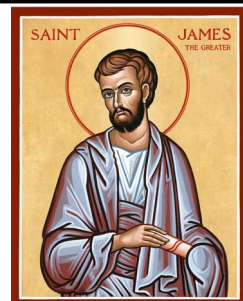


# 7TH SUNDAY ORDINARY YR A 2023 19 FEBRUARY

## ST JAMES PARISH COORPAROO

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WHERE WE ENCOUNTER AND  
KNOW CHRIST, DEEPEN OUR FAITH,  
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February 19, 2023 • 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 5:38-48

## BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

### Be Perfect As Your Heavenly Father is Perfect

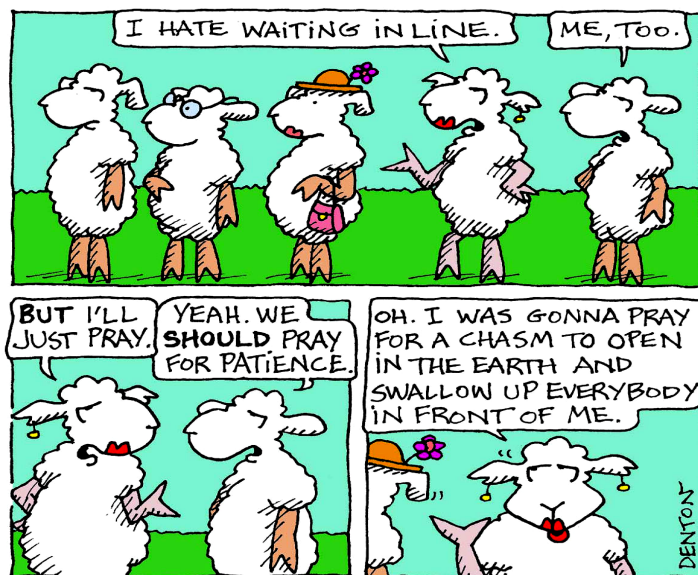
*We find this reading from Matthew about a third of the way into Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Jesus begins his teaching with the Beatitudes at the beginning of chapter five and for the next three chapters reveals his "code of conduct." This gospel offers some quite difficult challenges. We are told not to seek revenge; to turn the other cheek, and to walk the extra mile. Then comes the most difficult challenge of all. We are told to love our enemies and be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect.*

When Jesus tells us to love our enemies that doesn't mean we are expected to have warm, fuzzy feelings toward them. In fact, we don't even have to like them, seek them out, or sit down to dinner with them. We are expected, however, to love them as God loves them. This means respecting them, wishing them no evil, and even praying for them.

This teaching offers us a chance to remind our children that it is not wrong to be angry at someone. Anger is a feeling and, like all feelings, it is not sinful or wrong. It is what we do with those feelings that is important. It is our actions, angry words, and hurtful thoughts that get us into trouble. Teach your children to count to ten and say a prayer before walking away. Jesus' second command, to "be perfect," sounds like an impossible challenge. How can we do this? The answer is hidden in the meaning of the word "perfect." The word comes from the Greek *teleios*, meaning complete or whole. Simply put, Jesus wants us to become the wonderfully unique people we were created to be—and it doesn't take long to realize we'll need lots of help.

It is a lifetime of work to figure out and develop our talents. In the same lifetime, we need to learn which virtues come easily and which need more effort. On the journey of becoming our best selves, it doesn't take long to discover that without God's help, it is easy to get lost.

Only God is perfect. Only God is complete. However, if we are open to God's love, call on God's strength, and do our best to listen and live Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, one day we will get there. We will find our perfection; the person we were created to be, complete within the arms of the Divine.



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"Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people."

#### Sheepish Question:

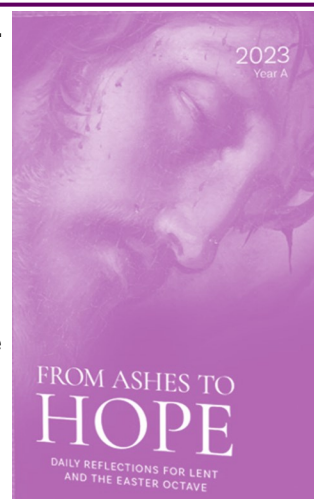
Who are the people hardest for me to love, and what is my prayer for them today?

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**From Ashes to Hope**, Lent prayer book 2023 is at the side entrance for \$5 cash donation. You can use the parish tap machine to buy 2. Our Prayer Group for the Lenten Program will use this book - information inside bulletin...

This Lenten Resource will nourish and nurture your prayer, spirituality, and discipleship each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter - the perfect companion for daily prayer! The daily reflections will only require 5-10 minutes to read, reflect and pray. This Lenten practice will lead you into a deeper questioning and examination of your daily life as you are invited to move into an encounter with the person of Jesus - in your family life, work life, and the community - as you walk as a 'missionary disciple' on the path to Easter, and beyond.

