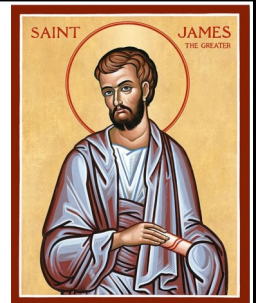


**4TH SUNDAY  
ADVENT  
YR B 2023  
24 DECEMBER**

## ST JAMES PARISH COORPAROO

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



# The Lord is With You

*The Gospel of the Annunciation tells us the story of an angel inviting Mary to become the*

**BRINGING  
HOME THE  
GOSPEL**



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"The Lord is with you. ...the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

### Sheepish Question:

Okay, again: So WHY did Jesus come into the world?

*mother of the Messiah. She asks how this is possible since she is unmarried and has never been intimate with a man. She is told that the Holy Spirit will come upon her, and she will conceive a son. With great faith, Mary says yes to this mystery.*

Our children are growing up in a world filled with fear and uncertainty. They need the virtues of faith, hope and love more than ever. They need faith in a God who will always be there for them, and they need to trust that whatever they require will be provided. If we hope to help them grow in this faith we have to make sure they feel anchored in our love, and God's love.

Mary, Jesus' mother, is the perfect model for every parent. Imagine how strong Mary's faith must have been to say yes to God's request. She was a young girl, probably in her early teens. She was unmarried and knew the harsh consequences of being unwed and pregnant. But still she said yes, trusting that whatever she needed would be provided.

Mary was open to God's Spirit and allowed the Spirit to work in her and through her. She said yes, and taught her son to say yes. All through her life she modelled for her son the virtues of faith, hope and love. She taught him his prayers, and told him the stories of their faith. She anchored him in her love, and encouraged him in his mission.

Like Mary, we too are invited to model for our children the faith, hope and love the Spirit is eager to share with us. When Mary said yes and allowed the Spirit to work within her, the world changed forever. We too are invited to live in God's spirit and teach our children to say yes to the Spirit's gifts so that, like Mary, we can be Christ-bearers to the world around us.

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<https://massforyou.com.au/> It can be accessed on this website from 7am on Sunday. Broadcast nationally on Network 10 across Australia on Channel 10 at 6am each Sunday, and also on Aurora (Foxtel Channel 173) at 10am.



**MASS  
FOR YOU**  
*at home*

## 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

### Fourth Sunday Advent YEAR B (December 24)

**First Reading** 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 *The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.*

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

**Psalm 88(89):2-5,27,29** *For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
I will establish your dynasty for ever  
and set up your throne through all ages.

'He will say to me: "You are my father,  
my God, the rock who saves me."  
I will keep my love for him always;  
with him my covenant shall last.'

**Second Reading** Romans 16: 25-27 *The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.*

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel Reading** Luke 1: 26-38 *You will conceive and bear a son.*



The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow.

And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

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From Catholic Mission - Thank you for bringing hope to families in Timor-Leste.



Thanks to your support this year, Sister Carolina and the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic continue to serve the community of Venilale. The nutrition program recently visited three rural schools for an activity in food nutrition which fed 500 children. St James Parish Thank You certificate on church door. Once again, your support has provided vital opportunities and resources for communities around the world. May the peace of the Christ-child be with you this Christmas.

*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.*



## Prayers

### Please pray for recently deceased:

Mira Blazinovic; Henry Zbrozyna; Noel Hackett; Brian Kas-sulke; Judith De Groot; Serafin Bermudez; Cecily Hesse; Robyn Gillender; Fred Sueta.

### And these anniversaries:

Rhona Kett; Mary & Gordon Dungan; Lourdes John; Fr Paul Seibet; Errol Rivera Bergania; Kevin & Tess Walsh; John Girard; Dolores Cruspero.

**Please pray for these unwell:** Bryan O'Connell; Denis Strano; Honey Binny; Chad De Paoli; Michael Simpson; John Canavan; Darshika Uluwita; Lynette Edwards; Kevin Sheehan; Paul Hogan; Maylene Nator; Jocelyn Diaz Ti-bayan; Michael Barton; Heshala Watapuluwa; Ted Richard-son; Kathleen Duffy.



## DECEMBER

**24 Sunday CHRISTMAS VIGIL** 5.30pm sing Carols; 6pm Family Mass; 9.30pm sing Carols; 10pm Mass

**25 Monday CHRISTMAS DAY** 7am and 9am Mass

**26 Tuesday Boxing Day (Public Holiday)** 8am Mass

(office closed); NO Adoration after 8am Mass

**27-29 Wednesday – Friday Masses as per usual (office closed)**

**30 / 31 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph; Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am);**

**No Baptisms.**

**30 / 31 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph; No 8am mass; Vigil 6pm mass resumes + 7am & 9am mass; No Baptisms.**

## JANUARY

**1 Jan Monday Mary, Mother of God** 8am mass

**Parish office closed 3 – 5 Friday** (Trish working behind closed doors)

**Tuesday** NO Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration after 8am mass

## Parish news

### 24-hour Adoration at St James.

Please be advised that there will be

**NO Adoration on the following dates: 26-27 Dec; 2-3**

**Jan; and 9-10 Jan.** The 24-hour Adoration will resume on the 16-17 January 2024.



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



## 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)



**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.



## Welcome to St James Parish

- Our Welcome Pamphlet is available at the side church entrance.
- There's a QR code on our back page so you can give us your details electronically.
- There are email addresses to connect with our parish ministry groups (on our back page).

## Thank you! Through your generosity, you have been the face of Christ for those in need in your local community.



At the end of 2023, nine priests will retire from active ministry.

Your support will provide them a home and basic healthcare in their retirement.



Holy Spirit Seminary welcomed three young men to the transitional diaconate in 2023.

Through your gift, you ensure priests for the future of our faith.



Six Mary MacKillop Bursary recipients graduated Year 12 in 2023.

Your support makes it possible to award bursaries to eleven new children in 2024.



With your gift, you have given women and children fleeing domestic violence a safe space this Christmas.

Because of you, they look forward to a brighter 2024.



## Planned Giving for the Week of 26 November, 2023

Collection <u>Account numbers</u>	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Credit card	Total
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian Priory</b> BSB: 064 786 Account #: <b>100019791</b>	\$503.85	\$115	\$350	\$160	\$165	\$1,400.25
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection St James Parish</b> BSB: 064 786 Account #: <b>100005891</b>	\$264.10	\$84.40	\$390	\$160	\$345	\$1,349.60

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## Ministry Teams—get involved...

We offer many opportunities to multi-cultural community... Send your enquiries to the email below...	get involved and participate in our vibrant community...
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>
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## Counters

December 23 / 24 / 25 Parish Staff

December 30 / 31 Lenore & Brendon

Next week	Holy Family December 31	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (5th weekend)		Carina Family Choir	n/a	Chris L
COMMENTATOR		Lorie R	Jana V	Libby C
LECTOR		Frank F	Barbara DeP	Ray M
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		Ron S Sylvia P Priya H	Heather L Noel V Don T	Priya Deborah H Jaqueline S
ALTAR SERVER/S		Joe R	Brendon or Jane	Lea / Alejandra / Leo
POWERPOINT		Paul D	Gilbert or helper	June S
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; 2nd February 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/>



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New Parishioners  
Please register  
using this QR code



## Next Sunday's Readings

Holy Family Jesus, Mary & Joseph YEAR B (Dec 31)

First Reading *Genesis 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3* Your own son

shall be your heir.

Second Reading *Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19* The faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.

Gospel Reading *Luke 2: 22-40* The child grew to maturity, he was filled with wisdom.

