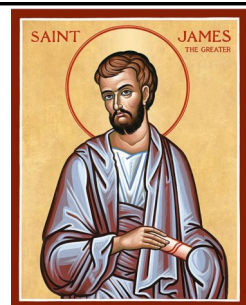


NATIVITY OF THE LORD YR A 2022 25 DECEMBER

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



Jesus Is Born

In John's Gospel there is no account of Jesus' birth. Instead, John reminds us that Jesus has been a reality since the beginning, even before creation. Jesus is the Word who was with God and was God. Father, Son and Spirit are not sequential. They are One. The Word became flesh, he brought new life, and this life was a light shining in the darkness. "The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world" (v. 9).

On the first Christmas, a child was born who would change the world forever. He brought strength to the weak, courage to the fearful, consolation to the sad, and hope to the abandoned. The child was Jesus. He brought light into the darkness.

All through the New Testament, and especially in John's Gospel, we hear Jesus referred to as "the light." We can understand this metaphor when we contrast the gift of light to darkness. Nothing else changes when the lights go out, but in the dark we may feel disoriented and vulnerable, sometimes even afraid. Turn on the lights, and we regain our sense of place and position. This is precisely why Jesus came.

When the world was created, it was good. There was harmony in the universe and a sense of peace in that harmony. When people were created, they were created good. Scripture tells us that humans were created in the image and likeness of God. With their Creator they shared the ability to love and to create good out of love. Somewhere along the way this was forgotten, evil moved in, and the lights went out. Disorientation, vulnerability and fear followed. Love became tarnished, and what humans designed was not always good.

Then came the first Christmas, and a new light came into the world. As John tells us in his Gospel, those who accepted the light were given the power to become the children of God. They regained their sense of place and position. The darkness had no power over them. They knew who they were and whose they were. Christmas celebrates this light, this life born in Bethlehem, with us still today and yet to come in glory.

St James Parish 2023 Ways to Financially Support Your Parish

- Thru Direct Debit (this is the recommended option). Kindly complete the “[Direct Debit Request](#) - Offertory Giving” form, and drop the completed form in the Priory Letterbox, or scan it (or take a picture of it) and send it via email to the parish office. This direct debit request gives you the option to nominate your donation to the Augustinians and/or the Parish. We shall then process this thru ADF in town.

With the Direct Debit method, one has the liberty to decide on the amount to be donated as well as the frequency of this (weekly, fortnightly or monthly). This donation method mirrors our Sunday collection:

Augustinian Order (1st Collection) The First Collection supports the Augustinian Ministries, who care for St James' Parish. This includes presbytery costs, the living expenses of the parish priests, and a contribution to the Australian Augustinian Province.

Upkeep of the Parish (2nd Collection). The Second Collection supports St James' parish. This includes the operating costs of the parish, such as liturgical expenses, sacramental and adult faith development programs, staffing, insurances, office expenses, and maintenance. It enables the parish to commit to mission.

A contribution of 18% of the second collection is made to the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

- Collecting donations for St James Parish / Augustinian Priory (\$10 that is divided between Parish and Priory) is now simple and effective with Quest Donation Point Tap.



Donation Point
TAP

Collecting small change has become less effective due to the shift towards card payments and a reduction in the use of cash. St James now supplies an alternative for some of our parishioners.

Donation Point Tap provides us with the opportunity to accept donations electronically and securely. Devices at front and side entrances of our church. Most parishioners tap twice each time they enter our church.

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.

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Thank you from St V de P Coorparoo

St James parishioners, St James School and other groups within our parish have assisted

St Vincent De Paul Society (Coorparoo Conference) to create 66 Hampers over this Christmas period. These hampers have been delivered by the St V de P hard-working members from December 16th.

This is the most hampers our St Vincent De Paul Conference has built from the many donations given. At a guess, each hamper had a value of \$130, which means that around \$8,500 was donated in goods and vouchers.

St Vincent de Paul Society (Coorparoo Conference) are very appreciative of all contributions made. Your generosity has helped families survive the cost-of-living crisis this Christmas.



<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/donation-hub>

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

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: Robby & Rachel Henry;
Miriam Martin; Florencio Gaudinez Jr; Mary Jo Vidler;
Lenore Girard; Teresa Casasola; Rosalie Pascual; Patricia
Hildreth; Agnes Rodda; Jose Luis Manzanilla Gil; Patricia
Agnes; Mary-Rita Deakin; Veron Forsyth; Aoife Stephen-
son; Michael Simpson; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan.

