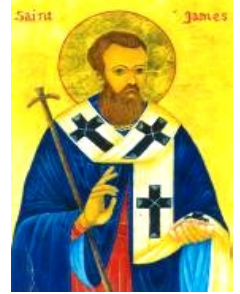


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**The Parish of St James
Coorparoo**
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Beyond the Pews

by Jovi James

How angry have you been at God? I am sure you have been angry at Him sometime. Whether you have yelled and raged at Him, or just cried and asked 'why?', we have all had those moments of questioning His will and His ways. Just like poor Job in the midst of his lament today in the first reading.

The angriest I have ever been with God was after the birth of my fourth child, Louis, nearly 2 years ago. At that stage Gabriel (my husband) and I had already experienced challenges and tragedy, including the loss of our second son to SIDS. With Louis' birth we were surprised by his many medical issues: global muscle weakness, joint contractures, a cleft palate. His poor little limbs just looked so misplaced and weak. It became very clear that our Louis would face many obstacles. I was distraught and so angry, and then ashamed of my anger. I was grieving for the life I had hoped my new son would live.

The next few weeks and months were a busy flurry of endless appointments, keeping our family afloat, getting used to feeding and caring for a 'clefty' baby, and educating ourselves on his condition. I got lost in the 'busyness' of it all, and so my anger at God was expressed by ceasing to pray. I was just too busy. I did not want to talk to God.

Eventually, by His grace I did start to give my grief and anger to the Lord. And of course, Louis has grown my heart in ways I did not know I needed. I am much more hopeful for his life.

As I read Job's lament in today's reading, I am struck deeply by two things. Firstly, that Job felt free to tell God exactly what he thought! There are many chapters of this sort of complaint from Job amidst his tragedy. He tussled with God, he held nothing back. Secondly, that God listened to it all and responded to Job. God did not rebuke Job for his lament. True, God's reply is mysterious and perhaps not the simple answer we crave for, when we ask "Why do bad things happen to good people?" But God is listening. He wants to hear our hearts. He will answer us, even if in ways entirely unexpected.

So, are you talking to Him?

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Call to All Catholics

In an advertising campaign in February and March featuring international cricketer, Matthew Hayden, the Archdiocese of Brisbane is inviting all baptised Catholics to reflect upon what it means to be baptised Catholic. We're looking for your help to:

- * Pray for the opening of hearts
- * Accompany those who are seeking
- * Welcome new faces

There will also be fliers in your parish that you can give to family, friends, or colleagues who might be interested.

To sign up to be an accompanier or join the prayer, or to find out more, go to: www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic.

These websites below are the websites our parishioners can give to friends and family members who are Catholics (or to anyone who may have left the church, or disengaged from the church community and whatnot).

baptisedcatholic.com.au
livingcatholic.com.au
busycatholic.com.au



BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

Taming Our Demons

After leaving the synagogue, Jesus enters Peter's house and cures his mother-in-law. The town begins to gather at the door bringing their sick and possessed. Jesus cured many of them. He leaves with his disciples and travels to the nearby villages to preach and cast out demons.

I believe that most of us have some sort of demon inside us. Something we would really like to change about ourselves, but just can't. I'm not talking about superficial things like the size of our nose or hips. It's an inside thing—some bad habit or personal sin that usually ends up hurting the people closest to us or even ourselves.

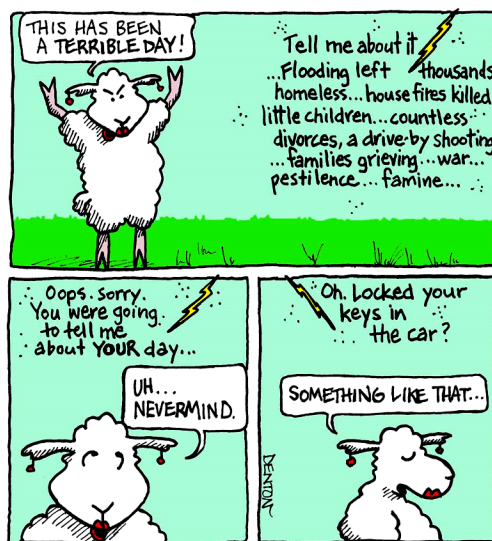
It could be something like losing your temper, not thinking before you speak or not speaking when you should. It might even be some sort of addiction. With me it was letting my anger loose in unhealthy ways, usually by yelling at the people I loved most.

