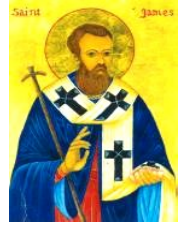


**3RD SUNDAY
ADVENT
YR C 2018
15 / 16 DECEMBER**



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



From the Outside of the Window

Gaudete Week

Our week begins with "Gaudete Sunday." Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. It comes from the first word of the Entrance antiphon on Sunday. The spirit of joy that begins this week comes from the words of Paul, "The Lord is near." This joyful spirit is marked by the third candle of our Advent wreath, which is rose coloured, and the rose coloured vestments often used at the Eucharist.

The second part of Advent begins on December 17th each year. For the last eight days before Christmas, the plan of the readings changes. The first readings are still from prophecies, but now the gospels are from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke. We read the stories of faithful women and men who prepared the way for our salvation. We enter into the story of how Jesus' life began. These stories are filled with hints of what his life will mean for us. Faith and generosity overcome impossibility. Poverty and persecution reveal glory. We prepare this week by feeling the joy. We move through this week feeling a part of the waiting world that rejoices because our longing has prepared us to believe the reign of God is close at hand. And so we consciously ask:

Prepare our hearts
and remove the sadness
that hinders us from feeling
the joy and hope
which his presence
will bestow.

Each morning this week, in that brief moment we are becoming accustomed to, we want to light a third inner candle: Three candles, going from expectation, to longing, to joy. They represent our inner preparation, or inner perspective. In this world of "conflict and division," "greed and lust for power," we begin each day this week with a sense of liberating joy. Perhaps we can pause, breathe deeply and say,
"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my saviour."

Each day this week, we will continue to go through our everyday life, but we will experience the difference our faith can bring to it. We are confident that the grace we ask for will be given us. We will encounter sin - in our own hearts and in our experience of the sin of the world. We can pause in those moments, and feel the joy of the words,

"You are to name him Jesus,
because he will save his people
from their sins." Matthew 1:21

We may experience the Light shining into dark places of our lives and showing us patterns of sinfulness, and inviting us to experience God's mercy and healing. Perhaps we wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. We may want to make gestures of reconciliation with a loved one, relative, friend or associate. With more light and joy, it is easier to say, "I'm sorry; let's begin again."

Each night this week we want to pause in gratitude. Whatever the day has brought, no matter how busy it has been, we can stop, before we fall asleep, to give thanks for a little more light, a little more freedom to walk by that light, in joy. Our celebration of the coming of our Saviour in history, is opening us up to experience his coming to us this year, and preparing us to await his coming in Glory.

Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people.

We await your coming. Come, O Lord.

[Reflection from Creighton University's Online Ministries]

As always, let us pray for each other,
Fr. Joe.

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading *Zephaniah 3: 14-18* With gladness the Lord 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? **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: Brita Daly; Marina Jiro de la Cruz; Concettina Intelisano.

And these anniversaries: John Girard; Ailsa Byrne; Jes s Chavez; Cedric Thomas; Agnes O'Dwyer.

Please pray for these unwell: Rex Ducat; Ava Pierce; Christine Carroll; Ebbie Bradfield; Alberico Salvatori; Salvador Resolado Jr.

Please give prayers and welcome to these baptismal children:

Sophie O'Kane; Max Morrissey.



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

Social Justice

SIGNIFICANT DATES — DECEMBER:

Sunday 16: 3rd Sunday of Advent.

Tuesday 18: International Migrants Day.

1894: South Australian Parliament the first in Australia to give women the right to vote.

Thursday 20: International Human Solidarity Day.

Friday 21: 1991: dissolution of the USSR and the founding of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

25th anniversary of Native Title Bill by Australian Senate.



Embrace the spirit of giving with a Caritas Global Gift... For

many, the Christmas period is a crazy time of gift giving and searching for the perfect present, but each year many millions of those gifts are actually unwanted. In an age where most of us have more that we need, an unwanted gift represents a significant waste and serves as a profound symbol of the wealth gap between western countries and those living in poverty.

Caritas Global Gifts offer a way of showing our compassion to those in need, while rediscovering the meaning of Christmas.

www.globalgifts.org.au or call 1800 024 413

Planned Giving for the Week ending 9th December (Week 2)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 st Collection Augustinian	\$844.70	\$408.50	\$115	Week 4	\$1,368.20
2 nd Collection Parish	\$622.10	\$397.50	\$115	only	\$1,134.60

Parish news



St James Parish choir practice ... Last practice: Tuesday 18th December, 8pm in the church (Novena mass 7pm).

The Youth and Young Adults Ministers are organising a fundraiser by selling Advent Wreaths, \$38 each at church front entrance. Thank you for your support of the YYAM by buying these advent wreaths.



Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Christmas Cards and Calendars are available for purchase from St Vincent de Paul at the front of the church...
Christmas cards \$3 Franciscan calendars \$8 Columban calendars \$10
"RESTORE HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS"

THANK YOU for your generous support - Christmas hampers have been given and St V de P are overwhelmed with your wonderful donations. You may

Visit the Jesse Tree with Christmas tags for gift giving, at the front of our altar.

DONATIONS such as food, etc can also be left in the box at the front door of the Church.

If you wish to give a financial donation, envelopes for this purpose will be available at the door or on the pews.



St Vincent de Paul Society
QUEENSLAND
good works

Thank you to Jan Quinn and family for the loan of Nell's piano to assist our parish music ministry. It will be placed beside our wonderful organ.

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No Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays during January 2019.

Christmas Novena Masses 2018 begin this week ... a 9 day preparation for Christmas that travel from Saturday 15th – Sunday 23rd December: weekday masses will be 7pm and weekend masses will be regular 6pm. Theme: Prepare the Way of the Lord.



*Due to bad weather concerns, Christmas Cheer
WILL BE NEXT weekend (22ND / 23RD) after all masses:
Saturday 6pm; Sunday 7am, 9am & 6pm.
A chance to wish everyone A Merry Christmas!!*



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS Co-ordinator: Kev Mahoney
Christmas break is upon us and next meeting will be Sunday, February 4th: Baptism / Confirmation.

Protect the miracle of motherhood this Christmas.

Buy a Global Gift and protect vulnerable mothers before, during and after giving birth.



Volunteers for ministry over Christmas period - clipboard is waiting at the church side entrance. Thanks to those who have placed their names :)

Christmas Celebrations for St James Parish 2018...

Monday 24 December—6pm Family Mass (new time)

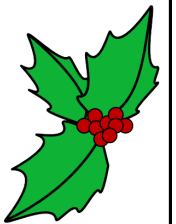
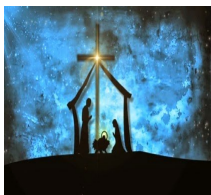
Monday 24 December—11.30pm for Midnight Mass (sing Carols before)

Tuesday 25 December—7am Mass and 9am Mass (There is NO 6pm Mass)

Wednesday 26th December— 8am Mass

Sunday 30th December - Feast of the Holy Family — 7am, 9am and 6pm Mass

Tuesday 1 January — Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -8am and 6pm Mass



Keeping with our traditional practice, there are strips of red and green cloth for you to take home. These will be found at the crib, near the church altar. On these, please write your message or prayer in connection with the spirit of Christmas, and bring them back to be presented at the crib at one of our Christmas masses.

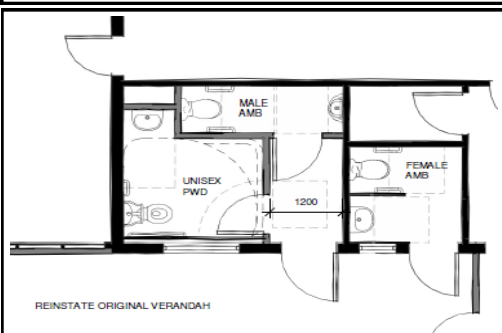
Trish on annual leave December 26th – January 4th (Parish Office closed December 26th – January 4th)

(Fr Joe's mobile in case of emergencies 0490 148 387)

Fr Saldie away December 26th – January 18th.

Fr Dang away January 7th – February 14th.

Chermside



Construction work relating to the Parish toilets and kitchen will begin 15th January and work till 28th February 2019. Parking will be limited and certain parts to the Church may be closed during this time!

The annual Christmas Lights festival at St Gerard Majella, Chermeside West is now on and will continue every night till 23rd December. Huge lights display, Gift Shop, Coffee Shop, Barbecue, Drinks, ice Creams and Op Shop all operating from 6pm till 10pm nightly. Free entertainment every night. The program for our free concerts can be found on our website: [www. olaparishchermside.org.au](http://www.olaparishchermside.org.au).



Wednesday
12 December until
Christmas Eve



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Counters

December 15 / 16 Mark & Celeste

December 22 / 23 Anne & Margaret

NEXT WEEK December 22 / 23	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	C. NEANDER	B. TRIGGS-FULTON	M. YESUDAS	YOUNG ADULTS
LECTOR	A. CHANDLER	D. TALLON	M. SLACK	GROUP
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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 4th January 2019.

NEXT ANOINTING MASS: Friday **1st February 2019**, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

NEXT MASS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sunday **19th February 2019** — 9am mass.



The candles of the Advent Wreath:
The third candle is for Mary who prepared herself
and presented Jesus to the world.