

**3RD SUNDAY
ADVENT
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16 / 17
DECEMBER**

The Parish of St James

Coorparoo

An Augustinian Parish

Arch Diocese of Brisbane.



Moderator's Musings

Third Sunday of Advent

Later yet, God allowed for the special:

For friendship to grow
For truth to be discovered,
For faith to become real.

On the mountaintop

And in quiet places,

Bod bless us, saying, "Let there be light"

And there was light

(The third candle is lit)



So, remember not why,
but how and when and
where you've been
blessed and give
thanks for the light.

(Silent prayer and reflection)

Greetings in the Lord.

Now that we have undergone the sacrament of reconciliation last Thursday evening, we have started our Novena Masses leading up to the celebration of the Birth of Jesus. This is part of our preparation to welcome the Lord, when he comes again as he promised. It is of greater importance for us to look into the signs of the times as we prepare ourselves for receiving the Lord, and make ourselves immune from the worldliness that exerts its influence upon us. As Jesus prays to the father for the disciples in John, 17:15-17, "I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the Evil One. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; Your word is truth." Dear brothers and sisters, the world today is exerting its evil tendencies and influence upon us. But, we, who are consecrated in the truth of Jesus, have to shed the light of Jesus' truth to the entire world. We need to identify the philosophies and ideologies that undermine the dignity of the human person, that erodes the design of God for the full realisation of the human existence, that gives predominance to the human made laws above the natural and divine laws. This time of Advent in 2017 is a call for us who commit to the truth of Jesus, to dust off the worldliness that stick to our personal, family and faith life, to re-consecrate ourselves to the heart of Jesus, "who loved us and who gave himself for us." (Ephesians, 5:2).

Regarding the progress of the toilet and community facility centre project:

The council has asked us to produce an **Impact Assessable Application report**. The finance committee will meet together to discuss how to complete the further proceedings. We will get back to you with updated information after this has been done.

Peace and Joy,

Fr. Jaison OSA.