



1. A Message from the Priest’s Heart: Walking Together in Faith

Dear all,
Loving Greetings!

“In following Jesus, like St James, we know that even in difficulties we are on the right path.”

Pope Benedict XVI, 2006

The Feast of St James, the Greater, we remember one of Jesus’ closest companions — a fisherman called by Christ to become a “fisher of people.” Alongside his brother John, James left everything to follow Jesus, becoming one of the first apostles and part of that inner circle who witnessed the Transfiguration and the agony in Gethsemane. The Transfiguration, for James, must have been a moment of awe and spiritual enlightenment, deepening his understanding of Jesus’ true identity. In stark contrast, James also witnessed Jesus’ profound sorrow and distress in the Garden of Gethsemane. For James, this would have been a moment of intense emotional and spiritual struggle, witnessing the vulnerability and sacrifice of his teacher.

Together, these experiences likely shaped James’ faith and commitment, providing him with a deeper insight into both the divine and human aspects of Jesus. James was bold and passionate — at times, even impulsive. Jesus nicknamed him and his brother “sons of thunder” (Mark 3:17), perhaps for their furious character and their zeal. But what stands out most in the life of James is not his ambition, but his transformation.

Though he once sought glory in the kingdom (Mark 10:35–45), James ultimately embraced the way of the cross. He was the first apostle to be martyred, giving his life for the gospel (Acts 12:2). In this, he teaches us that discipleship is not about prominence, but faithfulness — not status, but sacrifice.

God can harness our energy, drive, and passion if we surrender them to His will. Like James, we are expected to channel our zeal into mission with love. There are several important lessons we can still learn from this apostle:

- Obey Christ quickly and wholeheartedly.
- Grow from pride to humble servanthood.
- Remain courageous in hardship.
- Use our passion for God’s kingdom.

St. James Day will be celebrated on July 27th, with our beloved Archbishop Jeremy Greaves leading the Sunday service at 8:30 AM at St. James Church. I believe this feast will be a time to give thanks for the faithful witness of the Apostle James, who left everything to follow Jesus and gave his life for the sake of the Gospel. As a parish under his patronage, we celebrate St. James Day to renew our own calling as Christ’s disciples. Let us come together in worship, gratitude, and community to mark this special occasion in our parish life.

With love and prayers,
Stephan

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2.1 Worship Service Details 20th July

Church	Service Start Time	Celebrant	Readings
Holy Rood	Sunday 8:00am	Stephan	Amos 8. 1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1. 15-29; Luke 10. 38-42
St James	Sunday 8:30am	Medha	
	Wednesday (23 rd July) 9:30am		
St Matthew's	Sunday 10:00am	Stephan	

2.2 Worship Service Details 27th July - St James Patronal Festival

Church	Service Start Time	Celebrant	Readings
Holy Rood	Sunday 8:00am	Len	Hosea 1. 2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2. 6-15; Luke 11. 1-13
St James	Sunday 8:30am (Patronal Festival)	Archbishop Jeremy Greaves	
	Wednesday (30 th July) 9:30am	Stephan	
St Matthew's	Sunday 10:00am	Medha	

3. News from Parish Office

Pastoral Care Service Availability

Anyone requiring a pastoral care visit for Prayers, Home Communion, Counselling, Rev. Stephan will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-2pm.
Please contact him via pic@goldcoastnorth.org.au or 0493 783 635

Request for Donations

Our parish is saving up to purchase a rectory. We kindly request donations to help us with the deposit. For those paying via bank transfer, please label the transaction as "Rectory Donation". There are payment forms available at each Church and at our office. Bank details are below.
BSB: 704 901
Account Number: 00015482

3. News from Parish Office (continued)

Would You Like to Contribute to the E-News?

We invite you all to send us anything you would like to be featured here in the E-News, whether it's a small group promotion, photos you've taken from a recent service or event, a wonderful prayer you found online, or even something exciting and special happening in your own life.

Please email your contribution to comms@goldcoastnorth.org.au.

Shoe Box Ministry Donations

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue our mission of spreading Christ's love through our shoe box ministry, we express our sincere gratitude for all your generous contributions. We encourage you to kindly support by direct deposit to our church bank account with the description, for "shoe box ministry". Since all donations are to be accounted, we encourage you to avoid cash donations to individuals. You can also support by offering gifts based on the lists provided in our E-News.

