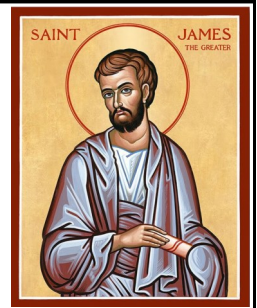


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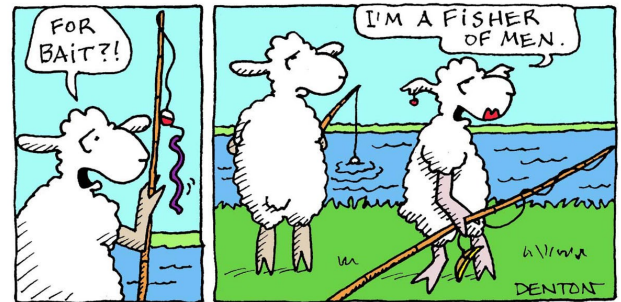
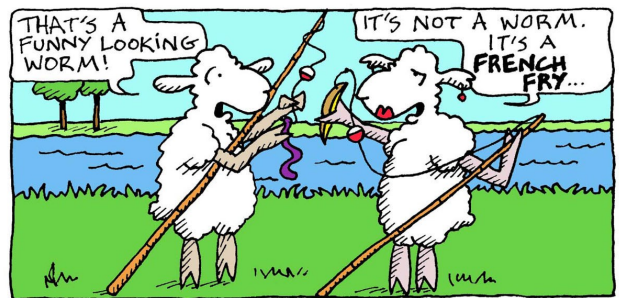
**IS A PARISH OF ACCOMPANIMENT
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Gospel Reflection

The theme that comes through this week's readings is one of 'being called'. The first reading is the call of the prophet Isaiah (Is 6:1-8). Isaiah experiences a vision of the glory of God and is humbly reminded of his own deficiencies: he believes himself to be 'a man of unclean lips'. As such, he is certainly unfit to speak on behalf of God as his unclean lips would taint whatever message he may speak. But his lips are cleansed by God who then asks, 'Whom shall I send?' Demonstrating a complete conversion of heart and mind, Isaiah immediately replies, 'Here I am, send me!'

This first reading provides a perfect balance to the gospel. Jesus is being closely pressed by the crowd when he asks a nearby fisherman to take him just off shore to preach without being overwhelmed by the crowd. Seemingly at random, he has selected the boat of the fisherman Peter. Having finished preaching for the day, Jesus tells Peter to set out into deeper water and pay out his fishing nets. Peter is certainly not keen on the idea! Out of some interest or good nature he had agreed to allow this preacher to use his boat for a while, but now this country bumpkin is trying to tell him how to fish! Just to prove Jesus wrong, Peter agrees to go through the futile exercise and is overwhelmed by the enormous catch of fish. Like Isaiah in the first reading, Peter is suddenly acutely aware of his own deficiencies – 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man'. Like Isaiah, he recognises that he has just seen the glory of God revealed and he feels unworthy to be part of the experience. But Jesus reassures him, 'Do not be afraid,' and calls Peter to follow.



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Have you thought? – Do not be afraid

When Peter is overcome by the catch of fish and falls on his knees before Jesus, the response Jesus makes is to simply say, 'Do not be afraid'. This phrase is the most often repeated phrase in the Bible. It appears more than 60 times throughout the Bible – depending on which translation one uses. This is an extraordinary number of times for the one phrase to appear. And the references stretch from the first book, Genesis, to the last, Revelation. It is God's message to us echoing throughout the Bible: Do not be afraid!

Living the Gospel – Hearing the Call

Like Isaiah and Peter, each and every one of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat, but when we quieten our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and every one of us. The call comes to us through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears. Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship, or at the very least: unpopularity. But that's no excuse!

"Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch."

Sheepish Question:

Whom do I know that may need me to help bring them to God?

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"With regards our First Nations sisters and brothers it's not enough just to listen, although that's crucial because it's where it begins. Nor is it enough just to learn, nor is it even enough just to love unless the love becomes action. So we commit ourselves to that action; the action which takes concrete shape in the reconciliation plan." *Archbishop Mark Coleridge*



**ST JAMES PARISH RAP
IMPLEMENTATION LAUNCH**

This Sunday's Readings

5th Sunday Ordinary (Year C February 9th)

First Reading *Isaiah 6: 1-8 Here am I! Send me.*

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1 (R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.	I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.	All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!'	You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.
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Second Reading *1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.*

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel Reading *Luke 5: 1-11 They left everything and followed him.*

When Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.



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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. We pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Prayers Please pray for recently deceased: Alfredo Hibalay Balaga; Margaret Carew; Fr Kim Bok-Chon (Johan) OSA; Andrea Arquileta; Joan Harding; Caroline Bremner. **And these anniversaries:** Graeme Dawson; Harold Frampton; Veron Forsyth; Sheila Herat; Maxima Aquilizan; Florencio Gaudinez Jr; Roberto Kindica; Franklin Foster; Ubiratã Ferreira. **Please pray for these unwell:** Marilyn Graham; Ian Gillespie; George Erbacher; Bien Lorenzo; Jenny Hapea; Germain Fernando; Rebecca Evans; Michael Barton; Phil Draheim; Benjamin Kett; Ty De Paoli; Alex Hastings; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan. **Please pray for these Baptismal children:** Elijah Fernando; Miles Obeyesekere.