- A small book that is easy to carry, and read, while commuting or sitting at home
- For each day there is a double-page spread with: a Scripture verse; a short reflection; a quote from Pope Francis; and a short prayer
- A leaders guide will be available for group use
- Audio recordings will also be available on our website for those who would like to listen to each reflection



## This 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.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them:

"Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

**Psalms 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13** The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.	It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.	The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.	As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him.
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**Second Reading** *1 Corinthians 3: 16-23* All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

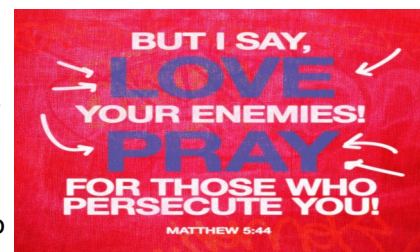
**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 5: 38-48* Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you:

offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

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## Project Compassion Sunday 18 & 19 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, **"The future starts today, not tomorrow."**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



## Social Justice

### WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE - 20<sup>th</sup> February.

One of the underlying principles of Social Justice is for peaceful and prosperous coexistence within and among nations. These principles are upheld when we promote gender equality or the rights of indigenous peoples and migrants. We advance social justice when we remove barriers that people face because of gender, age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture or disability. (United Nations)



## Prayers

### Please pray for recently deceased:



Cletus Davis; Florencio Gaudinez Jr;  
Veron Forsyth; Allan Solon; Eusebio Cabonilas;  
Mary Jo Vidler; Carmel Curran; Naning Tabada.

**And these anniversaries:** Gerard O'Reilly; Jim & Mary Donaldson; Kevin & Tess Walsh; Graeme Dawson; Cheeku Thomas; James & Catherine Sullivan.

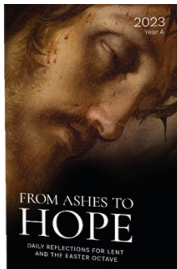
**Please pray for these unwell:** Robbie Haley; Fr Kevin Tu'itti; Kerry See; Robby & Rachel Henry; Miriam Martin; Rosalie Pascual; Patricia Hildreth; Jose Luis Manzanilla Gil; Patricia Agnes; Mary-Rita Deakin; Aoife Stephenson; Michael Simpson; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan.

**Please pray for these Baptismal children:** Samuel Torres; Frances Blair; Adelaide & Margaux Evans; Freya Jensen.

## Parish news

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

**\*Lenten Program**—first meeting will be Ash Wednesday 22nd February after 8am mass, with following prayer groups on Mondays after 8am mass. All welcome. From Ashes to Hope, **\$5 cash donation.**  
**You can use the parish donation tap machine (at entrances) to buy 2.**



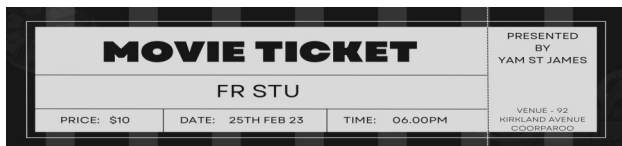
**\*Way of the Cross**—will begin Wednesday 1st March and be held in the Church each Wednesday during Lent, after 8am mass. All welcome.



**Speakers at 7am 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](http://www.perpetualadoration.com.au)  
[brisbane.adoration@gmail.com](mailto:brisbane.adoration@gmail.com)



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

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>)



**HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Friday 3rd March 9am.**

There will be a **cuppa** on offer afterwards under the mango tree. All welcome.



## FEBRUARY

**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-brite); 1st Sunday Lent (**Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am**); **No Baptisms.**

**28 Tuesdays** Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration after 8am mass:

## Parish news

### Caritas Emergency appeal

Appeal for Turkey & Syria after the Earthquake—*Caritas Emergency appeal*

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/>



## 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: St Bernard's Community Centre, Upper Mt Gravatt. Cost: \$150per person St James parishioners. Or Banyo if you prefer face-to-face involvement.**

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 (we currently have 4 people).



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



**World Day of Prayer 2023**  
**Taiwan**

**Friday March 3rd @ 10am**

Contact

Karleen

O'Reilly.

(Venue:

**Mt Carmel Coorparoo)**



## Lenten Concert Series

**Each Thursday in March at 12 noon in St Stephen's Cathedral**

*Come explore the 40-day journey of Lent through music—featuring compositions inspired by the key themes and scripture readings of Lent.*

*A time of inspiration and reflection before the 12.30pm Mass.*

*All welcome, free admission.*



## Planned Giving for the Week of 12 February, 2023

Collection <u>Account numbers</u>	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Total
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian Priory</b> BSB: 064 786 Account #: <b>100019791</b>	<b>\$854.25</b>	<b>\$160</b>	<b>\$425</b>	<b>\$115</b>	<b>\$1,554.25</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection St James Parish</b> BSB: 064 786 Account #: <b>100005891</b>	<b>\$592.35</b>	<b>\$135</b>	<b>\$555</b>	<b>\$115</b>	<b>\$1,397.35</b>

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## Counters

February 18 / 19 Sylvia & ...

February 25 / 26 Karleen & Sandra

Next week	1st Sunday Lent February 26	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (4th weekend)	Libby C	n/a	Jan Q	Jan Q
COMMENTATOR	Tisha K	Jana V	Kate P	Kate P
LECTOR	Bill S	Don T	Amor McC	Amor McC
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Rosemarie Y Anne S	Heather L	Ray M Cathy M Christine U-M	Ray M Cathy M Christine U-M
ALTAR SERVER/S	Rodel / Ramil	Brendon G / John D	... / helper	... / helper
POWERPOINT	Sydel	Gilbert / helper	June / helper	June / helper
HOSPITALITY	Karen / Edward	Trish R / helper	Cathy M / John W	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](mailto: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 1st Sunday Lent (Year A/1)

First Reading Genesis 2:

7-9; 3: 1-7 Creation of our first parents, and sin.

Second Reading Romans 5: 12-19 Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Gospel Reading Matthew 4: 1-11 Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

[www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings](http://www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings)



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