Parish news

Please remember ...

Monday 26 December—

Friday 30 December No Masses.

Mass resumes Saturday 31 December Vigil Mass 6pm.
Church and Parish Office closed.



NEXT roster for mass ministry has been emailed and is
in the Sacristy. We thank our volunteers for their ministry.



Remember our donation tap machines at front
and side entrance – **thank you** for generously
supporting the Parish and the Augustinians.



Christmas Day December Catholic Leader
at entrances—\$4 a copy.

- * Queensland's bishops give their Christmas messages,
including Bishop Tim Norton writing about Mexico.
- * Archbishop Coleridge gets to the heart of what this sea-
son is all about as he wonders what it's like celebrating
Christmas in Ukraine right now.
- * Franciscan Friar talks about being called to leave Bris-
bane for troubled South Sudan.
- * Deacon Clint McGoldrick becomes the first Indigenous
man ordained to serve Brisbane, with his wife and two sons
looking on
- * Ten young people on the Sunshine Coast are baptised in
time for Christmas.
- * Prominent Brisbane Sister of Mercy Catharine Courtney
talks about publishing her first book at 90.
- * A Brisbane student receives a rousing reception for his
first film, and it's on a Gospel theme.



At Home... **Palms' Neighbours Without Borders** program
(January 7 – 11) will "focus on building communities that
are welcoming to all, with particular attention to those on
the margins of society and the church" as urged by the
recent Plenary Council. Visit www.palms.org.au or
call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.



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DECEMBER

26-30 Parish Church + Office closed

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

31 / 1 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God (**Saturday Vigil**
6pm; Sunday 7, 9am; No Baptisms.

JANUARY

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

2 Monday public holiday

4 Parish Office open

6 Friday 9am mass—Not Anointing Mass

Parish news

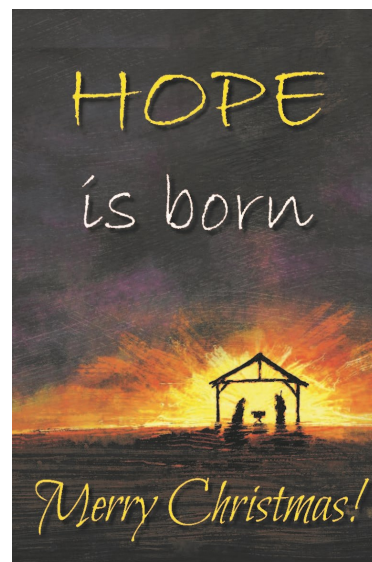
THANK YOU to our recent volunteers
who have retired from assisting us. Your
generosity of time and talents has been
very appreciated and we keep you in our
prayers. Thank you **Carmel T** (Eucharistic
Minister to the frail); **Kate and Greg D**
(Finance Committee; Alpha; occasional
cleaners!); **Marj N + Pat P** (Eucharistic
Ministers). We value your ministry contri-

butions towards 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 (see back page)

Children & Families	Worship	Youth & Young Adults
Adult Faith Formation	Community Life & Hospitality	Social Justice



Planned Giving for the Week of 18 December, 2022

Collection Account numbers	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Credit card	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$558.60	\$250	\$635	\$160	\$75	\$1,678.60
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891	\$394.25	\$240	\$560	\$160	\$175	\$1,529.25

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Counters

December 24 / 25 Parish Staff

December 17 / 18 Sylvia & John

Next week	Mary Mother of God January 1	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (1st weekend)		Denise D	n/a	Dan + Parish
COMMENTATOR		Ron S	Don T	Christine U-M
LECTOR		Karleen O'R	Trish R	Ray M
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		Anne S Paul D	Heather L	Priya Sean H John W
ALTAR SERVER/S		Joe R / helper	Brendon / helper	Leah S / helper
POWERPOINT		Cecilia D	Gilbert / helper	June / helper
HOSPITALITY		Karen / Edward	Trish R /	Cathy M / John W

Next Sunday's Readings

Mary, Mother of God (Year A/1)

First Reading *Numbers 6: 22-27* They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.

Second Reading *Galatians 4: 4-7* When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.

Gospel Reading *Luke 2: 16-21* The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib ...eighth day came they gave him the name of Jesus.

St James website (Prayer tab)

www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings



Join our ministries today.

St James Parish is always looking for more servant leaders. Interested? Scan the QR code below.



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.