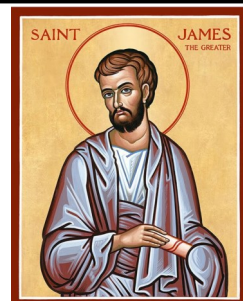


5TH SUNDAY ORDINARY YR A 2023 5 FEBRUARY

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



February 5, 2023 • 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 5:13-16

Shine Your Little Light

Jesus gives his disciples a powerful metaphor on how they are to live their lives. They are to be a light to the world—ablaze with the Good News of the Gospel message. Wherever they go, they are to share their light.

We know from the Gospels that Jesus Christ is the light of the world. His goodness and love have the power to obliterate the darkness of fear, poverty and oppression. Matthew's Gospel reminds us that we share Christ's light. It is our gift as children of God, but it is not a gift meant to be stowed away or kept to ourselves. With the light of Christ we are empowered to break through the darkness and share God's love and goodness with all those in need. We refuse to tolerate racist talk and we shine a light through prejudice. We gather food and send it to a food pantry, and we bring a light into the darkness of hunger and poverty. We bake some cookies, practice some songs, and bring our light to a nursing home—casting out, for at least a little while, the darkness of loneliness.

The light of Christ can be shared in all sorts of simple ways: a kind letter, a phone call, a smile, or a hug. Parents share their light with their children with every story they read and every tussle of their child's hair. And I know, firsthand, children share their light with us. Yesterday was a bad day for me. Everything was going wrong. There were family problems and work worries, another book deadline, and some bigtime back pain. Then my son and daughter-in-law stopped by with my newest grandchild.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Talk about how Jesus wants you to be a light in the dark when people are in need or want. Ask family members to share a time when someone has been a light to them.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Consider the people in your life. Who could use a little of Christ's light in their lives? How can you be that light? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

As I sat and rocked baby Julia and felt the wonderful weight of her four-month-old body across my chest, my body relaxed with a deep sense of peace. And when Julia brought her head back and looked at me, her beautiful smile lit up my day. Without even knowing it, Peter and Katie shared the light of their lives with me, by bringing Julia's gentle Christ-light into my darkness.

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL



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"You are the salt of the earth."

Sheepish Question:

When have I shied away from exemplifying the Gospel among my friends?

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Word of God Sunday

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

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Word of God Sunday - February 5, 2023
The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February - February 5 in 2023 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God.

This Sunday's Readings **WORD OF GOD SUNDAY—5th Sunday Ordinary Time (Year A/1)**

First Reading *Isaiah 58: 7-10* Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and do not turn from your own kin.

Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you.

Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

Psalm 111(112):4-9 *A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour.

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 2: 1-5* I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 5: 13-16* You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'



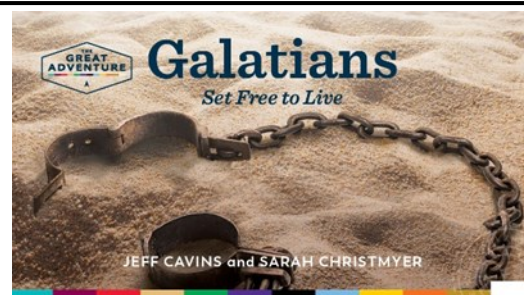
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'Set Free to Live' is an eight-part Bible study on St Paul's letter to the Galatians. It addresses the most important question we can ask: "What must we do to be saved?"

The Brisbane East Deanery will begin the Galatians Bible study in the second week of FEBRUARY with daytime and evening sessions and will run for 8 weeks. Participants will meet every week at one of the local parishes in the deanery to view an engaging video presentation by Jeff Cavins followed by a time of group discussion.

For more information or to register your interest, contact Louise Simento at 0456700040.

Or Sue Mulligan on 0410342058 suepaulm@bigpond.net.au



Project Compassion Sunday 18 & 19 February

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 2023, 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 at Priory doorbell / in Sacristy book.

- **Phone** our parish office (phone 3397 1671)
- **Email** our parish office (osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au)
- **Visit Sacristy** after mass and ask our priest to placed details in Prayer book.

Term 1 - Tuesday 24 January - Friday

31 March

Term 2 - Monday 17 April - Friday 23 June

Term 3 - Monday 10 July - Friday

15 September

Term 4 - Tuesday 3 October - Friday 1 December



The Catholic Leader February 2023—\$4 at entrances

- 11-page memorial feature remembering the life of Pope Benedict XVI
- Cardinal George Pell remembered in Australia and across the world
- Super siblings eager to explore St Kevin's new Prep

Prayers

Please pray for recently deceased:



Veron Forsyth; Mary Jo Vidler; Carmel Curran; Naning Tabada; Eusebio Cabonilas; Cardinal George Pell; Evie Isabelle Vadil.

And these anniversaries: James & Catherine Sullivan; Zosimo & Dolores Cruspero.

