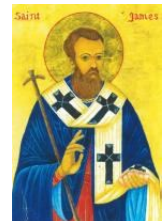


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# **The Parish of St James**

## **Coorparoo**

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



### **Moderator's Musings**

Greetings and Peace

Dearly Beloved,

As we remember our beloved departed brothers and sisters...

November is the month we have set apart to remember the departed souls of our beloved sisters and brothers. It is comforting to bring to our minds the picture of Jesus weeping before the grave of his friend Lazarus, an incarnation of God who identifies himself with the pains and sufferings of human beings.

Jesus teaches us to look at death as an event of transformation. Like the transformation of the water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, and as the wine transformed into the life-giving blood of Jesus at the table of Last Supper, in the mystery of death, Jesus will transform our mortal bodies into heavenly bodies, temporal life into eternal life.

Jesus' encounter with the death of Lazarus, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him' (John 11:11) and that of daughter of Jairus, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep,' are events where death is simplified to the form of a mere temporal sleep. The souls of the faithful departed fall asleep in death, in order to be awakened in the embrace of our loving and merciful God.

As we remember and pray for the departed souls of our beloved brothers and sisters, let us draw our attention to St. Paul who assures us that, "Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him" (Rom 6, 8). Let us be assured of the hope these words offer for the beloved departed and above all for us, who are alive. Let us commend all the faithful departed into the mercy of God as we pray: "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace." Amen.

Peace and Joy

Fr. Jaison OSA.