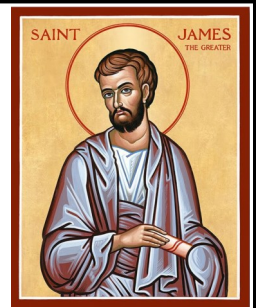


**FOURTH SUNDAY
ADVENT
YR A 2022
18 DECEMBER**

**ST JAMES PARISH
COORPAROO**

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



God Is With Us

Matthew's account of Jesus' birth doesn't mention a stable or shepherds. There is no trip to Bethlehem. An angel comes to Joseph in a dream and tells him that Mary, the woman he is engaged to, is about to have a child. This child will fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah that a virgin would bear a son.

**BRINGING
HOME THE
GOSPEL**

An infant is born, helpless and vulnerable. Mary and Joseph take turns holding this tiny swaddled mystery from God. He has captured their hearts. He is special and marvellous, and they would have known this even if an angel hadn't told them so because every child born is special and marvellous. But there must have come a point in all that joy and happiness when Mary and Joseph realized what an incredible responsibility they had been given.

Sometimes I get so wrapped up with Mary and Joseph's holiness that I forget they were ordinary people. They couldn't see the future, and while the baby was certainly a wonder to the new parents, not in their wildest dreams could they have imagined how this precious child would change the world.

It was only decades later, after he had died, that his followers realized how well the name Emmanuel fit Jesus. As Jews, they were familiar with the covenant between God and Abraham. Later they would understand that Jesus had come to make a new covenant with us. God was not just with us; God was in us: "On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

Like Mary and Joseph, we have held our own swaddled infants. They, too, captured our hearts, and we marvelled at how special they were. Like Jesus' parents, we were probably scared of the overwhelming responsibility we had been handed. It's good to remember the gift of the new covenant: God is with us and in us, and nothing can overcome or overpower us. They understood that God was a God of action; a God who was always with them. After they had a chance to look back on their walks and talks with Jesus, they realized that he himself was "God with us," Emmanuel.



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"They shall name him Emmanuel, which means God is with us."

Sheepish Question:

Where have I recognized Christ coming into my life this week?

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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 Savior Is Born

This Sunday's Readings

4th Sunday Advent (Year A/1)

First Reading *Isaiah 7: 10-14* The virgin will conceive.

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us."

Today's Psalm Psalm 23(24):1-6 Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Second Reading *Romans 1: 1-7* Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 1: 18-24* Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:



The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

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Dates of interest for 2023...

- 1 January Sunday New Year's Day
- 2 January Monday New Year Holiday
- 26 January Thursday Australia Day
- 7 April Friday Good Friday
- 8 April Saturday Day following Good Friday
- 9 April Sunday Easter Sunday
- 10 April Monday Easter Monday
- 25 April Tuesday Anzac Day
- 1 May Monday Labour Day
- 16 August Wednesday Ekka Wednesday
- 2 October Monday King's Birthday
- 24 December Sunday Christmas Eve
- 25 December Monday Christmas Day
- 26 December Tuesday Boxing Day



A Festival of Readings and Carols

Sunday 18 December 2022
5:00pm

Presented by
The combined choirs of
the Cathedral of St Stephen

Free admission
Retiring collection

Prayers **Please pray for recently deceased:**



Neil Scanlan; Marlene Bradshaw;
Matthew Arnold; Zenida Gador; Bob McEwan;
Helen Pinto; Kathleen Whelan; Clare Hammond.

And these anniversaries: Gordon & Mary Dungan;
Lourdes John; John Girard; James Downey.

Please pray for these unwell: Florencio Gaudinez Jr;
Mary Jo Vidler; Ray Mitchell; Lenore Girard; Teresa
Casasola; Rosalie Pascual; Patricia Hildreth; Agnes Rodda;
Jose Luis Manzanilla Gil; Patricia Agnes; Mary-Rita Deakin;
Veron Forsyth; Peter Tubii; Kerry See; Aoife Stephenson;
Michael Simpson; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan.

Please pray for these Baptismal children:

Johann Villaneuva; Riley McGlinchey; Sinta Lui.

Parish news **Our December Masses church doors** **See Back Page Bulletin →→Roster for**

mass ministry helpers over Christmas period is available at the side entrance. We require parish volunteers for our 4 Christmas masses. Please volunteer as Eucharistic Minister; Altar Server; Powerpoint helper; or Welcomer to welcome people at the church doors at this important time of year.



NEXT roster for mass ministry emailed and in Sacristy.



