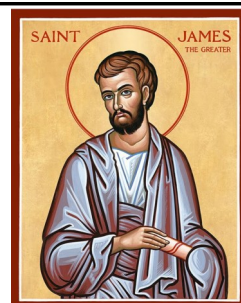


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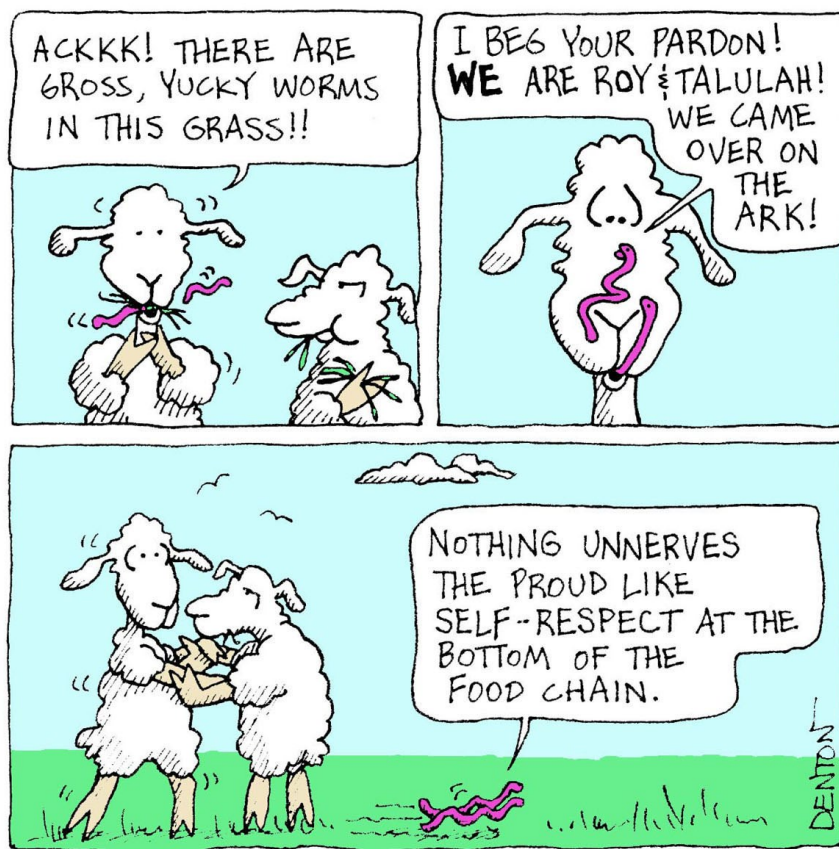
**ST JAMES PARISH
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**IS A PARISH OF ACCOMPANIMENT
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Gospel Reflection

We are perhaps more familiar with the Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew in which the kingdom of heaven is promised to those who are 'blessed' because of their afflictions. Rather than the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of Matthew, the Gospel of Luke presents the same event and teaching as the sermon on the plain as it occurs on 'a piece of level ground'. This version may appear a little more confronting than the Matthew version. Rather than the afflicted being 'blessed', they are to be 'happy'. It seems odd that anybody should be happy to be poor, hungry, mourning or reviled and we would certainly regard these as states of sadness and difficulty; not times for rejoicing at our good fortune! However, this gospel in particular frequently reminds us that God does not think, feel and behave as we might expect. God's actions are frequently contrary to the expectations of society. The Gospel of Luke makes it plain that the reign of God will upend the structures of society. The lowly will be raised and the mighty will be brought low. It is in this context that the poor, the hungry and the outcast are regarded as happy. Their happiness comes from the reassurance that although they are rejected and dismissed by society, they are indeed the most favoured of God. Whatever the world dishes up to such as these, they can rejoice in the knowledge that in the reign of God their fortunes will be reversed and they will be favoured. However, just as the fortunes of the poor and afflicted will be reversed for the better, those who are rich, well fed, happy and well regarded will also have their fortunes reversed. Alas to them! Their comfort and joy leaves no room for the generosity of God!



