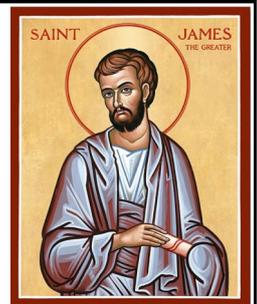


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IS A PARISH OF ACCOMPANIMENT
WHERE WE ENCOUNTER AND
KNOW CHRIST, DEEPEN OUR FAITH,
AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY



February 12, 2023 • 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 5:17-37

Beyond the Law

Jesus begins by telling us he has not come to abolish the Law but to fulfill it. The Ten Commandments are still the backbone of our faith. Indeed "...whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven." But in this Gospel, Jesus begins to put some flesh on those bones. It is not enough to follow the letter of the Law. Jesus' followers are called to do more.

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

In the first part of this reading Jesus seems to offer parents a freeway to the kingdom. It would seem the kingdom is ours if we live by the Ten Commandments and teach our children to do the same. However, as the reading goes on, Jesus tells us that his followers are challenged to do even more.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Ask each person to talk about the things that make them angry. Talk about how they feel when someone tells them they are sorry. Ask younger children to show you their happy faces and then their angry faces.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

If losing your temper is a problem, try to figure out the root cause of your anger. There are usually other issues behind a quick temper. If you do not have "anger issues," write a prayer for those who do. What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

To be Jesus' followers, we are to live beyond the letter of the law. For example, it is not enough to say we won't hurt anyone physically (the fifth commandment). Jesus tells us we are not to hurt anyone emotionally either. We must curb our anger. We shouldn't insult others, and we certainly don't call them names. Finally, if we have hurt someone, we offer a sincere apology and try to make amends.

This is definitely a lesson we teach our children by example. All parents lose their tempers occasionally. Regrettably, when I was raising my children, it was more than occasionally. Fortunately, I learned the importance of saying I was sorry once



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"Before everyone are life and death, whichever they choose will be given them."

Sheepish Question:

There are only two choices. Why is it so hard sometimes for me to go with God's way?

things had calmed down; and to say it with more than words. I would try to take their hand or sit close to them making sure to look them in the eyes. I would tell them I was wrong, not in the dispute perhaps, but in the way I'd handled it.

As time went on, I learned that by making myself admit I was wrong (something not easy for me to do) I became more aware of what triggered my temper. I learned to walk out of the room before exploding. And because I was modeling the behaviour, it was easier for me to make sure my children did the same. Teaching children to admit they are wrong and say they are sorry to a sibling certainly bring us, and them, a little closer to the kingdom.

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World Marriage Day, 12 February 2023 <https://www.wwme.org.au/>

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are simply a series of presentation topics given by a specially trained team of three couples and a priest. Most of your time is spent learning and developing a technique of communication called dialogue.



The talks, while structured, include examples of the things the presenting team have discovered within their relationships and the adaptations they have made during their journeys through married life. Such reflections lead you to look at yourselves and your marriage with new eyes. After each talk there is time for you to practise your new-found communication skills and share your thoughts and feelings about various aspects of your marriage in private. There is no group discussion.

This Sunday's Readings

6th Sunday Ordinary Time (Year A/1)

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

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man.

He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

Psalms 118(119):1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34 Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts.

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes.

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may see
the wonders of your law.

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart.

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

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

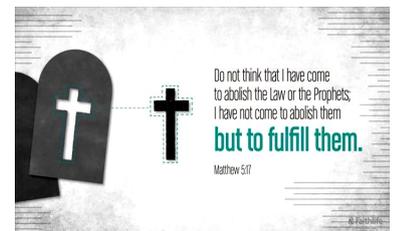
'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'



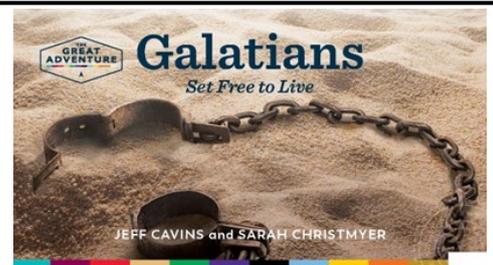
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'Set Free to Live' is an eight-part Bible study on St Paul's letter to the Galatians. It addresses the most important question we can ask: "What must we do to be saved?"

Brisbane East Deanery begins Galatians Bible study Friday evening 10th FEBRUARY at St James Parish 6pm—9pm, which will run for 8 weeks.

Participants will 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 suepaulm@bigpond.net.au



Project Compassion Sunday 18 & 19 February

World Youth Day and Augustinian Fundraiser - Movie Night St James Hall—Saturday evening 25th February 6pm.

