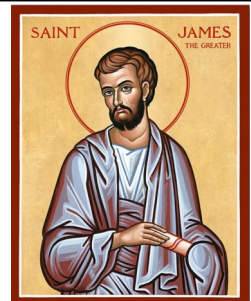


HOLY FAMILY YR B 2023 31 DECEMBER

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**BRINGING
HOME THE
GOSPEL**

The Holy Family

until he had set eyes on the Christ. Anna was a prophetess. They both proclaimed Jesus as Israel's salvation.

FAMILY RESPONSE

As a family, talk about who are or have been the angels and messengers in your life.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

How has your child been God's messenger to you? What have they taught you about God or your faith? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

On the night of Jesus' birth the shepherds came to the stable to see if the message they received from the angels was true. How wonderful it must have been for Mary to hear their amazing story. Eight days later, when Jesus is taken to be circumcised, two others proclaim Jesus' greatness. Simeon and Anna and the shepherds reaffirmed for Mary the message to which she had said yes to nine months earlier.

Jesus' mother was certainly a woman of faith, but I wonder what went



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through her mind when Joseph told her there was no room for them at the inns. She must have been concerned about giving birth to the future Messiah in a stable. No doubt, Joseph made the space as clean and comfortable as possible. But Mary was a first-time mom, away from her family in a strange town; she must have been afraid and confused.

In the afterglow of giving birth, Mary undoubtedly forgot all of her concerns. Certainly her faith was reaffirmed as she looked at her beautiful baby boy. However, God, being a gracious God, also sent the shepherds, Simeon and Anna so they could confirm the message, leaving no doubt in Mary's mind that all was well.

God may not send shepherds or prophets, but if we keep our eyes and ears open we may well discover God's messengers in our own life, people who affirm our faith and let us know that all is well. Like Mary, we need to remember those moments, reflecting on them often in our hearts, especially in times when our faith needs a lift.

"Put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another."

Sheepish Question:

Who especially needs my compassion today as a beloved sister or brother in God's family?

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FOR YOU**
at home

If your family is struggling with Covid over this Christmas period, watch Mass for you at home...

<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.

This 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.

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'.

'My Lord,' Abram replied, 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir'. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be one of your own flesh and blood'. Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

Psalm 104: 1-6, 8-9 *The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.*

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, Make known his deeds among the peoples. O sing to him, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works!	Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.	Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke. O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose.	He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac.
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Second Reading *Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19* *The faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.*

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

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

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be con-



secrated to the Lord—and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God, and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see,

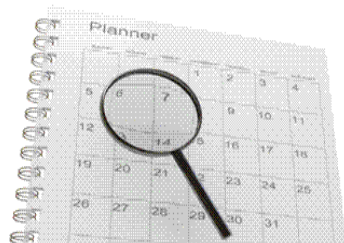
a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own

soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom, and God's favour was with him.

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Dates of Interest 2024 (+ holidays)

New Year's Day Monday 1 January
Australia Day Friday 26 January
Good Friday -Friday 29 March
The day after Good Friday Saturday 30 March
Easter Sunday -Sunday 31 March
Easter Monday -Monday 1 April
Anzac Day Thursday 25 April



Labour Day Monday 6 May

Royal Queensland Show (Brisbane area only)
Wednesday 14 August
King's Birthday Monday 7 October
Christmas Eve (24 December) 6pm –
midnight Tuesday 24 December
Christmas Day Wednesday 25 December
Boxing Day Thursday 26 December

Prayers

Please pray for recently

deceased: Genie Enright; Edwardo Descargar; Mira Blazinovic; Henry Zbrozyna; Noel Hackett; Serafin Bermudez; Cecily Hesse.



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 Richardson; Kathleen Duffy.

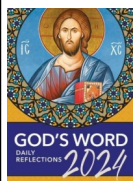
Parish news

24-hour Adoration at St James.

Please be advised that there will be **NO**

Adoration on the following dates:

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.

