ritual that signifies their wish to repent.

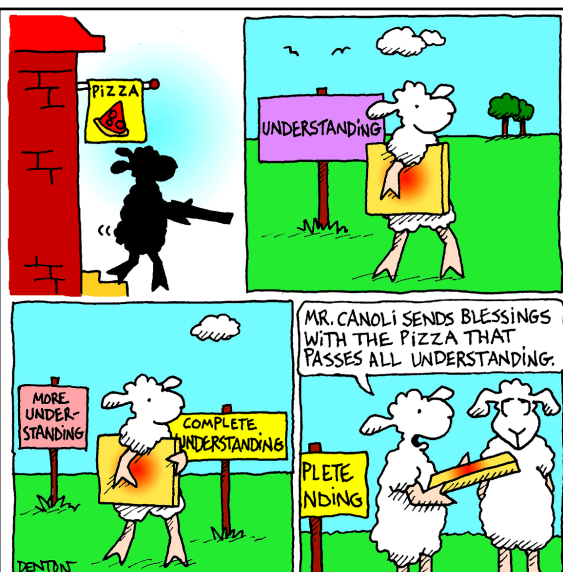
But repentance is not enough to bring freedom and salvation. It takes the Holy Spirit and the new life Jesus offers us through his life, death and resurrection.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Adult family members may want to practice a simple Act of Contrition using the three steps above. (Say you are sorry. Promise to change. Ask for God's help to do better.) Say this prayer with your children before bedtime.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What about yourself would you like to change? What keeps you from changing? Are you ready to ask for God's help to change?



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Repenting, or saying we are sorry, is the first step to freedom and salvation. The second step is to focus on changing our behaviour. If we say we are sorry and have no intention of changing our actions, we can't be forgiven. Even God cannot free us from sin if we insist on holding on to it. Sometimes we are really sorry for our actions but can't muster the courage to change. In that case, we need to ask God for the *desire* to change. Even this small inclination to mend our ways is enough to loosen sin's grip and allow the Holy Spirit to slip in.

The third step is to admit we need help. We humbly acknowledge that we need God's help to love the way God wants us to love. We face our limitations and even our powerlessness, and ask the Spirit to fill us with strength and new life. We trust that with God's help we can overcome our sins or our most compelling bad habits and become the person God calls us to be.

"With thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

Sheepish Question:

Here in Advent, how can my attitude in prayer quell my anxieties and open me to God's peace?

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Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2021.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Cards and Calendars available for purchase from St Vincent de Paul at the entrance of the church ...

Christmas cards \$3 / Franciscan calendars \$8 / Columban calendars \$10

Please return your Jesse Tree hamper items this weekend or Monday/Tuesday to the Parish Office.

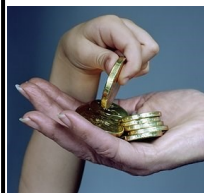
You may wish to make a direct deposit to:

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ACCT NAME SVDP St James Conference Coorparoo

THANK YOU for your generous support.



Vinnies
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Prayers

Please pray for recently deceased:

Kieran Donnelly; Tina Romano; Victoria Paterson; Maria Turrini; Elizabeth Vandeleur; Lucrecia Hernandez Flores.

And these anniversaries: Lourdes John; Mary Dungan; Joanne Downey; John Girard; Les & Ruby Richards; Reg Chapman; John Romano; Bradley Wenceslaus; James McGuire OSA; Anto Tolo.

Please pray for these unwell: Bryan O'Connell; Noah Riley; Imelda Garcia Cacho; Nelia Juanzon; Lito Lobo; Samuel Quiroga Arias; Arabela Vazquez Marin; Catherine Sheridan; Margaret Tourish; Martin & Teresa Devine.



Parish news

Volunteers morning tea this Sunday at 10am in the Hall. You are all welcome.



Christmas Novena Masses—Dawn Masses at 5am beginning **Thursday 16th December** and ending Dawn Mass 5am on **Friday 24th December**. More Parish Communities can offer to assist with choir, other ministries and fellowship—contact parish office.



Friends Of St Augustine Christmas Gathering for Meal @Easts on **Friday 17th December, 12.30pm for 1pm**.



Position Vacant – Youth Ministry Coordinator

Applications are open for a position at The Mother of Mercy Catholic Parish (Hendra, Northgate, Hamilton). A person who can establish and develop a youth ministry program within the parish is required for 15 hours per week. [Link](#)



St James Choir rehearsals for Midnight Mass continue on **Monday nights** at 7:30pm in St James Church.



See [our website](#) regarding the vaccination protocols and responses from Bishop Ken Howell (ArchBne)



Position Vacant - admin duties with Prisoners Services - Centacare Pastoral Ministries (South Bne location).