Venue: St James Parish hall Date and Time: 25/02/2023 6 - 9 pm

Fee: \$10 (This includes a soft drink and 2 slices of pizza) Extras: \$2 for a soft drink & \$2 per slice of pizza

Payment type: cash or card

Donations: Any donations are welcome, we'll provide a basket for people to put money in.

The movie is called: Father Stu (Trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHREzAdyCPs>)

Prayers Please pray for recently deceased: Veron Forsyth; Allan Solon; Eusebio Cabonilas; Mary Jo Vidler; Carmel Curran; Naning Tabada; Eusebio Cabonilas; Cardinal George Pell. **And these anniversaries:** Graeme Dawson; Cheeku Thomas; James & Catherine Sullivan. **Please pray for these unwell:** Robbie Haley; 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 Tibanan.



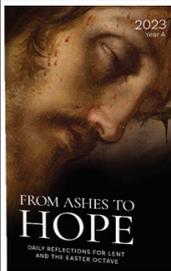
FEBRUARY
11 / 12 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (through Event-brite); 6th Sunday Ordinary Time (**Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am**); **Baptisms.**
18 / 19 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (through Event-brite); 7th Sunday Ordinary Time (**Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am**); **Baptisms.**
22 ASH WEDNESDAY Masses: 8am & 7pm.
23 Thursday St V de P meeting 6.30pm
25 / 26 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (through Event-

Parish news

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



From Ashes to Hope, the Lent book for 2023 is available next weekend **\$5 cash. You can use the parish tap machine to buy 2.** The daily reflections will only require 5-10 minutes to read, reflect and pray.



Speakers at 7am and 9am mass this weekend ... Perpetual Eucharistic

Adoration—will you participate? TUESDAYS from February 28th: St James Church, Coorparoo (8.30am till Wednesday 8am) Coordinator for St James Adoration: Vicky 0433 583 763. www.perpetualadoration.com.au brisbane.adoration@gmail.com



Aboriginal Catholic Mass

Do you remember, or if you don't, did you know of the historic celebration of a special Aboriginal Mass at the Eucharistic Congress in Melbourne in 1973? Friday, 24th February, 2023, marks the 50th anniversary of this remarkable event which was attended by some 30,000 people. Aboriginal singers and dancers from north and west of Australia took an active part in the original liturgy which broke new ground in the Church's liturgical renewal.

To commemorate this occasion, Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral of St Stephen on **Thursday, 23rd February, 2023, commencing at 12.30pm.** The Archbishop has granted special approval to use the revised liturgical texts from that original celebration. Please join us for this occasion.



←World Youth Day and Augustinian Fundraiser -
 ←Movie Night St James Hall—Saturday evening
 ←25th February 6pm. Serving pizza + soft drinks.

Parish news

The Catholic Leader February 2023—\$4 at entrances

- 11-page memorial feature remembering the life of Pope Benedict XVI
- Cardinal Geroge Pell remembered in Australia and across the world
- Super siblings eager to explore St Kevin's new Prep playground as thousands of students return to school across the archdiocese
- * Our Lady's College, Annerley students take to learning Auslan
- Archbishop Mark Coleridge reflects after the death of Pope Benedict XVI
- Evangelisation is the 'oxygen' of Christian life, Pope Francis says
- Brisbane seminarians meet Pope Francis at the Vatican
- The hidden faces of domestic violence in Queensland homes



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.**



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

Planned Giving for the Week of 5 February, 2023

Collection <u>Account numbers</u>	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$842.80	\$190	\$322	\$150	\$1,504.80
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891	\$589.60	\$165	\$317	\$150	\$1,221.60

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February 11 / 12 Parish Staff

February 18 / 19 Sylvia & ...

Next week	7th Sunday Ordinary February 19	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (3rd weekend)		Glenn H & family	n/a	Canossa Choir
COMMENTATOR		Bill S	Don T	Amor McC
LECTOR		Sylvia P	Michael S	Pat M
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		Tisha K Ron S	Jan L	John W Shadi A ...
ALTAR SERVER/S		... / helper	Brendon G / John D	... / helper
POWERPOINT		Cecilia 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.

families.stjames@gmail.com Just a reminder that the school playground is out of bounds outside school hours. Children should be under parent supervision and remain in line of sight at all times.



Next Sunday's Readings 7th Sunday Ordinary Time (Year A/1)

First Reading *Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18* You must love your neighbour as yourself.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 3: 16-23* All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 5: 38-48* Love your enemies.

www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings



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