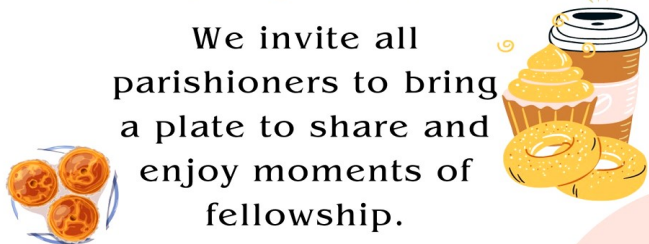
Community and Hospitality Ministry After 9am Mass **Sunday 7th January 2024** join parishioners for a Morning Tea. We invite all parishioners to bring a plate to share and enjoy moments of fellowship. Hospitality & Community Life Communitylife.stjames@gmail.com

*After the 9am Mass
come and join for*

Morning Tea

Sunday, 7 January 2024

We invite all
parishioners to bring
a plate to share and
enjoy moments of
fellowship.



Community and Hospitality Ministry

Date claimer—Joni McCourt from Evangelisation Brisbane Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) is coming to our St James Social Justice first meeting in 2024 - **Sunday 4th February 10.30am in Priory**. We invite parishioners to attend this meeting to implement Archdiocese RAP. Joni will formally invite parishioners early in January 2024.

The Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ) is preparing for the local government elections due to be held on Saturday, 16 March 2024. St James Hall polling booth.



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

6 / 7 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; Epiphany of the Lord (**Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am**); **No Baptisms**.

7 Sunday 10.30am Baptismal Preparation morning in church.

No Adoration on Tuesday

13 / 14 Saturday 5-5.30pm Reconciliation; **2nd Sunday** Ordinary Time (**Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am**); **No Baptisms**.

Tuesdays Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration after 8am mass: (8.30am till Wednesday 8am)

20 / 21 Saturday 5-5.30pm Reconciliation; **3rd Sunday** Ordinary Time (**Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am**); **Baptisms**.

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Used Stamps for the Missions—As

Christmas has concluded, please remember to drop your stamps into our letterbox or the collection plate.

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).

VOLUNTEERS... WE NEED YOU!

Co.As.It. is seeking volunteers who love to spend time and make a difference in the lives of older people. We are specifically seeking people from particular linguistic and cultural backgrounds visiting at home or in aged care centres. All that is required is one hour per fortnight and a smile. If this sounds like you, come and be part of our volunteer team.



Please call Sarina, Luisa or Loretta on 3624 6100 or email us at lorettai@coasit.asn.au.

<https://nce.catholic.org.au/the-bridge/the-bridge/the-synod-on-synodality-what-now>

We are "in-between times", that is, between session one and session two of the Synod on Synodality. It is reasonable for Catholics who have been involved in the global Synod process to ask the question, "What now?" Pre-empting this question, the Letter to the People of God, published at the end of session one, responded with the following, "We hope that the months leading to the second session in October 2024 will allow everyone to concretely participate in the dynamism of missionary communion indicated by the word 'synod'."

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Ministry Teams—get involved...

We offer many opportunities to multi-cultural community... Send	get involved and participate in our vibrant your enquiries to the email below...
Children & Families (Brent)	Families.stjames@gmail.com
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Counters

December 30 / 31 Lenore & Brendon

January 6 / 7 Karleen & Sandra

Next week	Epiphany Of the Lord January 7	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (1st weekend)	Rex U	n/a	Dan F	
COMMENTATOR	Helen D	Yoni V	Leo B	
LECTOR	Lorie R	Jana V	Libby C	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Ron S Sylvia P Anne S	Jan L Trish R Priya H	Shadi A Dew Christine U-M	
ALTAR SERVER/S	Edward Z	Brendon or Jane	Lea / Alejandra / Leo	
POWERPOINT	Paul D	Gilbert or helper	Adriana M	
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

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/about/>



Welcome
New Parishioners
Please register
using this QR code



Next Sunday's Readings

Epiphany of the Lord YEAR B (January 7)

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.

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