The Parish Administration

4. Notices

Monday Morning Bible Study

Monday, at 9:15am in the Meeting Room at St Matthew's, undertaking studies on a particular book of the bible prepared by EV Church. People from all centres attend to learn what

God is saying through his word and to learn more about following Jesus. There is prayer and mutual encouragement.



St James Day

Sunday, the 27th of July is our St James Day special service with Archbishop Jeremy Greaves as the celebrant. The service starts at 8:30am. Please consider joining us for brunch afterwards.

Confirmation Service

We will be holding another Confirmation Service with Coomera Anglican College (CAC) on the 3rd of August, commencing at 10:00am. The service will be held at the Ivan Gibbs Centre at CAC, and the celebrant is Bishop John Roundhill.



3. News from Parish Office (continued)



St James Craft Group

Every Friday morning about 9.15 the Ladies start arriving for their morning of craft, sharing their stories of the week and enjoying a delicious morning tea. Heads down every one has a project some for our twice a year stall, some Sea Farers missions and Christmas boxes. The money we get from our work goes towards the monthly missions and the finances of the Church a fun time and sometimes we go and have Fish and Chips together for lunch.

Holy Rood Craft and Conversation Group

Holy Rood Craft and Conversation Group meets on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays of each month from 9.30am until midday at the Holy Rood Family Centre. We warmly welcome, men, women and friends. Our ministry outreach to the local community is through craft lovingly created by members. Even if you feel you have little or no craft skills to offer, please do join us for companionship and conversation over a cuppa.

Contact: Lyn Dunn 0418 528 670 OR Sandy Eacott 0407 965 900



Food Vouchers & Baby Product Donations

At the Church Office, we are seeking donations of food vouchers, baby products, and supermarket gift cards / vouchers, with the aim of donating these to those in need. Simply drop off any donations to our Parish Office (142 Billingham Crescent, Upper Coomera), or reach out to your Church Warden. Please note that we don't accept gift cards that can be used to purchase alcohol or cigarettes.



Volunteers Needed for Primary School Chaplaincy Breakfast Club

We're looking for a few helping hands to assist with the Upper Coomera State School Chaplaincy Breakfast Club on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:00 to 8:30 AM.

This is a wonderful opportunity to support young children by helping serve breakfast and ensure they have a welcoming and nourishing start to their day.

If you're available and would like to get involved, just once a week or even once in a while, we'd love to hear from you!

Please note that a Blue Card is required.

Please reach out to Trudi at trudi.charlesworth@suchaplaincy.org.au if you can help.

4. Notices (continued)

Coomera Craft Circle

Join us at St Matthew's Church every second Tuesday 9:00am - 12md for conversation and companionship and non-stop morning tea as we knit and crochet for charities of our choosing with a primary focus on rugs for St John's Crisis Centre, Southport. Free wool supplies available.

Gatherings coming up: 22nd July & 5th August

Ring Jean for further information on 0409 322 011.



ALL WELCOME



To come to 8 sessions of inspiring video talks by
Lisa Harper on

“GUT-LEVEL COMPASSION”

found in the Gospel of Luke, a literary masterpiece
that embraces the outcasts and the overlooked.

Where? St Matthew's Anglican Church
142 Billingshurst Crescent, Upper Coomera.

When? Consecutive Wednesday evenings at
6.30pm beginning 3rd September 2025

*Lisa Harper is described as both a hilarious
storyteller and theological scholar. Videos
run for half an hour then discussion.*



For more information **and to register**, contact Lurline Campbell.

Phone: 0412 277 737 Email: dlcampbe@onthenet.com.au

Joy to the World

Last year, we recorded a few songs at St James Church. Last week, we released the first of these songs: *Joy to the World*

Check out our song by following the link
below:

[https://youtu.be/GQxwggefAXc?
si=b7izYeBlkd7PdzmN](https://youtu.be/GQxwggefAXc?si=b7izYeBlkd7PdzmN)

Joy to the World is originally by Isaac Watts. Below are our lovely musicians who performed this song:

Robert Williams - guitar, keyboard, 2nd
bass guitar, drum programming
Linlee Joy Ogden - lead vocals, keyboard
Norm Gray - bass guitar
Chris Jeffery - acoustic guitar
Alex Warr - viola
Annie Tencate - backing vocals,
keyboards
Barry Cathcart - bag pipes
David Lyon - backing vocals
Katrina Lyon - backing vocals



