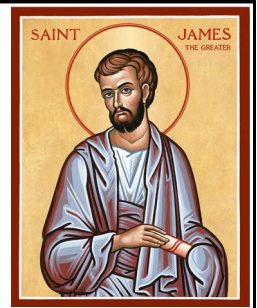


**8TH SUNDAY
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**ST JAMES PARISH
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**IS A PARISH OF ACCOMPANIMENT
WHERE WE ENCOUNTER AND
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AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY**



Gospel Reflection

In our post-modern world, the lesson of the hypocrite seeking to remove the speck from their neighbour's eye before removing the log from their own has at times been taken too far and too literally. We are often confronted with a minimalist notion that nobody can be corrected or criticised because one person's opinion is just as good as the next person's. In this view, there is no room for universal truths; no room for authority; no room for an over-arching view of the world or a meta-narrative – an underlying 'big picture' story for life.

Gospel Focus – Good from Good

'The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good.' What makes a person good? Is it that they have had good things happen in their life? There are plenty of people who have had good things in their life but they remain cynical and spiteful people. Similarly there are plenty who have had the hardest of circumstances yet goodness constantly flows from them. It's not the external influences but what we do with them that determines whether we are nurturing 'good treasure' or harbouring 'evil treasure'. This is not just sugary sweetness but a deliberate decision to be a person of hope.

Scriptural context – Three texts; one lesson

Today's gospel is made up of three separate teachings of Jesus that have been put together by the gospel writer to convey a particular message. When taken together, the three teachings all shed light on the way believers influence one another in community. It is a call to witness to one another through actions as well as words. Before we seek to teach another we must ensure we have adequately learned the lesson ourselves. We must be self-appraising before we critique another. Finally, our actions towards one another are a reflection of our intentions; good actions come from goodness of the heart.

Different View – Turn the other cheek

Presenting your other cheek when someone has already struck you is usually seen as a



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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?

pacifist action. However, a completely different interpretation can be made. If a man were to strike an inferior, it would be as a backhand strike – only equals fought with fists or open hands. Having been struck on one cheek with a backhand, offering the other cheek makes it impossible to again be struck with a backhand. The only option for the striker would be with an open hand – as equals fight. So, turning the other cheek can be interpreted as claiming your status as an equal.

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This Sunday's Readings

8th Sunday Ordinary (Year C March 2)

First Reading *Sirach 27: 4-7 Do not praise someone before they have spoken.*

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.	The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.	Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.
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Second Reading *1 Corinthians 15: 54-58 Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.*

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Gospel Reading *Luke 6: 39-45 A person speaks from what is in his heart.*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye. 'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'



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PROJECT
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Project Compassion Sunday
1st and 2nd of March 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. By taking home a Project Compassion donation box or envelope, you'll be answering the Gospels' call to care for our global family and walk alongside the most vulnerable.

Your generous support this Lenten season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges. Together, through faith and action, we can bring compassion and opportunity to those most in need.



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Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

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:**
 Rosemary Crowley; Julius Chan;
 Marie Linnane; Janette Joven Abinal; Aurea Lobo;
 Alfredo Hibalay Balaga; Margaret Carew; Fr Kim
 Bok-Chon (Johan) OSA; Andrea Arquileta.
And these anniversaries: Gerard O'Reilly; Luke
 O'Reilly; Merle Chapman; 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;
 Ty De Paoli; Alex Hastings; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan.



What's on

MARCH 2025
3 Monday Adult Faith EB 7-9pm in the priory
3 Monday Reconciliation / Penance Session Three
Tuesdays Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration till midday -wedding
5 Ash Wednesday 8am mass and 7pm mass
7 Friday 9am Anointing mass
8 / 9 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; 1st Sunday Lent;
(Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); No Baptisms during Lent.
10 Monday Adult Faith EB 7-9pm in the priory



Parish news **Ash Wednesday 5th March 2025**
 8am mass and 7pm mass



Our **Social Justice Group** exists to provide a conduit for the parish to practice the Corporal Works of Mercy. We do this through promoting awareness and reaching out to the disempowered and disenfranchised in our local community and beyond.

Our focus for activities in 2025...
 - Provide direct support to parishioners and people at risk with food and clothing programs
 - Coordinate response to Laudato Si so that we can be engaged in the care for our common home as a parish
 - Implement actions according to our Parish Reconciliation Action Plan

Practically, we will...
 - Promote awareness of social justice issues
 - Run a Quarterly Food Drive and involvement in Archdiocesan Refugee Sponsorship Initiative
 - Implement Sustainability activities including Containers for Change, No Single-use items, Solar Panels, Water Tanks
 - Implement RAP activities including Movie Night and NAIDOC week Mass

Remember Significant Dates for 2025...
 - Laudato Si Week 16-24 May
 - National Reconciliation Week 27-May to 3-June with Movie Night 27-May
 - NAIDOC Week Mass 13-July
 - Annual Launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement - 20-August
 - Season of Creation - September



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 and see church doors for information.



LENT 2025
 *Lenten Prayer Program in Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope, called **Start Anew in Christ** —begins Tuesday 11th March after 8am mass, with following prayer groups on Tuesdays after 8am mass. *You are warmly invited to participate.*

*Way of the Cross begins Wednesday 12th March, held in the Church each Wednesday during Lent, after 8am mass. *All warmly welcomed to join us.*
 {not held on Wednesday Holy Week}



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Alpha 2025.
 The parish will offer the highly successful Alpha program again this year, starting late April and running for 10 weeks. Numbers will be limited. Who will you invite to this year's Alpha? Watch the bulletin for more details.



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 - **our final week for collection.** (white baskets at entrances)
 cooking oil - olive oil; basmati rice; white sugar; plain flour; UHT milk; coffee; Noodles; Weetbix; tinned corn; tuna; coconut milk/cream; shower gel; laundry powder /liquid nappies size 6; tinned chickpea



Planned Giving for the Week of 23 February 2025

Collection Account numbers	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Credit card	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$740	\$195	\$5,560	\$270	\$245	\$7, 010
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891	\$636.10	\$185	\$5,490	\$270	\$425	\$7,006.10

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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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Social Justice (Dan)	Socialjusticeoutreach.stjames@gmail.com

Counters

March 1 / 2 June & Kate

March 8 / 9 Karleen + Sandra

Next week	1st Sunday LENT March 9	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR		Carina Choir	n/a	YAM
COMMENTATOR		Pat W	Trish R	Amor McC
LECTORS		Helen D	David B	YAM member
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		Priya H Collette S Paul D	Heather L Christy U Don T	Denis Mcl Jaqueline S June S
ALTAR SERVER/S		Charlie C	Brendon / Drew	Lea/ Alejandra/ Leo/ Doreen
POWERPOINT		Cecilia D	Brendon / Trish / Drew	Matthew A
WELCOMERS		Helen D / Edward	David +	Karla Arnold Adriana

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 Tuesday 5pm until further notice)

Vicky brisbane.adoration@gmail.com

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Friday 7th March at 9am

FIRST FRIDAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday no mass in March

KERALA COMMUNITY MASS: 30th March 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: <https://thekidsbulletin.com/about/>



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New Parishioners
Please register
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Next Sunday's Readings

1st Sunday Lent (Year C March 9)

First Reading Deuteronomy 26: 4-10 *The confession of faith of the elect.*

Second Reading Romans 10: 8-13 *The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.*

Gospel Reading Luke 4: 1-13 *Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.*

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