

**13TH SUNDAY**

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# **The Parish of St James**

## **Coorparoo**

**An Augustinian Parish:**

**member of Brisbane East Deanery.**



### **Moderator's Musings**

**Today we celebrate National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture.**

**1. The multicultural mass and fiesta:** Our Pastoral Council spent large portion of time listening to people reflecting on the multicultural event. The overwhelming impression we note is **this event is good for us**. It raises our awareness of our multicultural make up. It assures us we are not alone; we have many brothers and sisters who share our friendship. Indeed, together we will succeed –come join us.

**2. During these conversations** –it was mentioned **needing more volunteers** to lighten the work load of the willing few. Our chairperson held up a copy of the National Church Life Survey (see inside bulletin for details) and proceeded to quote one of the survey results for volunteers. He read **from our own survey results on volunteers, that 24 percent of our parishioners wish to be more involved in our parish.**

**My response to this good news, is to please give me your names and details. I promise I will quickly have a spot for you. Thank you for answering the National Church Life Survey. Please contact me ASAP.**

### **3. Pastoral Council News**

This year the council would like to organise **A PARISH PICNIC. It will be in CB Mott Park on the 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.** Our research says: - It is ideal: it has open spaces for running and games. There are pits to play in and quite a few other things. This will excite the children. Our Youth Group (Y.A.G.) will have oversight of these activities.

Finally, the Council will introduce a **Vegetable Garden close to the Church.** It will be designed so that the community, especially the aged, can cultivate the vegetables with ease. People will be able to take home the vegetables they have grown, or share them with others. **We thank Bunnings** who will provide quite a bit of the raw material.

**Peace, Fr Brian.**