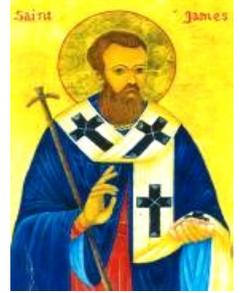


**2ND SUNDAY
LENT
YR B 2021
28 FEBRUARY**

**The Parish of St James
Coorparoo
A Vibrant, Prayerful, Inclusive
Augustinian Parish
Archdiocese of Brisbane**



Parish Notice

Please be advised that beginning this weekend, we are introducing and transitioning into a new method of registration for the 'regular' Sunday and/or weekday masses (and other services using the church building). The current practice of registration where we use paper and tick beside our names or manually write them down will continue until the 21st March. After March 21st, or after our transition period, we will cease with the printing of names. This weekend you may begin with the new registration method using your iPhones or android phones, by scanning the QR Code posted around the church. With this change, we help in managing our paper usage and printing cost; and also this avoids any hold up or queue at the church entrances. The method of manually writing contact information still **ONLY** applies to parishioners who are without phones or without internet access on their phones.



AN AUGUSTINIAN LENT 2021

Be nourished by the Word of God. Journey with the Augustinians. Watch out for a series of reflections on the Sunday readings during the season of Lent. Visit our website www.osa.org.au; or subscribe to the new Australian-Augustinians youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgezwp5IOltamflvEQKQv5w>



Reflections from St James Lenten Group

Commit yourself to find the time each and every day, to let God sit with you, and speak with you. These times can be during your daily activities: eg. Doing the dishes, gardening, when you admire a beautiful flower, all the clouds in the sky—these are some examples of directing our thoughts to God, giving him praise and thanks.

The narrow road is also the road in which peace and joy can be found. It is a road without traffic jams; a road without "no stop" signs, thus allowing the traveller to pause as often as desired. These pauses are times when peace and joy can be found, when we listen within our hearts to the silent presence of God.

People in all circumstances are deserving of God's love. We are all made in the image of God, so there is no such thing as "the wrong people". We are all accepted by God. No matter who we are, or what we have done, we are always welcomed by Jesus if we turn to him. Most of all, let us remind ourselves not to become complacent, as complacency in the life of faith, is spiritual death.

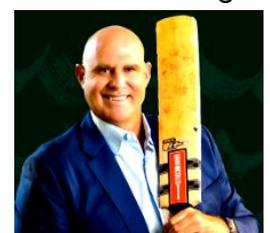
Inspiration from Pope Francis *Prayer is most precious, for it nourishes a daily commitment to love. Our worship becomes pleasing to God when we devote ourselves to living generously, and allowing God's gift, granted in prayer, to be shown in our concern for our brothers and sisters. (GE 104)*

The "Call to All Catholics" Campaign (Evangelisation Brisbane)

This campaign is particularly aimed at reaching out to those who are disconnected from the Church and their faith. And one of the most effective, yet untapped, ways of reaching out to them is through personal invitation and dialogue with them.

Things that you can do:

- (1) Sign up for the prayer outreach (EB website);
- (2) Offer yourself as a volunteer to accompany those starting the journey (EB website);
- (3) Be a welcoming presence in our parish community.



Where will we lead those that we invite? We can lead them to the following websites:

baptisedcatholic.com.au ; livingcatholic.com.au ; busycatholic.com.au

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

Finding Mountaintop Experiences In the Everyday

Jesus takes Peter, James and John to a high mountain to be alone and pray. While they are there the apostles see Jesus in a whole new way. Jesus is transfigured. His clothes become a dazzling white and they see Elijah and Moses conversing with him.

Jesus often goes off to pray and sit alone in silence, and he encourages his disciples to pray in the same way. On one special day, Jesus takes Peter, James and John with him as he climbs to the top of a mountain for solitude and prayer. On the mountain, the apostles' quiet prayer is rewarded as they experience the awesomeness of God. Jesus is transformed as he converses with Moses and Elijah.

Mountaintop experiences aren't just for the disciples, and they aren't limited to the saints. Regular, everyday folks sometimes have their own experiences of the awesomeness of God. These encounters don't happen often, but the experience can carry someone through a lifetime.