When my children were little, my husband traveled. I was lucky enough to be a stay-at-home mom, but I got to stay home with five kids under ten. I loved my children; there is no question that I would have died for them. But whenever I thought of Paul's message in 1 Corinthians 13, "love is patient; love is kind... it is slow to anger..." I cringed. That was not me. I woke every morning and said to myself, "I will get

through this day without yelling. I will try harder, work harder; I can change."

The truth was I couldn't change, not by myself that is. It wasn't until I could say, "I cannot do this God, please help me," that I could begin to tame my demon. My morning prayer became, "Lord, fill me with your love and strength so that I can get through breakfast without yelling." And then, "Get me to lunchtime, Lord."

I finally discovered that the love Paul was talking about in 1 Corinthians was something stronger than even a mother's love; it was God's love. The great thing is that with God's help (and sometimes some professional help) we can all conquer our own worst demons. We just have to ask.



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"The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many ... and drove out many demons."

Sheepish Question:

Where is God in my concerns? Where am I in his?

FAMILY RESPONSE

Discuss what we mean when we talk about good and bad habits. Ask each person to name a bad habit they have, and then have each person tell the others what good habits they see in them.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What is your own personal demon? Are you ready to ask God to give you his love and strength to overcome it? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

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Justice Challenge February 7th, 2021 • 5th Week in Ordinary Time

The Gospel reading for Sunday describes Jesus healing people all day, and then getting up the next morning to be deeply absorbed in prayer. Jesus cared for the poor and the sick and those marginalized by society. But he never forgot the source of the healing which he did—his heavenly Father, whom he called "Abba," or "Daddy." He kept in close contact with the Father throughout his life. Your challenge this week is to reflect on the relationship between prayer and action in your own lives—as individuals and as a family or household. Do you have a healthy and holy pattern of prayer which is part of your daily routine? Do you let that prayer lead you to the actions which God wants you to take to help heal a hurting world? Remember that part of a vibrant prayer life is letting God speak once you are done talking. Listen to what God wants you to do just as Jesus did when he lived on earth.

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

Parish news

Late last year, the parish ordered some new items from overseas (where they cost lower compared to when buying them here in Australia), although COVID-19 conditions on freights and delivery is causing some delays for their arrival. Be that as it may, we would like to appeal to your generous hearts. If you wish to make a donation towards any of the vessels or Sacramentals below, please contact the parish office by email, or by calling, to indicate your interest. Thank you very much for your continued support of our Parish!



Aspergillum Set
\$690 AUD



Baptismal Shell
\$65 AUD



Thurible and Boat
\$445 AUD



Baroque Monstrance (22.44in x 14.17in) (24kt Gold Plated)
\$2360 AUD

Parish news

February 5th will be our **final Friday Anointing + Healing mass to be held at 10am**. From March onwards, our Anointing + Healing mass will be at 9am.



Friends of St. Augustine meeting in the Priory:
Wednesday, 10th February @ 6:30 PM



17th February Ash Wednesday 2021
8am mass only.



A new and changed Lent and Easter resource for individuals and groups 2021. **Look to Jesus** will nourish and nurture prayer each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter. \$5 book available. Collect from the Sacristy—container for cash: beside books. The daily reflections will invite the reader to to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day. ***Lenten group 1st meeting Ash Wednesday 17th February after 8am mass. *Zoom meeting still to be confirmed.**



Saturday 20th February BBQ Music Under the Stars
7pm –9.30pm St James Hall/Carpark -
(organised by YYAM for our parish)
Gold coin donation for upcoming projects by YYAM.