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**Have you thought? –
Gospel of prosperity**

The sermon on the plain challenges our ideas about happiness and success – particularly those of us who live in a relatively prosperous society. Those who are rich and well regarded are actually condemned by Jesus. This also flies in the face of the so-called Gospel of Prosperity that has gained some prominence amongst Pentecostal churches in the last 20-30 years. This teaching holds that God blesses the faithful with wealth and influence. It doesn't take a lot to see how this teaching is out of step with the gospel blessing of the poor and cursing of the rich.

**Scriptural context –
Message for all**

Throughout the Gospel of Luke, the author is keen to demonstrate that the message of Jesus is for all people – not just the Jews, but for the Gentiles and Pagans as well. We can see this message revealed in the gathering of people who listened to Jesus' sermon on the plain. We're told there were people from all parts of Judea (all Jews) as well as people from the pagan lands of Tyre and Sidon. The first audiences of this gospel would immediately have recognised the significance of people from Tyre and Sidon standing alongside Jews from Judea.

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.”

Sheepish Questions:

Who have I ignored or disdained lately? What is the root cause of my attitude and how can I change it?

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This 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.*

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5 Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night.

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

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

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

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

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

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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: Josephian Symons; 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: Jack; Luca; Julian; Evelyn



FEBRUARY 2025

17 Monday Reconciliation / Penance Church Session One— 6pm

17 Monday Adult Faith EB 7-9pm in the priory

Tuesdays Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

18 Tuesday Flocknote training for Parish Staff—ArchBne in the city

21 Friday dinner with Archbishop – PPC and others

22 / 23 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; 7th Sunday Ordinary Time; (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); Baptisms.

24 Monday Adult Faith EB 7-9pm in the priory

24 Monday Reconciliation / Penance Home Session Two— 6pm

Tuesdays Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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.

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

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

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



Project Compassion 2025 Unite Against Poverty begins on Ash Wednesday 5th March. More details shortly.



ROMERO CENTRE is a place of welcome and sanctuary under the care of Archdiocese of Brisbane Ministries for people arriving in Australia seeking asylum looking for safety and human rights - Centre inspired by human rights campaigner, St Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador. Parishioners are kindly asked to help by donating any of the following items: (white baskets at entrances)

- cooking oil - olive oil
- basmati rice
- white sugar and plain flour
- UHT milk and coffee
- noodles
- Weetbix
- tinned corn and tuna
- coconut milk/cream
- shower gel
- laundry powder /liquid
- nappies size 6
- tinned chickpea and coconut milk



13 February – Anniversary of National Apology Day.

Each year, this offers an important time to reflect on how generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have been affected, and continue to be affected, by the past policies of the Australian Government. Please see our noticeboard for all information.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA continues on Sunday mornings to April 19th receiving the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil on Saturday April 19th, 2025. Please prayer for our RCIA candidates as they continue their journey.



Young Adults Ministry invites all young adults (18-35yrs) 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



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/>

Contact Anthony Carrigan for more information [<anthonyjc@thelittlekingsmovement.org.au>](mailto:anthonyjc@thelittlekingsmovement.org.au)



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.



Ash Wednesday 5th March 2025.

8am mass and 7pm mass—more details to come. weekend masses,

Planned Giving for the Week of 9th February 2025

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	\$838	\$205	\$525	\$279.60	\$1,847.60
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100018086	\$582.90	\$215	\$717	\$279.60	\$1,794.50

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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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Worship (Amor)	Worshipandliturgy.stjames@gmail.com
Youth & Young Adults (Thesi)	Youthandyoungadults.stjames@gmail.com
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Hospitality & Community Life (Jaquie, Melissa)	Communitylife.stjames@gmail.com
Social Justice (Dan)	Socialjusticeoutreach.stjames@gmail.com

Counters

February 15 / 16 Parish staff

February 22 / 23 Romy + Christy

Next week	7th Sunday Ordinary February 22 / 23	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR		Libby C	n/a	NEEDED URGENTLY
COMMENTATOR		Frank F	Clare B	Ray M
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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 7th March

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



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Next Sunday's Readings

7th Sunday Ordinary (Year C February 23rd)

First Reading 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12, 13, 22-23 *The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.*

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49 *Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.*

Gospel Reading Luke 6: 27-38 *Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*

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