Trinity Sunday
22 May 2016

ST JAMES PARISH CENSUS WEEKEND

The Parish of St James will be undergoing a Stewardship Program in October of this year. To help prepare for this very important Mission, we will be holding a Parish Census on the next two weekends; 28/29 May and 04/05 June.

We encourage every family member within our Parish, those who have previously filled in a Census, School Families and new Parishioners to fill in the Census Card. This will be done after the Homily at all Masses.

One Census Card per household need to be filled in. Each Census Card is for Parents and their children. Should other relatives be living in your household (eg grandparents, cousins, etc), they too are to fill in a separate Census Card.

There will be members of the Committee outside the Church or in the Narthex to assist people who may experience difficulty filling up a form.

On the back of this Bulletin, a sample copy of the Census Card is there to help you prepare. If you wish to fill that in and return it next weekend, that can be handed in when we collect them after the Homily.

VOLUNTEERS THANKSGIVING MASS AND LUNCHEON

Last weekend we had the fortune of celebrating our many volunteers with a Thanksgiving Mass celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long and a Luncheon. Here is what someone thought of the day:

I would like to thank Fr. Jude on behalf of the volunteers, for the wonderful Mass and BBQ held last Saturday at St James the Apostle. I would also like to thank the Function Committee who did everything to make the day a success, and RJ the butcher who supplied the meat, it was delicious.

The Mass, celebrated on the Eve of Pentecost was very meaningful and coincided with Bishop Long leaving us to take up his new post in Parramatta NSW. He reflected on the difficulty of leaving the old to take up the new. The readings were inspiring giving us the energy and spirit to carry on. I'm sure everyone agrees with me that it is nice to be recognised for what we do. The word Thank You is very powerful in doing this.

Tess Mijares

DATES TO REMEMBER

25 May Wed   Baptism Team Meeting with Fr Jude in Presbytery at 7:00pm
26 May Thurs Lectors Training in Church at 7:00pm
28/29 May   Parish Census

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!

We appreciate and welcome you to our celebration of the Eucharist. If you are not registered as a member of our Parish Community, please fill in a Census Card from the foyer and put it into the collection basket.

Weekend Masses: Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am and 5:00pm
LETTER TO YP’S FOR LAUDATO SI

Dear Young Paulists,

What an inspiring evening last night’s presentation was! Pat Long from EarthSong was able to encapsulate Pope Francis’ encyclical on the environment, “Laudato Si’: on Care for Our Common Home,” in a way that was very accessible to all of us present. It was so timely to hear about and have the opportunity to discuss the issues related to climate change and other threats to creation, human life and human dignity. More profoundly it was empowering to realise that each of us, in our own small ways, can make a difference. It is not only environmentalists and scientists who should endorse the document but indeed each and every one of us, Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

I hope that this presentation will lead us as a parish to respond to the challenges Pope Francis describes: that we will advocate for more sustainable practices in our homes, schools and workplaces; and that we as a parish seriously consider how we can commit to lowering our carbon footprints, making our parish community more sustainable, and advocating for policy changes that will protect God’s creation and the poor who suffer most when we don’t live rightly within it.

Thank you for organising this event for all parishioners. I now can’t wait to go away and read Laudato Si! Geralyn McCarthy

HELP WITH WWCC AND POLICE CHECKS

For those serving in our Parish Ministries who are completing their Working With Children Checks and/or Police Check applications and would like help to complete this process, there will be Parish volunteers who will be available after each Mass on the weekends of 11/12 Jun and 09/10 Jul to assist you complete it then.

PARISH MASS COUNTS

During the month of May, we will have our annual Parish Mass Counts at all Masses.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

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ST JAMES FEAST DAY PARISH PARTY

A party to celebrate our St James Parish Feast is being organised for Sat 23 July! You are invited to come and join the festivities in the St James Community Hall (Gym). Our Parish Major Raffle will be drawn on the evening. Further details will be provided soon, but for now, just save the date!

Thanks for the great support parishioners have shown by selling tickets for the Raffle. Tickets need to be returned by Sun 03 July.

ST JAMES YOUTH—CAMP ENIGMA

St James Parish are excited to present Camp Enigma, a live-in camp for those in Year 7-12 in 2017. A dynamic experience with other youth from our Parish, get ready for 3 days of high energy entertainment, music, huge games, captivating talks and confronting the mystery of our faith. Check out the flyer in the Narthex for more information or contact us at youth@stjamesapostlehcn.com.au.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL’S WINTER APPEAL

Next weekend we shall have the St Vincent De Paul’s Winter Appeal to support the vital work of Vinnie’s in helping those in our community and beyond. Please give generously.

NEW LECTORS AND COMMENTATORS

For those who are interested in finding out more about the ministry of Lectors and Commentators, we invite you to an information/training session, particularly if you attend the Sat 6:00pm Mass or the Sun 10:30am Mass. The last session will be on Thurs 26 May at 7:00pm-8:30pm. To attend or to find out more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9748 6800. These sessions are also open to those currently serving as a Lector or Commentator who would like a refresher course.

PRAYER LIST

Let us pray and support those in our community who are sick. We especially pray for Laurie Fenech, Jaime Inigo Silva, Didier Oulai, Bienvenido Are, Malcolm Hughes, Rita Grima, Elizabeth Schlemitz, Les Jones, David Ruffles, Rita Baggott, Theresa De Bono, Frank Hili, Eduardo Francisco, Nicholas Zammit, Fr Paul Kierce mssp, Fr Claude Borg mssp and all those who are ill.
**READINGS FOR BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

1st Reading: *Gen 14:18-20*
Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 109:1-4*
You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek

2nd Reading: *1 Cor 11:23-26*
Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

Gospel: *Lk 9:11-17*
They all ate and were filled.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to Ross Xuereb for the works done on the Church roof recently to help make it more water tight.

**RCIA**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, receiving the Sacraments or exploring the Catholic faith. The meetings are held on Fridays at 7:00pm in the Parish Office Foyer. If you or anyone you know is interested, you are welcome to come along. The invitation is also extended to any Catholics who may want to become more informed about the various aspects of our Faith. **Due to this year’s large intake, we regret that we will be unable to accept any new enquirers after the Fri 10 Jun.**
Over the next two weekends, the St James Parish Census will take place using the cards above which will be handed out during the Masses. You may choose to fill in the card during those weekends, or alternatively, you may choose to pre-fill the cards above and return them to the Church when the Census is collected next weekend.

Please note the instructions for filling these cards on the front of this Parish Bulletin.