Please pray for these unwell: Ty DePaoli; Marie DePaoli Donovan; Fr Kevin Tu'itti; Kerry See; Robby & Rachel Henry; Miriam Martin; Florencio Gaudinez Jr; Rosalie Pascual; Patricia Hildreth; Jose Luis Manzanilla Gil; Patricia Agnes; Mary-Rita Deakin; Aoife Stephenson; Michael Simpson; Jocelyn Diaz Tiban.

Parish news

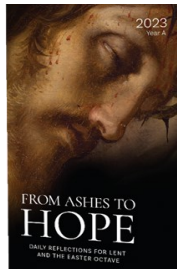
Wednesday 8th February at 6.30pm... Friends of St Augustine gathering.

All welcome—call parish office.



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

From Ashes to Hope, the Lent book for 2023 is available shortly (\$5 cash or use the parish tap machine). The daily reflections will only require 5-10 minutes to read, reflect and pray.



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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TUESDAYS from February 28th: St James Church, Coorparoo (8.30am till Wednesday 8am) Coordinator for St James Adoration: Vicky 0433 583 763.

ARCHDIOCESAN CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION

Module 1: Catholic Theology in Context

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Those who want to grow deeper in their love for God and others
- Those preparing for the ministries of lector, acolyte and catechist
- Those who want to share their faith with others
- Those who are parish staff or volunteers who may not have engaged in formal theological study previously

Time: **7-9pm**; Dates: **10 Monday nights: 20 Feb-15 May**; Location: Holy Spirit Seminary (Banyo); Cost: \$250pp or \$150pp for groups of 5 or more from the one faith community.

We'd love you to join. If you're interested, please email the parish office as soon as possible so that we can gather our 5 or more people to join, and get the \$150pp pricing for registration. The deanery is negotiating a hub as well.



FEBRUARY

6 Monday @ 9am School Welcome Mass

8 Wednesday @ 6.30pm Friends of St Augustine gathering (Priory)

9 Thursday St V de P meeting 6.30pm

11 / 12 Saturday 5-5.30pm Reconciliation (through Eventbrite); 6th Sunday Ordinary Time (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); Baptisms.

22 ASH WEDNESDAY Masses: 8am & 7pm.

23 Thursday St V de P meeting 6.30pm

Parish news

Children & Families

Worship

Youth & Young Adults

Adult Faith Formation

Community Life & Hospitality

Social Justice

WE WELCOME new members who are interested in assisting our mass ministry and our six parish ministry groups.

SAFEGUARDING NEWS - The ongoing work to ensure Catholic settings are safe for children and that organisations are responsive to safeguarding concerns has been outlined in the Church's fifth annual report to the National Office for Child Safety. (Source: ACBC/CRA).

In the report's foreword, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference President, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB and Catholic Religious Australia president, Fr Peter Jones OSA reiterated earlier statements that the Church is deeply sorry for the abuse that occurred in Catholic settings.

"We renew our pledge for the present and the future of a Church that listens, that seeks the truth, that responds compassionately, that desires healing and that acts with justice," they wrote. "We are mindful that for the Church to carry forward God's mission for us, we must take seriously our responsibilities to keep all people safe, and especially children."

In light of this news we ask all those in Ministry who have yet to register their details to please action as soon as possible. To best help the parish manage its commitment, visit the volunteer portal: [Welcome Portal - Getting Started \(brisbanecatholic.org.au\)](http://Welcome Portal - Getting Started (brisbanecatholic.org.au)). Please see Helen in the office.

World Marriage Day, 12 February 2023

22nd February **ASH WEDNESDAY** Masses: 8am & 7pm.

Our Lady of Graces Parish **Ageing Wisely Seminar** on **Tuesday 28 February, 9.30am-1.30pm.**

World Day of Prayer Friday March 3rd @ 10am

(Venue: Mt Carmel Coorparoo)

Planned Giving for the Week of 29 January, 2023

Collection <u>Account numbers</u>	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Credit card	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$858.75	\$230	\$245	\$135	\$165	\$1,633.75
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891	\$677.40	\$190	\$240	\$135	\$345	\$1,587.40

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Counters

February 4 / 5 Lorie & Lea

February 11 / 12 Parish Staff

Next week	6th Sunday Ordinary February 12	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (2nd weekend)	Carina Family Choir	n/a		YAM
COMMENTATOR	Sylvia P	Michael S		Pat M
LECTOR	David P	John D		Judith R
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Helen D ...	Heather L		Sean H Christine U-M Ray M
ALTAR SERVER/S	... / helper	Brendon G / John D		... / helper
POWERPOINT	Paul D	Gilbert / helper		June / helper
HOSPITALITY	Karen / Edward	Trish R / helper		Cathy M / John W

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 March @ 9am.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 3rd March.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: continues weekly @ 9am mass.

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Next Sunday's Readings

6th Sunday Ordinary Time (Year A/1)

First Reading *Sirach 15: 15-20* He never commanded anyone to be godless.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 2: 6-10* God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 5: 17-37* Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

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St James Parish is always looking for more servant leaders.
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