

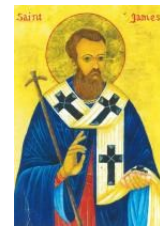
**28TH SUNDAY
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The Parish of St James



Coorparoo

**An Augustinian Parish:
member of Brisbane East Deanery.**



Moderator's Musings

Greetings and Peace in Christ.

Dearly Beloved,

In Exodus 3: 7-8, 10, we read, "I have observed the misery of my People who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters, indeed I know their suffering, and I have come to deliver them... So I will send you..."

On 27th of September, Pope Francis launched the Caritas International campaign on Migration which has the theme "Share the Journey". This is a step to tackle what Pope Francis calls "the culture of indifference." He wishes us to extend a helping hand to migrants by promoting a "culture of encounter."

Pope Francis is extending his prayers and support in these words, "Dear migrants and refugees! Never lose the hope that you too are facing a more secure future, that on your journey you will encounter an outstretched hand, and that you can experience fraternal solidarity and the warmth of friendship! To all of you, and to those who have devoted their lives and their efforts to helping you, I give the assurance of my prayers and I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing."

One of our Australian Augustinian Fathers who works for refugees and migrants in Thailand, Fr John Murray OSA, will share with us the reality of refugees and migrants, for whom he dedicates most of his ministry time. I look forward to your response to this sharing of Fr John Murray OSA. Can we instigate an action program for our Parish with the help of our Social Justice and Peace Council?

As Pope Francis comments in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, "our commitment does not consist exclusively in activities or programmes of promotion and assistance; above all an attentiveness which considers the other as one with ourselves." The sense of being one with, in the suffering and sadness of the people who are unjustly alienated from their homeland brings us to the core of the Gospel message, "Love your neighbour as you love yourself." Together with the action plan that we will undertake, let us also develop in us a sense of belonging and loving attentiveness towards our brothers and sisters who are displaced from their homeland.

Peace and Love,
Fr Jaison