The Catholic Leader is available as a print newspaper this weekend at both entrances of church and the cover price is \$4. Please pay at each entrance. You can take up your own new print subscription by visiting catholicleader.com.au/subscribe, or email editor@catholicleader.com.au or call our friendly team on (07) 3324 3555.



\$4 at entrances



FEBRUARY

- 5 **Friday final 10am** Anointing + Healing mass (no Friday 9am mass—all continuing Fridays will be 9am mass)
- 6/7 **Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; Year B/1 5th Sunday Ord Time (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am) Baptisms @ 10.30am Sunday**
- 12 **Friday 9am mass + Welcome St James School Mass**
- 13/14 **Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; Year B/1 6th Sunday Ord Time (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am) Baptisms @ 10.30am Sunday**
- 17 **Ash Wednesday 8am mass (Lenten group 1st meeting Ash Wednesday 17th February after 8am mass)**
- 19 **Friday 9am mass**
- 20 / 21 **Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; Year B/1 1st Sunday Lent (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am)**
- 20 **7pm –9.30pm St James Hall/Carpark - BBQ and Music Under the Stars (organised YYAM for our parish) Gold coin donation for upcoming projects by YYAM.**

The **used Paraffin wax** from our new Candle Stands—is there anyone who would like to re-use this paraffin for craft or other purposes? Please let us know.



Our link to **Reconciliation times** on Eventbrite has been created for 2021. Please find the link here.



St James' School & St James' Parish Mass
Coming soon... Friday 12th February 9am Mass



Stations of the Cross will begin **Wednesday 24th February** and be held in the Church each Wednesday during Lent, after 8am mass.
{not held on the Wednesday during Holy Week}
World Day of Prayer Friday 5 March 2021 @ 10am
— Vanuatu (Venue: St James Coorparoo)

Planned Giving for the month of January 2021 (weekly reports from February 2021)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 st Collection Augustinian BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006160102 Reference: (Surname)	\$2,996.50	\$1,083.80	\$1,139	\$173	\$5,399.50
2 nd Collection Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006161103 Reference: (Surname)	\$1,186.95	\$1,310	\$1,264	\$257	\$4,017.95

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Please pray for recently deceased: Elena Etter; George Charles Heeg; Dominador Santa Maria; Sofia Logrionio; German Garcia; Vince Coman; Rod Byrne.

And these anniversaries: Cheeku Thomas; Gerardo Macasero; James Sullivan; Mehmet and Nedime R; Graeme Dawson; Esteban Canta.

Please pray for these unwell: Lenore Gerard; Michael & Mary Clare Simpson; Gerry Shield; Arlina Diaz; Desley Whitehouse; Peter Herman; Laurie Sheehan; Arturo Belciña; Bentley Hennessy; Maureen Ferguson; Jocelyn Tibayan.

Please pray for these Baptismal children: Isaiah Morris; Frank Smith.



RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30 pm... by new Eventbrite link or call parish office.

ADORATION: Thursday 8 am (postponed until further notice)

Counters:

February 6 / 7 Karleen & Sandra

February 13 / 14 Anne & Margaret

NEXT WEEK February 13 / 14	SATURDAY 6 PM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 7AM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 9AM (SIGN AT DOOR)
COMMENTATOR	David P	Berenice T-F	June S
LECTOR	Helen D	Merina M	Mike S
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION (2)	Collette S Paul D	Yen Mai Vu Marj N	Morag S Ray M
HOSPITALITY	None	during	CV19
ALTAR SERVER/S	Joe / Rodel / Ramil	Gene	Leah
POWERPOINT	Cecilia D	John D / Gilbert	Di / June S
MARSHAL	Lorie / Karen / Will / Rachelle	Brendon G / Trish R	Cathy M

Next Sunday's Readings:

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading *Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46* As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 10: 31—11: 1* Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Gospel Reading *Mark 1: 40-45* The leprosy left him and he was cured.

For complete Sunday's readings, visit our [St James website](http://www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings) (look for the Prayer tab).

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