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Tues—Sat 9:00am

1st Friday Monthly:
Mass at 7:30pm
Adoration at 8:00-9:00pm

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Saturday: 9:30am-10:00am
5:00-5:30pm

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ST JAMES
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ST JAMES PARISH FETE

The Parish Fete was celebrated last weekend on Sat 19 Oct. Here are a few messages of thanks for the Fete:

May I thank you all St James Parish for a job well done. Thank you so much for your labour of love. Your willingness to continually give of yourselves to the success of our Parish Community Fete. It was indeed encouraging to hear from visitors the affirmations of a truly dynamic and vibrant community.

To Kevin Lloyd who drove the Fete with true gentleness and sensitivity, the Fete Committee, Parish Staff, our School Communities and the many volunteers who gave of themselves so generously.

For your time, effort and hard work please accept the thanks and appreciation of this beautiful and dynamic church.

With the Church Extension Project approaching your support and encouragement is truly needed and appreciated.

We will provide you with the financial results of the Fete in the next few weeks.

Fr Jude

Thank you to everyone who made last weekend's Fete a success. Fetes are only possible through the contribution and support of so many people. There were many who helped in the lead up such as Committee Members organising things and those who contributed cakes, plants and second hand items.

On the day, there were over 100 Parish Volunteers and about 100 Staff members from our schools helping out and importantly many people came along and took part and showed their support that way. Thank you to all of you. It's great to see the community spirit alive in so many people at St James Parish.

Kevin Lloyd—Fete Committee Organiser

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

St James Men's Ministry will host a Men's Breakfast in the Paulist Centre from 8am – 11am on Saturday 16 November. All men welcome. A donation of \$7 would be appreciated to cover costs.

Our guest speaker, Rev Royden D'Souza, will present a talk on Christian Leadership. He will address the 5 Cs: Character, Connection, Community, Commitment and Commission. He will help us to appreciate that we can all be effective leaders.

Please register your intention to attend on the sheet in the Narthex. For further details please contact Peter O'Toole 0410 330 864. We look forward to seeing you there; you won't be disappointed

Weekend Masses: Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am and 5:00pm

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The characters in the parable told in today's Gospel illustrate two radically different ways of coming before God. In prayer the focus should be upon God. The Pharisee's concern, however, is all about himself. Worse still, it also includes the failings of his fellow human being, so conveniently illustrated here in the person of the tax-collector.

The Pharisee (though, of course, not all Pharisees were like this) typifies those who can only bolster their own self-image by putting others down. Life is a competition in virtue. God's role is that of assessing the results and issuing the prizes. Prayer is an opportunity to keep God informed about how successfully one is doing, and also about the shortcomings of others.

The tax-collector, by contrast, simply pleads that God be merciful to him, a sinner. In what sense was he sinner? Because of personal moral failure? Perhaps. But perhaps also because, with a family to support and no other job possibilities, he finds himself trapped in an occupation that makes him a sinner in his own eyes and those of his world. All this the parable leaves open.

In any case, as declared by Jesus, it is the tax collector who is right with God ("justified"), while the Pharisee is not.

This should bring comfort to many who feel trapped in their sinfulness and unworthy to approach God. The parable suggests that God can deal far more easily with our sinfulness than our "righteousness" in our own eyes. It is the latter that erects a barrier against the bountiful mercy of God.

Fr Brendan Byrne SJ

GIVE A GIFT THAT LASTS

Your gift can help those who are less fortunate! Buy an MSSP Christmas Gift Card and donate money to help support the education of the young adults, members of the Jose' De Piro Kabataan Orkestra in the Philippines or the seminarians of the Missionary Society of St Paul in the International House of Formation in Manila, studying philosophy and theology in preparation for their future missionary service. Cards will be available from the Welcome Minister at the Welcome Desk.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

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| Thanksgiving: | \$ 3558.35 |
| Presbytery: | \$ 866.95 |
| Flowers: | \$ 21.25 |
| Youth: | \$ 11.90 |

Thankyou

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL TODAY

This weekend our Parish is holding the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal. Today in the midst of this Extraordinary Missionary Month celebration, you have the opportunity to support the works of Catholic Mission such as their project at Eden Gardens Children's Home in India, supporting 250 children. Please support generously the global works of the church.