Mountaintop experiences are sometimes a surprise, an unexpected, overwhelming experience of the divine. We see a sunset or watch the miracle of birth, and we are absolutely overwhelmed by a feeling of fullness and peace. We experience the sacred at our very centre and also all around us. Mountaintop experiences can also be a gift received after weeks or years of faithful waiting in silent prayer.

Introduce your children to the prayer of silence by praying with them. Find a quiet spot and sit very still, consciously relax your body. Tell your children to pay attention to their breathing. Ask them to say Jesus' name quietly with every breath they take in or let out. Thirty seconds is enough to begin this quiet prayer with children. When they are comfortable in the prayer, you can extend the time.

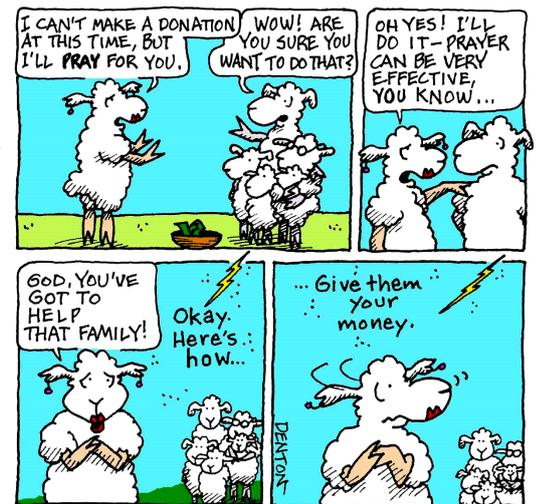
The peace and joy of quiet prayer leaves us open to encounter the awesomeness of God in the sacred spaces of our heart. The secret is to be faithful to this prayer, keeping a quiet watch with the Lord on a regular basis.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Practice the prayer of silence together. Follow the directions in the fourth paragraph above. Talk about the experience.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Do you think you might be able to find ten minutes a day for this quiet prayer? If so, what time of the day is best for you? In the space below, write down how you feel about making such a commitment. What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?



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"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Sheepish Question:

What are my blind spots when it comes to making sacrifices for God?

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Justice Challenge

February 28th, 2021 • 2nd Week in Lent

Sometimes we think about making big plans for Lenten sacrificing, only to fall behind with work, family, and other responsibilities. We find ourselves in the second week of Lent with no commitment to better prayer lives, doing good deeds, or practicing acts of self-denial. But it is never too late. Catholic Relief Services offers a great resource to parishes and families for praying, fasting, and charitable giving—all in one simple project. What is so great about this project, known as Operation Rice Bowl (ORB), is that it makes all the right connections. When you put the money you would have spent on a new app or that mocha latte you crave into your Rice Bowl box, you participate in a small yet significant way in Jesus' sacrifice. CRS provides prayers to accompany your giving, and it uses the money you would have spent on yourself to help people in need. Participating in ORB is an act of solidarity—standing with your brothers and sisters as one human family. Your challenge this week is to adopt Operation Rice Bowl (or your own version of it if your parish doesn't do it). Give up the extra energy drink, candy bar, movie, or trip to the mall. Put the money in your Rice Bowl, knowing it will be sent to CRS. You will be walking with Jesus while making a difference in the lives of others.

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

Prayers

Please pray for recently deceased:

Barry Miller; Maria Luz Aungon; Basilisa Salndaguit; Aiden Donnelly; Nicky Stafford; Peter Herman.

And these anniversaries: Eustaquia Elicano; Merle Chapman; Gerard & Luke O'Reilly; Barbara Carrillo; Eudisia Ortiz.

Please pray for these unwell: Rhelma Kenny; Lenore Gerard; Edric McAuliffe; Sharon Kennedy Gerlach; Michael & Mary Clare Simpson; Gerry Shield; Arlina Diaz; Desley Whitehouse; Laurie Sheehan; Arturo Belciña.



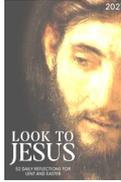
Parish news

Look to Jesus:

available via podcast

or electronic daily reflections at the link below: <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/lenten-program/> Lenten group on

Tuesdays, after 8am mass. **Way of the Cross** on Wednesdays, after 8am mass. {Not held on Wednesday during Holy Week}



Parishioners - we will have a working bee for our church and surrounds on Saturday March 13th. More information shortly.



