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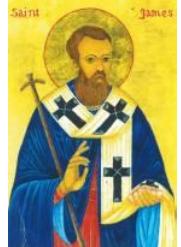
# **The Parish of St James**

**Coorparoo.**

**An Augustinian Parish:**

**{member of**

**Brisbane East Deanery}**



## **Moderator's Musings**

Prior General Fr Alejandro Moral Antón OSA expressed his delight and heartfelt thanks for the wonderful welcome he received from St James Parishioners.

Fr Alejandro, was engaged with us on two occasions: - **on Friday evening**, he met with the Augustinian Friends, the Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee.

**On Sunday**, he presided at the 9am mass, and afterwards joined us for morning tea in the parish hall.

Fr Alejandro commented on the very relaxed manner of parishioners on both occasions. You approached, introduced yourselves and engaged him in conversation about his life and role as the Prior General.

My impression of what he was communicating was – your manner of engagement relaxed him, and enabled him to communicate more effectively and in a more relaxed manner.

Finally, may I thank you for the manner in which you engaged Fr Alejandro. I felt very proud of Our Parish as I witnessed your gentle engagement. Thank you for welcoming our world leader, and his assistant Fr Tony Banks OSA, so generously.



**Br Saldie** will return to Sydney next week as he will enter his pre-ordination retreat with Br Francis and Br Percival. They will be ordained with him. After this retreat, he will return and join us for Easter. Their Ordination will be the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2017. **Please keep them in your prayers during these days leading to the Ordination. Your invitation is on the church pew.**

### **A Commitment to safe communities.**



There are several ways in which the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy aims to ensure that its parish communities are safe places for all, especially our children and the vulnerable.



#### **Safeguarding Training**

All volunteers are required to complete the initial safeguarding training session. You may not have direct contact with children or vulnerable adults, but you may witness something, or have someone disclose to you. As such, these sessions aim to support parishioners understanding of:

- The context incidents of abuse – Society & Church
- what is harm
- boundaries and boundary violations
- the key element to the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Policy
- how to respond to safeguarding issues in the parish

#### **Ongoing Monitoring – Internal and External Review**

- Internal reviews/audits will be conducted annually
- Independent, external review of Parishes over a 5 year period commenced in 2016.

**Peace, Fr Brian.**