

Please pray for recently deceased: Wilson Gavin; Joel Almeréz; Rita Moreaity; Patricia Hayez; Michael Lantoria; Josefina Villacarta; Marie Long; Fr John Barry OSA.
And these anniversaries: Jack Killin; Crispina Gorre; Tresa William.
Please pray for these unwell: Greg Whitney; Steven McSwan; Tess Walsh; Rodrigo Urbano; Santina Romano; Jocelyn Tibayan; Michael Simpson.
Please give prayers and welcome our Baptismal Children.

A Faith Response by Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen

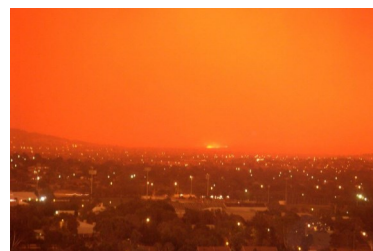
Bishop Tim Harris of Townsville summed the situation up in a tweet on 2nd January, 'Australia is burning. Lives being lost. Properties destroyed. Heartbreak for so many in NSW and elsewhere. No doubt that a climate change emergency exists. Immediate responses required now but longer-term questions remain.'

In a 7th January statement, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference President Archbishop Mark Coleridge explains that, 'while the bishops typically respond to [such] challenges at a parish or diocesan level, the scale of this crisis requires a national response from the whole Church to complement and coordinate what is happening locally.' Archbishop Coleridge says that 'a genuinely Catholic response to a crisis of this magnitude must draw strength from prayer which inspires concrete and compassionate action' and he renews the Bishops' call for 'prayer for those stricken by drought and fire, for those who have lost their lives in the fires and their families, for rain to quench the parched land and extinguish the fires, and for urgent action to care for our common home in order to prevent such calamities in the future'.

Non-believers may dismiss our prayers as asking our 'invisible friend' for magical favours. However, as we pray for all those who are affected by the fires and the drought, and ask God for rain, our hearts and minds naturally turn to the deeper meaning of things. As we pray, we ask where God is in these dramatic events. We seek awareness of God's call to us through the people, places and events of these times. Authentic prayer leads us to give God's love flesh and blood in our responses. Prayer is not an alternative to action, it is part of our action.

The bushfire crisis is a wake-up call to Australia and all Australians. Lament, repentance, the effort to repair damage done, and the transformation of behaviour – these are elements of a process of conversion. Pope Francis sees this moment in human history as calling for an ecological conversion which 'must be understood in an integral way, as a transformation of how we relate to our sisters and brothers, to other living beings, to creation in all its rich variety and to the Creator who is the origin and source of all life' (*World Day of Peace Message, 2020*). Now is exactly the time for this conversion.

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Mass Times **WEEKEND:** Saturday 8 am; Vigil 6 pm; Sunday 7 am, 9 am, 6 pm.

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8 am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30 pm.

ADORATION: Thursday 8 am.

PRAYER GROUP: each morning prior to Mass.

Next week	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
January 25 / 26				
COMMENTATOR	David P	Don T	Judith R	Bill S
LECTOR	Anne C	John D	Mike S	Leslie S
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Ron S Anne S Sylvia P	Yen Mai Vu Berenice T-F Heather L	Carmel T Dianne M *	Rosemarie Y Romy U Christy U
HOSPITALITY	Mary-Rita D Cathy W	Esme G	Nigel R Judith M	*
ALTAR SERVERS	Deneb	Gene	*(assistance needed, please contact parish)	John, Rodel, Ramil, Alyssa, Klaris
POWERPOINT	Paul	John, Gilbert	Di, June	Sydel

Counters

January 18 / 19 Anne & Margaret

January 25 / 26 Karleen & Sandra

Next Sunday's Readings:

3rd Sunday Ordinary Time: First Reading *Isaiah 8: 23—9: 3* In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light. **Second Reading** *1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17* I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters,

make up the differences between you. **Gospel Reading** *Matthew 4: 12-23* He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

For complete Sunday's readings, visit our St James website (look for the Prayer tab).

**2ND SUNDAY
ORDINARY
TIME
YR A 2020
18 / 19 JANUARY**

**The Parish of St James
Coorparoo**
**A Vibrant, Prayerful, Inclusive
Augustinian Parish
Archdiocese of Brisbane**



Our mass today

2nd Sunday Ordinary Time: First Reading *Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6* I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1: 1-3* The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **Gospel Reading** *John 1: 29-34* This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

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www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings.**



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VINNIES BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Parishes across the country are taking up a special collection at Masses on the Australia

Day weekend (25/26 January), with all funds to be donated to Vinnies' bushfire appeal.



Sunday 26 January Australia Day.

Monday 27 January Australia Day public holiday.

Tuesday 28 January Administration Day

Wednesday 29 January 2020 School Commences for Years P-6

Friday 14 February Opening School Mass 9am in the Church



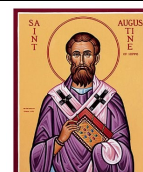
Friends of St Augustine Gatherings for 2020 – note them in your diary...

Wednesday 12th February 6pm for 6.30pm start

Wednesday 13th May 6pm for 6.30pm start

Wednesday 12th August 6pm for 6.30pm start

Wednesday 11th November 6pm for 6.30pm start



Br Tuan Anh on annual leave 26 Dec – 26 Jan and Retreat in Philippines till 23 Feb.

Fr Francis takes his 2019 annual leave: 1-31 January.

Trish on annual leave holiday Friday 17th January—Friday 24th January.

Used Stamps for the Missions -

Now the holidays are over, please collect your overseas AND local stamps. Save your stamps and return them to the collection plate at mass, or Parish Office letterbox (at the top step of the Priory.) Your help would be greatly appreciated. *Loreto Sisters*

The Little King's Movement once a year conducts a Door Knock Appeal. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities. There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for services are increasing.

Appeal weekend 1st & 2nd February 2020

We have placed envelopes on the pews for a few weeks.



JANUARY

25/26 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; **Year A 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time**
Vinnies Bushfire Appeal – extra collection to be donated for bushfire appeal.

27/28 no Pastoral Council or Finance Committee meetings in January

29 Wednesday St James School Commences for Years P-6

31 Fr Francis returns

FEBRUARY

1/2 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; **Year A Presentation of the Lord**
Appeal weekend 1st & 2nd February for Little King's Movement

7 Friday Anointing Mass at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

8/9 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; **Year A 5th Sunday Ordinary Time**

11 Tuesday Celebrating Triduum and Easter 6—9pm Fr Denis Power Centre, Paddington

12 Wednesday Friends of St Augustine Gathering 6pm for 6.30pm start

14 Friday St James School Opening School Mass 9am in the Church