ALL SAINTS, ALL SOULS AND ADORATION

On **Fri 01 Nov** we celebrate All Saint's Day with Masses at 9:00am and 7:30pm in the Church. First Friday Adoration will follow the evening Mass until 9:00pm.

On **Sat 02 Nov** we celebrate All Soul's Day with Mass at 9:00am. Please note that the evening Mass at 6:00pm will be the regular weekend Mass (31st Sunday in Ordinary Time) and not All Soul's Day Mass.

COMMEMORATION BOOK

During the month of November, a Commemoration Book will be available in the Narthex. You may place the names of your departed loved ones in this book which will be part of our Liturgy at all Masses in November.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

On Thurs 14 Nov at 7:00pm, we will have a Mass of Remembrance for all Parishioners who have had a loved one pass away this year. Their families are asked to bring a photo or something to signify their loved one to this Mass. All Parishioners are welcome to come and support the families of the deceased.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

During the month of November there will be many Mass Intentions for the Deceased. Each of the Mass Intentions will be distributed to various Paulist Missionaries around the world with each Intention celebrated individually and the stipends associated with those Mass Intentions used to support those Missionaries. Envelopes available in the Magazine Rack.

LECTORS AND COMMENTATORS

The next Training Session for Lectors and Commentators will be on Wed 20 Nov at 7:00pm-9:00pm. Please join us if you are interested in joining this ministry or wish to find out more information. Current ministers are expected to attend a Session once every 2 years. Please RSVP by contacting the Parish on 9748 6800, Mon-Fri, 9:30am-2:30pm.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEKEND 02/03 NOVEMBER

| MASS TIMES | SAT 6:00 PM | SUN 8:30 AM | SUN 10:30 AM | SUN 5:00 PM |
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| LECTOR | Florence Korapaty | Irma De Guzman | Michael Are | Jess Gleeson |
| COMMENTATOR | Adele Hegedich | Greg Ifurung | Jo-Anne Dean | Lanica Vasquez |
| SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION | Kathryn Mallia Taniya Alfred Marie D'Silva Cheryl Cabral Cris Cabral | Frenzel Andrión John Nguyen Colin Bracken Maria Apulu Angelique Harkins | Angela Are Alice D;Cruz Anthony Landells Ron Rivera Avis Fernandez | Luke Gleeson Felix Choo Oliver Menezes Rita Menezes Soy Rubite |
| PIETY STALL | Jill Dooley | Kath Godfrey | S Annrose Brown | - |
| VACUUMER | Michelle McDonald | ALTAR LINEN | Annalise Fernandes |  ST JAMES THE APOSTLE <small>PARISH</small> |
| CLEANERS | Roy Legaspinó Jeremy Espina | SOUP KITCHEN | Patricia Gomez Bianca Gomez Heather D'Cruz | |
| COUNTERS | Paul Hughes Libby Hughes Marie D'Silva | CHILDREN'S LOTW | <i>On Break Until Further Notice</i> | |
| | | FLOWERS | Robyn Dyt | |

VOLUNTEERS AT ST JAMES PARISH

Thank you to the many volunteers in our Parish who give of their time, talents and gifts to make our community as vibrant and engaging as it is.

If you are a **new volunteer** or are considering becoming one, and would like to be involved in one of the ministries at St James, or a **current volunteer** who has yet to attend our Volunteer Induction, we would like to invite you to the next **Volunteer Induction** meeting on **Wed 06 Nov at 7:00pm-8:30pm**.

Serving in a ministry at St James will require you to attend this meeting for induction and all current volunteers are expected to attend a Volunteer Induction.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the community and we seek to support you in all ways necessary to assist you in your service.

