

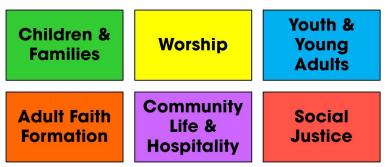
LET US THE PATH TO A BETTER FUTURE POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis wrote a book called "Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future" in late

Parish Priest & PPC 2020. It is an uplifting book that offers some personal and passionate reflections on how **DREAM** we can move beyond the crisis that we face (COVID-19, and many other crises in general). I find Pope Francis' pastoral way and advice to be very encouraging, especially when at times courage, hope and imagination seem to be defeated by discouragement, despair, and the illusory safety net of the status quo. Pope Francis writes, "This is a moment to dream big, to rethink our priorities—what we value, what we want, what we seek-and to commit to act in our daily life on what we have dreamed of. What I hear at this moment is similar to what Isaiah hears God saying through him: Come, let us talk this over. Let us dare to dream."

In our parish, the moment to dream is **now**. Our parish, through the work of our Parish Pastoral Council, has partnered with Evangelisation Brisbane, one of the agencies of the Archdiocese, in the task of strategic planning. This is a process that will lead our parish towards creating a strategic direction in

the next 5 years. Our parish has taken on the task, albeit early steps, of becoming more intentional about building a culture of welcome and missionary discipleship in this part of the world. We want a healthy parish—a parish that's growing and thriving and where everyone can find a place where they belong and they are loved, where many hands are at work, sharing the tasks based on individual strengths and passions, and where individuals truly encounter Jesus. And we want all of you to get involved!



Over the next 6 weekends, beginning 27 February, the process (we call this the "pre-summit") is going to commence and we are very excited to be doing this with all of you. This first step is to dream with the whole parish around what could be possible in each of the ministry areas we are seeking to build up, namely: Children & Families; Youth & Young Adults; Worship; Social Justice; Adult Faith Formation; and Community Life & Hospitality. What's your dream for ministry? - Fr Francis, osa

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

Jesus Tells Us to Love Our Enemies

Jesus continues to speak to the crowd, giving them perhaps his most difficult teaching. He tells them to give to everyone who asks and expect nothing in return. He instructs his listeners to love everyone, and reminds them that even sinners love those who love them. "...Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you" (v.27).

This is the bottom line of what it means to be a Christian—loving even those who don't love you. However, it's important to understand what love really is. For example, you can love someone and not like him. Loving and liking are two different things. Love is a bond, sometimes accompanied by a warm and glorious feeling of devotion, even passion. But much of the time, love is just a strong sense of connection. The test for real love is when that wonderful, warm feeling is absent and the connection remains.

This is the love Jesus is talking about—a loving bond that demands respect and tolerance. We are expected to recognize the connection that exists not just within our own families but also within the family of humankind, and to honor its demands. If someone chooses not to love us back, we do not allow her actions to dictate ours. We don't give others that power over us.

In your household when one brother smacks another, you don't persuade him to hit back. When one child is disrespectful of another's toys, you certainly don't encourage reciprocal action. All people are part of the family of humankind, and God, as a parent, offers the same advice you would give your children.



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"Remove the wooden beam from your eye first, then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye."

Sheepish Question:

Okay, what IS this log in my eye and how does it weaken my relationships?

Teach your children by example. That's what God did. Jesus stood up for what he believed. He never cowered. But when things got too hot, he walked away, and usually found a quiet spot to pray and regroup. When he was ultimately overpowered and put to death, he still triumphed. That's the message of the Resurrection: The love God asks of us will always see us through. It is even more powerful than death.

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ALPHA is an opportunit to snyone with or withouts to snyone withouts to s	information). Registration can also be done online via <u>alpha.org/try-</u> <u>alpha</u> . Doreen Chen <u>da-</u> <u>shiki.c@gmail.com</u>	Week 1	9 March	Is There More to Life Than This?
		Week 2	16 March	Who is Jesus?
		Week 3	23 March	Why Did Jesus Die?
		Week 4	30 March	How Can I Have Faith?
		1-19 April – No Alpha School Break & Holy Week		
		Week 5	20 April	Why and How Do I Pray?
		Week 6	27 April	Why and How Should I read the Bible?
		Week 7	4 May	How Does God Guide Us?
environment. Each evening there will be: We ches clay at 6:30 pm St James P March 202		Week 8 Weekend Retreat	Saturday/Sunday 14 & 15 May	Holy Spirit Weekend
St. Ja meal	e tan ing e ti i ti an en	Week 9	18 May	How Can I Resist Evil?
A meal A short talk A meal A short talk A meal A short talk	2022.	Week 10 25 M	25 May	Why and How Should I Tell Others?
A short talk Coorpo A short talk	Time: 6.30pm-9pm [Dinner included].	Week 11	June 1	Does God Heal Today?
	[Dimer molded].	Week 12	June 8	What about the Church?
Discussion in small groups	Venue: St James Hall.	REGISTER NOW @ alpha.org/try-alpha/		
	Look for 'Find an Alpha in Your Area', and type '4151 Coorparoo', or 'Coorparoo'. In the results, click on - Alpha at St James Catholic Church, Coorparoo			
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1 st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: <u>100019791</u>	\$713.05	\$230	\$580	Week 4	\$1,523.05
2 nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: <u>100005891</u>	\$658.55	\$365	\$670	only	\$1,693.55

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This Sunday's Readings 7th Sunday Ordinary Time 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: 17, 27-38* Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Luke 6:36

Weekly Mass times WEEKEND: <u>Saturday</u> 8am; Vigil 6pm. <u>Sunday</u> 7am, 9am, no longer 6pm.

WEEKDAY: <u>Monday</u>, <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>Wednesday</u> 8am WEEKDAY: <u>Friday</u> 9am. RECONCILIATION: <u>Saturday</u> 4.30—5.30pm... by <u>Eventbrite link</u> or call parish office. HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Friday 4th March 2022 @ 9am. ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 4th March 2022. NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY (at this stage).

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February 19 / 20 Sylvia & John

February 26 / 27 Lorie & Lea

Next week 8th Sunday Ordinary February 27		SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (4th weekend)	Morna K	n/a	Jan Q
COMMENTATOR	Karleen O'R	Berenice T-F	Ray M
LECTOR	Bill S	Merina M	Lalan C
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Paul D Collette S	Jan L	Pat P Priya Carmel T
ALTAR SERVER/S	Joe R	Gene T-F / helper	Leah S
POWERPOINT	Cecilia D	Gilbert / helper	June S / helper
MARSHAL	Karen / Edward	Brendon G / Trish R	Cathy M / Else C
Nové Sundovio Decelines 8th Sunday Ordinary Time (Year C/2)			

Next Sunday's Readings First Reading Sirach 27: 4-7 Do not praise

someone before they have spoken. **Second Reading** *1 Corinthians 15: 54-58* Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ. **Gospel Reading** *Luke 6: 39-45* A person speaks from what is in his heart.

For complete Sunday's readings, visit our <u>St James website</u> (look for the