Get ready ... Cloth for the Cradle this Advent Available at front entrance. **Place at Mary statue when you have completed your prayer...** to be used to line the manger of our Nativity Scene at Christmas Mass.



Christmas Day December Catholic Leader coming to our church next week at entrances—\$4 a copy.

* Members of the Sudanese and Vietnamese communities give a taste of how they're contributing to that.

* Queensland's bishops give their Christmas messages, including Bishop Tim Norton writing about Mexico.



World Youth Day and Augustinian Youth Encounter Dates: 19 July 2023 - 9 August 2023
Location: Lisbon, Milan and Fatima



God's Word 2023 (final books) - \$20 cash



DECEMBER

17 / 18 Saturday 5-5.30pm Reconciliation (through Eventbrite);
4th Sunday Advent (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am);
Baptisms.

24 Saturday 5.30pm Christmas Carols + 6pm Christmas Mass

24 Saturday 9.30pm Christmas Carols + 10pm Christmas Mass

25 Sunday 7am + 9am Christmas Mass

26-30 Parish Church + Office closed

31 Saturday NO 8am Mass - Mass resumes Vigil 6pm Mass

31 / 1 Saturday 5-5.30pm Reconciliation (through Eventbrite);
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God (Saturday Vigil 6pm;
Sunday 7, 9am); No Baptisms.

Parish news

THANK YOU to our recent volunteers who have retired from assisting us. Your generosity of time and talents has been very appreciated and we keep you in our prayers.



Thank you **Carmel T** (Eucharistic Minister to the frail); **Kate and Greg D** (Finance Committee; Alpha; occasional cleaners!); **Marj N + Pat P** (Eucharistic Ministers). We value your ministry contributions to-

wards our parish.

WE WELCOME

new members who are interested in, and have begun assisting our mass ministry and our six parish ministry

groups. Your offering of time and talents has already made, and will continue to make a valuable accompaniment as we know Christ, deepen our faith, and serve the community.



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Caritas Australia—gifts for Christmas can change a life.

www.globalgifts.org.au Gifts of health or education or empowerment. See side entrance or church door.

Children & Families

Worship

Youth & Young Adults

Adult Faith Formation

Community Life & Hospitality

Social Justice



Thanks to Vange Munn for co-ordinating.

December	MUSIC GROUP	FOOD SPONSORS / HOSPITALITY
Day 1 — 16	Our Lady's Voice Choir	CFCA Handmaids of the Lord
Day 2 — 17	One Community Choir	Missionary Families of Christ QLD
Day 3 — 18	Friends Filo Group	Carina Family & Umali Group
Day 4 — 19	Dew	Nanay Dapitan Group
Day 5 — 20	Dan Farrelly	Praxi, Jackie & Evangeline
Day 6 — 21	Denise & Tope Dizon	Coorparoo Group
Day 7 — 22	Louie Elicano & friends	Louie Elicano and friends
Day 8 — 23	Glen Hallorina	Lielany and CFCA Handmaids
Day 9 — 24	Our Lady's Voice Choir	Wynnum Group

Planned Giving for the Week of 11 December, 2022

Collection <u>Account numbers</u>	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$791.60	\$85	\$517	\$135	\$1,528.60
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891	\$550	\$75	\$512	\$135	\$1,272

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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 3rd February 2023 @ 9am.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 6th January 2023.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: recommences Sunday 29th January 2023 @ 9am.

Counters

December 17 / 18 Sylvia & John

December 24 / 25 Parish Staff

Next week	NATIVITY December 25	VIGIL SATURDAY CAROLS 5.30PM MASS 6PM	VIGIL SATURDAY CAROLS 9.30PM MASS 10PM	SUNDAY MASS 7AM	SUNDAY MASS 9AM
CHOIR		Quinns	Parish Choir	Sylvia + Chris	
COMMENTATOR		Veronica	Jana	Karleen	Kate
LECTOR		Sylvia + Leslie	Leo	Don	Sean
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		Priya Rosemarie Bettina	Christine Lorie ...	Heather Barbara	
ALTAR SERVER/S		Rodel + Ramil	Lea + Joe		Lea
POWERPOINT		Paul			
WELCOMER		Dennis + ...	Lorie + Lilly	Trish + George	Jan + Lilly

Next Sunday's Readings

The Nativity of the Lord (Year A/1)

First Reading Isaiah 52: 7-10 All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God.

Second Reading Hebrews 1: 1-6 In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son.

Gospel Reading John 1: 1-18 The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.

St James website (Prayer tab) www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/



The Parish of St James acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country upon which it lies and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and culture and pays respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

**Join our
ministries
today.**

St James Parish is always looking for more servant leaders.
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