PRAYER LIST

Let us pray and support those in our community who are sick. We especially pray for C.Camilleri, Mario Ranada, Marcelo Arenas, Arn Raj, Sheillamar Cuetera, Dean Kharitou, Zenaida Porciuncula, Azucena Magcalas, Gauri Maskey, Emmanuel Bernardo, Manuel G. Martinez Jnr, Michael Xue, Robert Azzopardi, Corey Cauchi, Teodora Gundayao, Emerita Sagovia, Ann Maree Daly, Connie Micallef, Paul Cutajar, Juanito Osumo, Mary Ulep Guerzon, Tchiapke Joel, Jorge Maranan Jnr, Evelyn Soneja, Maria De Brincat, Elizabeth Magnaye, Mario Ranada, Paula Richards and all those who are ill.

READINGS FOR THE 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: *Sir 35:12-14, 16-18*

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23*

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

2nd Reading: *2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18*

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

Gospel: *Lk 18:9-14*

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

CARPENTER'S CLUB

The Carpenter's Club's next meeting will be on Sat 02 Nov at 7:30am. Like St Joseph the Carpenter, the members of the Carpenter's Club offer their gifts in practical works around the church and church grounds.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for our loved ones whom we remember especially Pauline Galea, Ray Haley, Edilberto Dela Pena, Fr Christopher Toms, Fr Joseph Yu PE, Priscilla Rodericks, and Carmen Duca who passed away recently, Judy Bickley, Norberto Carino Jnr, Angolina and Menzju Zerafa, Karlu and Vincensa Borg, Emmanuel Buttigieg, Alphonse Sultana, Marica Kiss, Magdalena Kozak, Francis Buga, Susan Vida, Zoltan Sarvary, Giovanni Rovetto, Natu Portelli, Emy Saffarese, Jeff Ruthburn, Jake Shaw, Gloria and Mathew Montebello and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MSSP LAY COMMUNITY REFLECTION DAY

Thank you to those who participated in the MSSP Lay Community Reflection Day on Sat 12 Oct from the Parishes of St James Hoppers Crossing North, St Johns Heidelberg, St Bernadette's North Sunshine and St Peter's Hoppers Crossing, facilitated by Joan Jennings. Thank you to Theresa Smith for donating the muffins and scones for morning and afternoon tea. Also thanks to Sarah and Connie Galea for assisting with hospitality.

Here is what one participant had to say about this experience:

Dear Fr Jude and MSSP Lay Community Team,

Thank you very much for the opportunity last weekend [Sat 12 Oct] to be able to participate in the Reflection Day.

There were many aspects that gave me an affirmation of where I'm at and what I need to do to keep going with my life journey, socially and spiritually. I think this connects to what was said by Joan Jennings about Joseph De Piro's mission. At times I feel at a crossroads and not sure which way to turn. I am energised by the fact that the followers of De Piro were able to find their way to carry out the plan laid out for them by God through the charisma of Joseph De Piro, even though he died suddenly and only a short time after starting the missionary order. Here we are, over 100 years later, being guided by people who are also members of that order, MSSP, started by De Piro.

The actions of contemplation and then action are very pertinent for me. How often have I jumped into action without seeing what would follow after the action, then found I was still floundering? The contemplation session on the reflection day was a beautiful time to have. When I first heard it would be 30-40 minutes, I thought I would go crazy with thinking about "all the things I could be doing", but in fact, the time passed very quickly and I felt like I "achieved a lot". I spent a considerable part of that time observing a butterfly that landed on a plant near me. I would never have seen the beauty of that creature if I had just been walking past to attend another task. Later in the day, Joan talked about noticing the everyday signs of God's creation around us, such as the water as she drove past, and not taking it for granted. That is exactly what I felt with my butterfly.

I also felt inspired by other people in the group, The stories from the people in the small group session were very easy to relate to and built a connection between us. I think the community building between the people of the different parishes (and even from the same parish but different Mass time attendees, so not known to me) is enthusing and life giving. This is evidence for me to be reassured that the Church is very much alive and flourishing.

I found the day to be spirit filled and with a strong life-giving vibe. Several days later, I can still feel a smile come to my face when I think about the day. What a great way to acknowledge the month of Mission!

God bless you all,

Kind regards,

Claire Kemp