4. Notices (continued)

Furniture for Sale

Dining furniture by Jackson furniture, table to seat 8-12. 8 chairs, 2 carvers. Drinks cabinet. Buffet. Please make offer via contacting the parish office: 5580 5814 or reception@goldcoastnorth.org.au



Family Sunday Service

3rd Sunday of the Month - St James

41 Brighton Street, Biggera Waters

4th Sunday of the Month - St Matthew's

142 Billinghamurst Crescent, Upper Coomera

Contact Us:

reception@goldcoastnorth.org.au

5580 5814

HIGHLIGHTS

- Interactive Scripture Reading
- Intergenerational Worship Songs
- Sharing Testimonies
- Skits / Short Enactments by Families or Combined
- Kids Videos
- And More!



EVER CATCH YOURSELF THINKING...

What's even the point of all this?
Can I actually make a difference?
Who am I really? And what do I believe in?
Is it okay to not fit in—or should I just blend with the crowd?
Is God even real... and if He is, is He actually good?

You're not alone in asking those questions.

🎧 ALPHAYOUTH.IO is coming....

8 super chill, interactive sessions (online or in person) where you can be real, ask the big stuff, and figure out what you believe.

No filters. No pressure. Just a safe space to explore life, faith, and meaning—with people who get it.
Are you in?

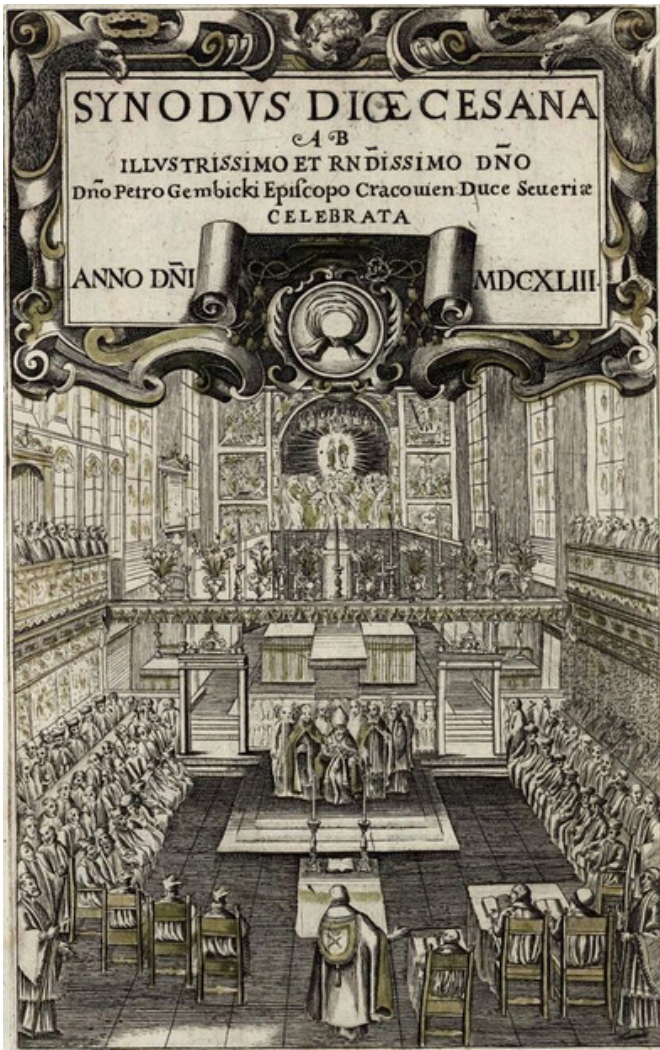
Sunday 3 August 11:30am

St Matthews church, Coomera

RSVP Peter 0493 637 419



4. Notices (continued)



Synod Report 2025 - your representatives Kim Kimber & Chris Tracey-Patte

The last weekend of June, starting on the Friday night with soup and a roll at the Cathedral and a sermon on 'Follow Me', was spent listening to and voting on the motions presented to Synod.

Archbishop Jeremy's address to Synod reflected on the current needs of the church as compared to 100 years ago, and how it is important to not get bogged down in the if only, but focus first on the plans and possibilities and discover the resources in time, people, processes and money second.

The business of Synod included items about the;

175th Anniversary of ABM, and the Queensland Celebratory Dinner on 26th September.

The 40th Anniversary of Cursillo on 8th November at St John's Cathedral celebrating the ongoing ministry of this movement in the Diocese with 3,874 Anglicans having participated in 182 weekends and seen the growth of both lay and clergy in many of its 130+ parishes.

