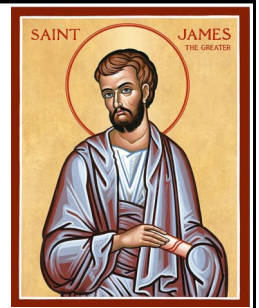


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**ST JAMES PARISH
COORPAROO**
IS A PARISH OF ACCOMPANIMENT
WHERE WE ENCOUNTER AND
KNOW CHRIST, DEEPEN OUR FAITH,
AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Thank you for 2023!

- from Fr Francis osa; Fr Anson osa; Fr John osa; Trish & Helen and the Augustinians.





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.

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Weekly Mass times **WEEKEND:** Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.
Sunday 7am, 9am, no longer 6pm.

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am

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RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30pm.

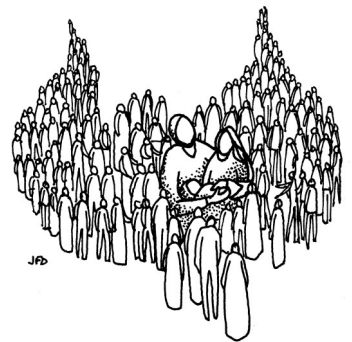
HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Friday 2nd February 2024 @ 9am.

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/about/>



Thank you from St V de P Coorparoo

The St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference, here at St. James, wish to thank our Parishioners for their valuable support during the past 12 months.

With your help we have assisted 1073 Companions from January to December 2023. The total value of assistance provided was \$70,330.20. More recently, with your help, along with Villanova College and Loreto College, we have put together 69 Christmas Hampers to help our Companions during this Festive Season. Thank you to everyone who has assisted.

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>



Ministries

Families.stjames@gmail.com

To let the children come to Christ (Matthew 19: 4) and to inspire the families in the Church to engage with the family of the parish. This ministry seeks to welcome, strengthen and support families to have a Christ-centred culture

Children & Families



Worshipandliturgy.stjames@gmail.com

To marshal the voice of the parish to praise the Lord (Psalm 150: 6). This ministry seeks to foster an authentic encounter with the Living God, allowing all people to draw strength and nourishment in worship.

Worship



Communitylife.stjames@gmail.com

To nurture the community so that through their love of neighbour they might be of one mind and one heart (Acts: 4: 32). This ministry seeks to generate a sense of belonging and authentic connectedness within the parish and to ensure that all people feel welcome.

Community Life & Hospitality



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



Ministries

Youthandyoungadults.stjames@gmail.com

To form the brothers and sister in Christ (Mark 3: 35). This ministry seeks to understand the unique challenges of youth and young adults and to help them foster a relationship with Christ as they grow into their emerging identities.

Youth & Young Adults



Adultfaithformation.stjames@gmail.com

To support the faithful in the journey of the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 18-20). This ministry seeks to engage the community in becoming missionary disciples so that they can go out and make disciples.

Adult Faith Formation



Socialjusticeoutreach.stjames@gmail.com

To provide a conduit for the parish to practice the Corporal Works of Mercy, allowing the Lord to work through us to treat others with dignity, compassion, kindness, respect and love. This ministry seeks to promote social awareness and engage the parish community to reach out and help.

Social Justice



WE WELCOME new members who are interested in, and have begun assisting any of our 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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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.

To access the form, go to <https://www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/stewardship.html>, and look for the link under "Donation via credit card or debit or envelope".

- Alternatively, find details below to make your donations:
The Augustinians — **BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791**
For the Upkeep of the Parish — **BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891**

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

Upkeep of the Parish (2nd Collection). The Second Collection supports St James' parish, including operating costs: liturgical expenses, insurances, maintenance, staffing, office expenses. A contribution of 18% of the second collection is made to the Archdiocese of Brisbane.



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

Next Sunday's Readings

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

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New

Parishioners

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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.