Sacrament of Reconciliation Program (Year 5 or older)

Call / email our parish to enrol your child...



Wednesday **6pm, March 3rd**- Parent info session (Priory or Church)

Sunday **9am, March 7th**- Rite of Enrolment in mass

Wednesday **6pm, March 10th**- Child Session 1

Wednesday **6pm, March 17th**- Child Session 2

Wednesday **6pm, March 24th**- Rite of First

Reconciliation in our Church Sunday **9am, March 28th**

- Thanksgiving Mass.



IN THE BEGINNING: International Feast

Conference. Join virtually on 13th March (Saturday, 10am Brisbane time). Txt 0447352812 for free registration; or visit

www.feastconference.com/international.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 2021, Friday 5th March at 10am: St. James will be the host with 5 other local churches joining us. Everyone very welcome. Due to WDOP 2021 Friday 5th March at 10am, **Anointing + Healing Mass** Friday 12th March 9am.



FEBRUARY

27/28 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); **Year B/1 2nd Sunday Lent (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am)**

MARCH

2 Group Lenten Reflection after 8am mass

3 Way of the Cross after 8am mass

3 Parent Info session reconciliation program 6pm

5 Friday 9am mass

5 Friday 10am — World Day of Prayer Vanuatu (Venue: St James Church, Coorparoo)

6 / 7 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); **Year B/1 3rd Sunday Lent (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am)** Enrolment mass for Sacrament of Reconciliation for children

9 Group Lenten Reflection after 8am mass

10 Way of the Cross after 8am mass; Session 1 Sacrament of Reconciliation program 6pm

12 Friday 9am Anointing + Healing mass

PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE

Margret, 39, is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the



Solomon Islands. She was born deaf, so she knows the challenges it poses to education and employment.

The school faced water shortages that often left

staff and students without safe water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables.

Then Tropical Cyclone Harold damaged the school and its vegetable garden as the threat of COVID-19 loomed. With Caritas Australia's support, the school installed water tanks, provided cyclone-proof building materials, and helped to implement COVID-19 prevention measures.

Margret's school now has enough water for its students and the capacity to cater for more, and is now planning to boost food security through increased agricultural production. Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Welcome Fr Peter Jones OSA all masses this weekend.

Planned Giving for the Week of 21st February, 2021

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
Account numbers to be changed beginning 1st March					
1st Collection Augustinian BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006160102 (to be changed to 100019791 on 1st March)	\$895.75	\$205	\$312	\$133	\$1,545.75
2nd Collection Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006161103 (to be changed to 100005891 on 1st March)	\$404.50	\$185	\$377	\$217	\$1,183.50

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Pastoral Care	Parish Office	3397 1671
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Sunday's Readings: 2nd Sunday of Lent

First Reading *Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18* The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Second Reading *Romans 8: 31-34* God did not spare his own Son.

Gospel Reading *Mark 9: 2-10* This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.



Mass times WEEKEND: Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm
Sunday 7am, 9am, no longer 6pm.

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

WEEKDAY: Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30pm... by [new Eventbrite link](#) or call parish office.

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Friday 12th March @ 9am.

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY (at this stage).

Counters

February 27 / 28 Brendon & ...

March 6 / 7 Paul & Cecilia

Ministry	NEXT WEEK March 6 / 7	SATURDAY 6 PM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 7AM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 9AM (SIGN AT DOOR)
COMMENTATOR		Sylvia P	Berenice T-F	Marina Y
LECTOR		Ron S	Don T	Morag S
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION (2)		Rosemarie Y Karleen O'R	Heather L Jan L	John W Christine U-M
HOSPITALITY		None	during	CV19
ALTAR SERVER/S		Rodel / Ramil	Gene	Leah
POWERPOINT		Sydel I	John D / Gilbert	Di / June S
MARSHAL		Lorie / Karen / Will / Rachelle	Brendon G / Trish R	Cathy M

Next Sunday's Readings: 3rd Sunday of Lent

First Reading *Exodus 20: 1-17* The Law was given through Moses.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1: 22-25* We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

Gospel Reading *John 2: 13-25* Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up. For complete Sunday's readings, visit our [St James website](#) (look for the Prayer tab).