FEBRUARY 2025

10 Monday Adult Faith EB 7-9pm in the priory
10 Monday Reconciliation / Penance Sacramental Program Information Session- 6pm Church (or hall)
Tuesdays Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration returns 11th February
14 Friday 9am Anointing mass
15 / 16 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; 6th Sunday Ordinary Time; Rite of Enrolment with 9am mass for Sacramental Children; (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); Baptisms; YAM cuppa after 9am mass.
17 Monday Reconciliation / Penance Home Session One- 6pm
17 Monday Adult Faith EB 7-9pm in the priory

Parish news

Archdiocesan Ministries has developed a new



Lenten reflection resource for the 2025 Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope", called **Start Anew in Christ**. Start Anew in Christ has been written by our guest writer, Fr Michael Grace. Fr Michael is a priest of the Archdiocese of Brisbane and currently serves as the Parish Priest of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Hendra. **Available shortly, beginning in March.**



Year 5 Sacrament of Reconciliation / Penance Program for Children 2025 at St James Parish.

Your children (10yrs) have already had their Confirmation and their First Holy Communion.

Monday 10th February – we invite you to the parent info session in the church (or hall) at 6pm.

Monday 17th February – children Session One in the church 6pm.

Sunday 16th February – Rite of Enrolment within Mass at the church 9am.

Monday 24th February – children Session Two at home 6pm.

Monday 3rd March - children Session Three in the church 6pm.

Monday 10th March – children Session Four at home 6pm.

Monday 17th March – children Session Five in the church 6pm.

Monday 24th March – children Session Six + Rehearsal in the church 6pm.

Friday 28th March – Rite of First Reconciliation in the church 4.30pm.

Please email osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au or call our parish office 33971671.



Trish on Annual Leave 10th February—14th February.

Fr Francis away 5th—12th February.

Fr John in Sydney 11th, 12th February.



ROMERO CENTRE (Mercy Community Centre) is a place of welcome and sanctuary under the care of Sisters of Mercy: we will be collecting for this worthy cause in mid February. More details on their requests next week.



Our church steps are being refurbished throughout the coming week, 10th—14th February. Perhaps you may enter the church via a different door while this refurbishment is occurring.



Our February—April Weekend Mass ministry volunteers roster has been emailed and is available as a hard copy in the Sacristy. Thank you for your help.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA, has returned on Sunday mornings to April 19th 2025 inclusive, receiving the Eucharist at the Easter vigil on Saturday April 19th, 2025. Times – 9.30 to 10.15 am.



Young Adults Ministry invites all young adults (18-35) who are seeking God in fellowship with others, to come check out our YAM ministry. All our activities are listed on the brochure at side entrance. youthandyoungadults@gmail.com



Throughout 2025 we will bless our parishioners during our 1st Sunday masses (Vigil, 7am and 9am) when they have their birthdays or wedding anniversaries during that month.



Little King's Movement is starting 2025 with a fundraising event and invite our parishioners to come along.

Bingo Beats at Easts Leagues Club in support of The Little Kings Movement 3pm – 6pm Sunday 23rd February Langlands Park, 40 Main Avenue.

<https://eastsleagues.com.au/whats-on/bingo-beats-live-music-charity-event/>



On 1st and 2nd March weekend masses, we will hold our **Masses that launch our 2025 Planning for Ministry Groups**. All plans for 2025 will be revealed and unfolded.



Regina Caeli Parish hosts **World Day of Prayer 2025**. Prayers created by Cook Islands - March 7th at 10am in Regina Caeli church. Everyone warmly invited.

Planned Giving for the Week of 2nd February 2025

Collection Account numbers	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$695.05	\$175	\$287	\$380	\$1,537.05
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100018086	\$495.40	\$230	\$257	\$380	\$1,362.40

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Ministry Teams—get involved...

We offer many opportunities to get involved and participate in our vibrant multi-cultural community... Send your enquiries to the email below...	
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Social Justice (Dan)	Socialjusticeoutreach.stjames@gmail.com

Counters

February 8 / 9 Sylvia + John

February 15 / 16 Parish staff

Next week	6th Sunday Ordinary February 15 / 16	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR		Denise D	n/a	Canossa Choir
COMMENTATOR		Frank F	Clare B	Ray M
LECTORS		Ron S	Patricia Mck	June S
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ALTAR SERVER/S		Priya	Brendon / Drew	Lea/ Alejandra/ Leo/ Doreen
POWERPOINT		Cecilia D	Brendon / Trish / Drew	Matthew A
WELCOMERS		Helen D / Edward	David +	Adriana Jaque Peter Colomba

Masses & Services

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.

Sunday 7am, 9am.

MASS SERVICES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am.

MASS SERVICE: Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30pm—5.30pm.

PERPETUAL ADORATION: (Tuesdays 8.30am till Wednesday 8am) Vicky brisbane.adoration@gmail.com

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Anointing Mass 14th February

FIRST FRIDAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 7th March

KERALA COMMUNITY MASS: 23rd February at 4pm

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: returned 1st and 3rd Sundays @ 9am mass. Kids Bulletin available each week, go to: copyright <https://thekidsbulletin.com/about/>



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Next Sunday's Readings

6th Sunday Ordinary (Year C February 16th)

First Reading *Jeremiah 17: 5-8 A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.*

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20 If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.*

Gospel Reading *Luke 6: 17, 20-26 Happy are the poor, woe to the rich.*

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