

**17TH SUNDAY**

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**29 / 30 JULY**

# The Parish of St James

## Coorparoo

**An Augustinian Parish:**

**member of Brisbane East Deanery.**



### Moderator's Musings

**NCLS [National Church Life Survey] Report as promised:** I have chosen a few reports to let you read what your fellow Catholics at St James wrote:

**1. People in our parish most value:**

- A. Celebrating Eucharist and receiving Communion 56%
- B. Traditional style of worship or music 32%
- C. Praying for one another 30%
- D. Openness to social or cultural diversity 27%

**2. Want attention to:**

- A. Building a stronger sense of community 34%
- B. Increasing the number of people at mass 29%
- C. Spiritual growth (eg direction) 27%
- D. Liturgies that are nurturing to people's faith 24%

**Demographic Profile at St James people at St James**

- A. 54% of people are female and 46% are male.
- B. 54% of people have a University degree.
- C. 21% have a trade certificate, diploma or associate diploma.
- D. 21% have primary or secondary school education.

**Average age of people is 55 years.**

Percentage: 13% 15-29yrs; 29% 30-49yrs; 28% 50-69yrs; 29% 70+yrs

**45% of all people were born in Australia. 55% were born Overseas**  
**50% speak a language other than ENGLISH at home. 40% of attenders here are new arrivals at St James in the past five years.**

**91% attend mass at least monthly.**

**Church Background and attendance**

**33% switcher/transfer    2% newcomer    6% visitor    58% longterm**

**How people relate to God**

**PERSONAL FAITH 48%** of attenders said they had experienced **MUCH GROWTH IN FAITH** in the previous 12 months.

**50%** spent time in **PRAYER, BIBLE READING, MEDITATION** every day or most days.

**IMPORTANCE OF GOD IN PEOPLE'S LIVES: 29%** God is more important to me than almost anything else. **55%** God is the most important reality in my life. During church services: attenders appreciate **music 72%**; **growth understanding God 70%**; challenge to take action **55%**.

**Peace, Fr Brian.**