Positive reports were relayed about the impact of HOPE 25, which focuses on the proclamation of Christ throughout Australia and the continued focus on this integral part of our ministry and mission.

The concern with Online Gambling Advertising were examined with a call to the Federal Government to legislate for a comprehensive ban.

The church's actions on and continued calls for Climate Action at all levels was endorsed.

Issues of Equitable Access by the employment of a person with lived experience to assist the church. The creation of a working group to assist the Archbishop in responding to issues and reports related to the care of the veteran community, especially suicide and associated mental health. Gender Equality in the church, Housing in the form of Home share, Anglicare's construction of targeted social housing at Beenleigh, and the continuation of the urban farm at St Francis College all were discussed and actioned appropriately.

Reports were received from Anglicare, the schools commission, the Ministry Education Commission, the Diocesan Council, the Cathedral, Mission agencies, Finance and Diocesan services, as well as other agencies attached to the church.

We were blessed with good weather and great food and the opportunity to fellowship with Anglicans from around the Diocese.

4. Notices (continued)

BBQ For A Cause

Message Trudi Charlesworth if you'd like to get involved with the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser. Her email is trudi.charlesworth@suchaplaincy.org.au

BBQ for a Cause! 🍷

Join us on **Saturday, 19 July 2025 at Bunnings Pimpama** for a Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser supporting three Scripture Union QLD school chaplains:

- 🌟 Gretel Young – Coomera Springs SS
- 🌟 Tessa Garland – Coomera SS
- 🌟 Trudi Charlesworth – Upper Coomera SC

Our role is to bring the love of Christ into our local schools every day—
Please help us to keep going strong!

🔧 How You Can Help:

- ✅ Donate goods or funds
- ✅ Volunteer an hour or two
- ✅ Drop by on the day and grab a snag!

✉️ Want to donate or volunteer? Message us or get in touch—we'd love your support.

💛 Let's come together to support our chaplains and share Christ's love with our community!

Synod

Interested in learning more about Synod? Check out some of the Synod Highlights below.

Archbishop Jeremy Greave's Synod 2025 address:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jfj-oxcRm4U>

https://youtu.be/-ffSHjnVt_8?si=RO5_DqW1T-nl6jkz

https://youtu.be/tNGwNXAtxnE?si=iXqnDE_Rv4yNWZI5

Interviews with community members who attended Synod:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PJuqrOLTDeo>



6. Mission of the Month: PATSIMAC

Prayer for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and Concerns

This group began in 2008 and for 17 years has sought to not only pray for our Indigenous brothers and sisters, but also invite Indigenous speakers to share at services, Soup and Slice events, and so on so we can all learn of the challenges that First Australians face.

We are contemplating changes to PATSIMAC, but for this month, we encourage Parishioners to do three things.

1. Pray for the work and ministries at Gunya Meta in Logan City and Nungalinga College in Darwin.
2. Check out their websites <https://www.gunyameta.org> and <https://www.nungalinga.edu.au>
3. Support their work using the envelopes at the back of the church.



Gunya Meta Inc is a non-profit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation, run by a board of local Logan City community members, employing local Indigenous staff. Gunya Meta's aim is to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities to:

- **Engage with schools and education providers** to improve outcomes for Indigenous children;
- **Build strong leadership.**
- **Target education and health-based programs**
- **Support community-schools partnerships.**



Nungalinga College

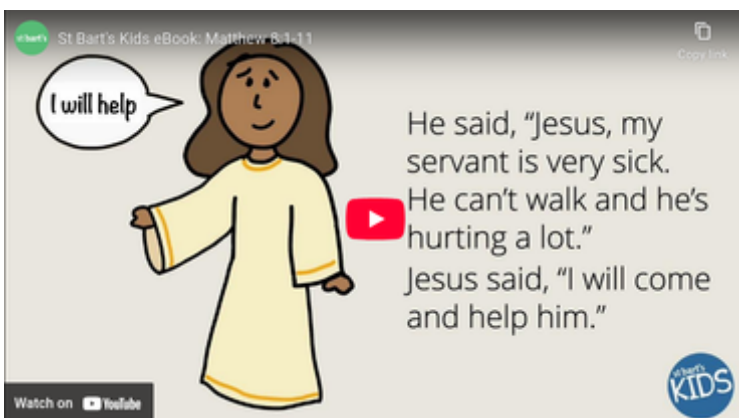
Empowering Indigenous Christians

Nungalinga is the premier Combined Churches Training College for Indigenous Australians. The College is formally supported by the Anglican, Uniting, and Catholic churches of the Northern Territory, and is situated in Casuarina, a northern suburb of Darwin.

