

25TH SUNDAY

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The Parish of St James

Coorparoo

An Augustinian Parish:

member of Brisbane East Deanery.



Moderator's Musings

Greetings to all as I write these final "MUSINGS" to you.

First of all, We have been looking over all our physical holdings with a view to developing an Ongoing Maintenance Program for all our Buildings.

Normally we understand these programs cover 20-25 Years. However, ours will need to start immediately and initially cover the next 9yrs and then longer.

1. Obviously our recent discoveries in the Church mean we start ASAP on the twenty-four round windows that run around the top of the Church. Initially this will involve our Leadlight person and a builder carpenter person.
2. Next will be our priory; initially a paint Job, plus?
3. The toilet/ gathering space is still with Council as of Thursday. New decisions most likely will need to be made? A job for Fr Jason and the Finance committee.
4. Other areas the PA system in the Church is at the upper limit of development. We need to discern what a new system will look like!
5. Our PowerPoint and screens within our Church has served us well but soon we will be faced with replacement. This too needs planning.
6. Others: - Recently we restored the **Stations** to their former magnificent state. We need to be vigilant as to who touches them. I mean in terms of skill as we discovered when we last renewed them. Also **our Organ**. It needs care and regular maintenance. When we raise our eyes in praise of our God – let us also be aware of **our Fans** here too is another maintenance issue and area.

Finally Farewell and a change of lifestyle, as you the people of St James have taught me and as God has taught me.

First I simply wish to thank you for welcoming me as your Leader and for walking beside me in the many ventures we have undertaken together. Your advice and your challenges have graced my journey. Many have referred to "missing my smiling face" thank you for the compliment and a new awareness I promise you I will try to continue to bring joy into people's lives.

Finally I want to thank my God for the beautiful free life giving relationship he has shared with me and hopefully I attempted to share with you – just engaging with God as a friend face to face. "Not just saying prayers" but growing a personal relationship one to one – may God bless you all.

Peace, Fr Brian.