Those with a strong resolve, confident phone manner, customer service background and excellent computer and database skills are encouraged to reach out. Please get in touch with Seamus Baldwin (Human Resources Coordinator) - baldwins@bne.catholic.net.au



DECEMBER

11 / 12 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); **Year C/2 3rd Sunday Advent (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am).**

12 10am Morning Tea for Volunteers II (Hall)

15 Wednesday Advent Prayer group 8.45am

16-24 5am Dawn Novena Masses – Simbang Gabi

16 Thursday choir rehearsal for Midnight Mass 7.30pm church.

17 Friday 9am mass

18 / 19 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); **Year C/2 4th Sunday Advent (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am).**

16-24 5am Dawn Novena Masses – Simbang Gabi

23 Thursday choir rehearsal for Midnight Mass 7.30pm church.

24 Friday 5.30pm Carols; **6pm Christmas Eve Family Mass** (Eventbrite rego); **11pm Carols; 12am Midnight Mass**

25 Saturday Christmas Day 7am Mass; 9am Mass (Eventbrite rego)

26 Sunday 7am Mass; 9am Mass

27 Dec – 11 Jan Fr TA on annual leave

Parish news

Catholic Leader entrances of church— \$4 per edition.

- Men of God join ministry –

new deacons ready to serve God

- Archbishops Coleridge speaks of Advent's first call to us
- A time to pray – Pope Francis' prayer intention for December
- Thinking shifts on safeguarding of the vulnerable
- Brisbane women from religious communities want people working together within the Church
- God sustains Dinh and Phien Nguyen through 70 years of marriage
- Dominican Father Karl Emerick called home to God
- How parents pass their religion on to the next generation
- Words of wisdom - Joyful expectation builds in Advent
- Christmas pudding recipe, puzzles, trivia and colouring competition



ST JAMES SCHOOL

2022 TERM DATES

Term 1 – 25 January-1 April

Term 2 – 19 April-24 June

Term 3 – 11 July-16 September

Term 4 – 4 October-2 December

(Pupil Free Day – 2 September)



Amongst the Second week's readings from our booklet New Life in Christ, the one which stands out is - One of the Hundred Sheep Straying. Jesus actually does not leave the Ninety Nine. Remember, everyone of us has been "the stray one" sometimes in our lives.



Prayer Group

Reflection: Jesus always comes to us, when we open our hearts to him.

Planned Giving for the Week of 5 December, 2021

| Collection <u>Account numbers</u> | Loose money [not pledged] | Envelopes [pledged] | Direct Debit | Credit card | Total |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791 | \$1,111.35 | \$265 | \$480 | Week 4 | \$1,856.35 |
| 2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891 | \$582.20 | \$175 | \$475 | only | \$1,232.20 |

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Administration

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
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| Assistant Priest | Fr Lê Tuấn Anh (Tuan Anh) OSA | 3397 1671 |
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| Parish Council Chairperson | Christine Umali-Manalac | 3397 1671 |
| Finance Committee | Mark Garden | 3397 1671 |
| Pastoral Care | Parish Office | 3397 1671 |
| Safeguarding Officer | Kate Pearson | 3397 1671 |

This Sunday's Readings Third Sunday Advent (Year C/2)

will rejoice over you.

Second Reading *Philippians 4: 4-7* The Lord is near.

Gospel Reading *Luke 3: 10-18* What, then, must we do?



Weekly Mass times WEEKEND: Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm. Sunday 7am, 9am, no longer 6pm.

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am **WEEKDAY:** Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30pm... by [Eventbrite link](#) or call parish office.

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Friday 4th February 2022 @ 9am.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 7th January 2022.

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY (at this stage).

Counters

December 11 / 12 Karleen & Sandra

December 18 / 19 Lenore & Brendon

| Next week | 4th Advent December 19 | VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM | SUNDAY 7AM | SUNDAY 9AM |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| CHOIR (3rd weekend) | Glenn Hallorina | n/a | Canossa Choir | |
| COMMENTATOR | Sylvia P | Berenice T-F | Pat M | |
| LECTOR | David P | Don T | Judith R | |
| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION | Helen D Priya | Marj N | John W Christine U-M Ray M | |
| ALTAR SERVER/S | Joe R | Gene T-F | Leah S / Lalan C | |
| POWERPOINT | Paul D | Gilbert / helper | June S / helper | |
| MARSHAL | Lorie / Karen / Edward | Brendon G / Trish R | Else C | |

Next Sunday's Readings Fourth Sunday Advent (Year C/2)

who is to rule over Israel.

Second Reading *Hebrews 10: 5-10* I am coming to do your will.

Gospel Reading *Luke 1: 39-44* Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

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

