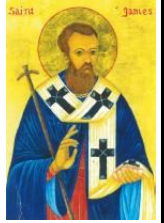


**22ND SUNDAY
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The Parish of St James

Coorparoo

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



Moderator's Musings

1. We welcome our [Augustinian Provincial, Fr David Austin OSA](#), who is visiting our parish this weekend.

2. [Marriage Encounter](#) - During the week, I was invited to a meal and a chat with Brisbane Marriage Encounter leaders, Ben and Lolita Norris. They had just returned from a meeting in Melbourne with other Australia-wide leaders in Marriage Encounter. As we talked about The Marriage Encounter Movement, it was for me a journey back in time. I realised the movement I grew to love all those years ago, still has the power to tug at the strings of my heart, all these years later. **Why, you well may ask?** During the evening, I recalled some of the things I was led to say from my years of involvement with Marriage Encounter. Things like – “give me four couples who have experienced a marriage weekend and I will change the face of this parish”. I was remembering the love that radiated from those couples after they finished a weekend. I was reminded of the power and the influence two people deeply in love can show, a love rediscovered over a marriage encounter weekend. A love that can change families, parishes and their people when they experience it.

I am wondering how many in our parish have experienced a weekend? If yes, could the parish hear your experience/s and the effect on you and your family? If no, may I suggest you think about doing a weekend? They happen once a year in August. I have details if anyone is interested.

3. We have the [Archbishop's Annual Catholic Campaign next weekend](#), whereby four causes are placed before us, for our generous response as a parish.

A. Retired priests.

B. People in need of education: the Mackillop Fund provides assistance to families wishing to give their children a Catholic Education.

C. The Holy Spirit Seminary: educating potential young priests to serve in the Archdiocese.

D. Centacare: an extraordinary organization in the Archdiocese, that helps a plethora of people in various walks of life.

Next week, we will have a DVD where Archbishop Coleridge appeals for funds for this Annual Catholic Appeal.

4. [Update on the parish toilet](#): We have engaged an Architect to do our drawings and present them to the Council for approval, so we can move on the relocation of the parish toilet.

5. [Ongoing repairs to our church](#): We have discovered some of the stained glass windows are in need of repair on the Priory side of the church. Alarmingly, we have found the wood surrounding the glass is rotting in some areas. We are about to call tenders for this job.

Peace, Fr Brian.