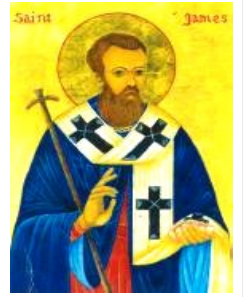


# NATIVITY OF THE LORD YR C 2022 25 DECEMBER

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



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

### BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

## 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.



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"We are God's children now;  
... we shall be like him."

### Sheepish Question:

Recognizing my own shortcomings, how can I strengthen--and be strengthened by--God's holy family?

Christmas celebrates this light, this life born in Bethlehem, with us still today and yet to come in glory.

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.

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### FAMILY RESPONSE

Share the Christmas traditions you remember from when you were growing up. Ask family members to talk about their favorite family Christmas traditions.

### PERSONAL RESPONSE

What are the positive things you want to remember about the family you grew up with?







## Prayers

### Please pray for recently deceased:

Olive Williams; Nelly Cotoco; Kieran Donnelly; Tina Romano; Maria Turrini.

**And these anniversaries:** Gordon & Mary Dungan; Lourdes John.

**Please pray for these unwell:** Michael, Kathleen & Mary-Clare Simpson; 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.

**Please pray for our Baptismal children:**

Max Ayscough; Lucy Gunthorpe; Grace Steele; Aaron Sooriyaarachchilage.



## Parish news

In October 2023, the Catholic

Church will gather to reflect on the theme "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". Pope Francis is inviting everyone to share their experiences of synodality (walking together): a decisive theme for the life and mission of the Church. Your voice matters! You are invited to be a part of this journey by reflecting on the Synod Themes and sharing your story. Visit <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch> for more information OR scan the QR code (above).



**Position Vacant – Senior Funeral Director/ Mortuary**  
Applications are open for a full-time position at Holy Cross Funerals. 37.5 hours per week. <https://tinyurl.com/4t3ffsju>



**St V de P** would like to thank St James Parish for supporting Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2021. **58 Hampers** were delivered to many families in our community. Thank you to Loreto College and Villanova College for making and delivering some of these Hampers to our community.



**Vinnies**  
good works



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED WA Kimberley Region

We need people to volunteer in the remote community of Kalumburu Mission. Various roles at the Mission include: food preparation, office duties, ground maintenance, maintaining vehicles, room bookings/preparation. Assistance can be provided with flights.

Accommodation & meals are included (couples or singles welcome). For further information please contact:

W: [www.broomeddiocese.org](http://www.broomeddiocese.org) T: 08-9192-1060

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## DECEMBER

24 Friday 5.30pm Carols; 6pm Christmas Eve Family Mass; 11pm Carols; 12am Midnight Mass

25 Saturday Christmas Day 7am Mass; 9am Mass; Baptisms.

26 Sunday 7am Mass; 9am Mass

27 Dec – 11 Jan Fr TA on annual leave

## JANUARY 2022

1 / 2 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); Year C/2 Epiphany (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am) No Baptisms.

3 Jan – 12 Jan Trish on annual leave

6 Thursday St Rita's Conference have moved venue.

7 Friday 9am No Healing + Anointing mass in January

8 / 9 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); Year C/2 Baptism of the Lord (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am) No Baptisms.

## Parish news

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

- 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



### 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

Welcome Disco – Friday 18th Feb 2022



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



**How to place names of loved ones in our prayer list for masses and bulletin...** We do not keep an annual list of names to be prayed for. During 2021 and 2022, let us know your loved one/s name/s; occasion for prayer: *ill; anniversary; recently deceased*; date / day for mass - and make a donation with these details on your envelope. Drop the envelope in collection plate / in letterbox near Priory doorbell / in Sacristy book.

• **Phone** our parish office (phone 3397 1671)

• **Email** our parish office



## Prayer Group

### Gracious God,

You call each of us - regardless of gender when giving the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Help us to follow the actions of Elizabeth and Mary; to be disciples, to say 'yes' and be willing to respond faithfully to your call. May we always celebrate our relationship of joy that you share with us and give us courage to follow where ever you lead us. **Amen**



### Planned Giving for the Week of 19 December, 2021

Collection Account numbers	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Total
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian Priory</b> BSB: 064 786 Account #: <b>100019791</b>	<b>\$917.45</b>	<b>\$210</b>	<b>\$510</b>	<b>\$165</b>	<b>\$1, 802.45</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection St James Parish</b> BSB: 064 786 Account #: <b>100005891</b>	<b>\$518.25</b>	<b>\$240</b>	<b>\$540</b>	<b>\$245</b>	<b>\$1,543.25</b>

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Finance Committee	Mark Garden	3397 1671
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## This Sunday's Readings Holy Family (Year C/2) First Reading 1 Samuel: 20-22, 24-28

For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.

**Second Reading 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24** He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.

**Gospel Reading Luke 2: 41-52** His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men, listening to them.



## 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 25 / 26 Paul & Cecilia**

**January 1 / 2 Sylvia & John**

Next week	Epiphany January 2	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (1st weekend)		Denise Dizon	n/a	Rex Urbano Group
COMMENTATOR		Ron S	Jana V	Kate P
LECTOR		Anne C	Trish R	Sean H
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		Rosemarie Y Collette S	Berenice T-F	Mike S Morag S Christine U-M
ALTAR SERVER/S		Rodel / Ramil	Gene T-F	Leah S
POWERPOINT		Sydel	Gilbert / helper	June S / helper
MARSHAL		Lorie/Karen/Edward	Brendon G / Trish R	John W

## Next Sunday's Readings Epiphany (Year C/2)

**First Reading Isaiah 60: 1-6** The glory of the Lord

shines upon you.

**Second Reading Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6** The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

**Gospel Reading Matthew 2: 1-12** We have come from the East to worship the King. For complete Sunday's readings, visit our [St James website](#) (look for the Prayer tab).

