

**4TH SUNDAY  
ADVENT  
YR B 2017  
23 / 24  
DECEMBER**

# The Parish of St James



## Coorparoo

**An Augustinian Parish  
Arch Diocese of Brisbane.**



### Moderator's Musings

#### Greetings in the Lord.

We come to the fourth Sunday in Advent, which is also the Vigil of Christmas for this year. The ceremony of lighting the fourth candle in the advent wreath gives us great hope and joy.

**Reader:** And then, when the light was brightest, and life was good, despite our better judgment, but in solidarity with all humankind, we chased shadows, and chose darkness.

**Presider:** So, Remember how and when and where and perhaps why you have wandered from the light.  
(Silence)



**Reader:** Because God loves us, there will be light again. Not first in chaos, not first on the journey, not first for the special place, but on the ground and in a hidden place, God will come, offering a baby's hand, to greet us.

(The fourth Candle is lit)

**Presider:** Lord Jesus Christ, who chose, at Bethlehem, to meet us, make us ready to lose and leave all that makes us proud and sufficient. Let our knees bend to you, our hearts cradle you, our lips sing you songs of love.



#### A Christmas Prayer for you

**May the Son of God bring you peace and joy.  
May he take away all darkness of sadness from  
your life.**

**May he be born in your mind and heart.  
May he bring healing to you  
and your beloved ones and all who are distressed  
both in mind and body.**

**May he open our hearts  
to the suffering and lonely.  
May he make us humble and gentle in heart.**

He is Immanuel, God with us. He knows us in the depth of our hearts. He shares with us all our suffering and pain. He is there in our joys and dancing. He is there, unrecognized in the guise of the poor and lonely – in the little ones. He is there in your dreams and travels. He is there to keep you safe when you flee. He is there to give you a home when you are homeless. He knows us in the depth of our hearts. He is Immanuel, God with us.

I have the pleasure to share with you the joy and happiness of Christmas together with Fr. Peter Hayes, Fr. Saldie, Dn. Dang, and Prior, Fr. Peter Wieneke, Fr Brian, Fr. Kevin and Fr Joe from Villanova College Augustinian Community.

## HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Peace and Joy, Fr. Jaison, OSA.