Each year, men and women from over 100 different communities across Australia come to study at Nungalinga College. Our students are from both remote and urban communities, and their different cultural and language backgrounds are respected and included in campus life. Many students hold important positions of authority in their own communities.

At Nungalinga College, Indigenous and non-Indigenous Christians will work together in partnership. We will grow the gifts and calling of Indigenous people. In God's time, the College will be fully staffed by competent Indigenous people. They will have the languages, cultural knowledge, qualifications, and experience needed to perform their roles.

7. Kids Corner



The Goodness of Jesus: Matthew 8:1-11

Today's video is from St Bart's Kids eBook, and is about the ways Jesus helped and healed people in Matthew 8:1-11.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-u_5vcVeIyc&t=2s

8. Diocesan News (continued)

First Nations mural sparks intergenerational connection in the Redlands

From *Anglican Focus*



Anglicare Southern Queensland's Killara Day Respite Centre has united a group of Redlands' young and older people through a First Nations mural created to celebrate the region's rich cultural heritage and connection to the bay.

The artwork was designed and brought to life by Sara, a Waka Waka First Nations woman and client of Anglicare's Youth Homelessness Services for young people at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness.

Youth Homelessness Service Coordinator Vicki Kelly said the project was a labour of love that took over two years to complete. "When our Team Leader at Killara approached me with the idea, I thought this would be a terrific opportunity to get our young people out in the community where they could have some fun, show off their creative flair and engage in a meaningful project that would bring joy to the lives of older members of the community," Ms Kelly said.

"They absolutely loved it. Sara was given creative control of the project and crafted the final design in one afternoon, which was incredible. She oversaw the stencilling of the linework and, with a team of up to seven participants, completed the colourful mural bit-by-bit over two years.

"It was always so heartwarming to hear the kind words from Killara's older people who loved to come outside and have a conversation with the young group as they carried out the painting."

Read more [HERE](#).

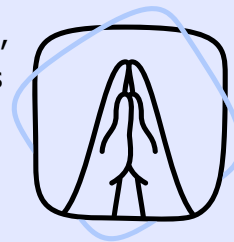
9. Prayer

Heavenly Father,

As we walk through the shady paths of life, grant us the strength to find solace in Your presence.

May we embrace the beauty of each moment, drawing inspiration from the light that guides our way, even in times of uncertainty.

Amen.



<https://thegrotto.org/daily-spiritual-reflections/>

10. Parish Information

Offertory

DIRECT DEBIT GIVING at GCNA for ongoing weekly ministry.

Please use this account
BSB 704 901 A/C 00015081

Our sincere thanks to all those who support our parish in all possible ways. We are so grateful and thankful for your commitment and generosity.

Parish Office Address

Gold Coast North Anglican Church, 142 Billingham Crescent, Upper Coomera, Qld 4209, Australia.
Ph. 5580 5814

Postal Address

P.O. Box 810, Oxenford. Q. 4210

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 09.00am to 01.00 pm

Coomera Anglican College

At GCNA, we work with and support Coomera Anglican College. Learn more about CAC:
<https://www.cac.qld.edu.au/>

10. Parish Information (continued)

Change of Email Addresses

There have been some changes to the email addresses used by wardens and office staff. Below are the up to date email addresses.

Stephan

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Wardens

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St James

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St Matthew's

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Meraki Community Garden

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Office Staff Team

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Office Manager

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Claudia

Digital Media Officer

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Siggi

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Medha

Pastoral Care Counsellor

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Voluntary Service

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Pam

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Pat

Treasurer

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Warren

Finance / Budget

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Safe Churches

The Anglican Diocese of Brisbane takes allegations of abuse and harm seriously. The Professional Standards Canon and the Protocol for Responding to Sexual Abuse of a Child and Sexual Misconduct provide clear and transparent processes for the management of complaints of abuse. Persons who may have been harmed by a Church worker, or who know of someone else who has, are encouraged to come forward. All complaints will be treated sensitively and confidentially. The Director of Safe Ministry will respond to all complaints and will assist you to understand the processes involved. Please contact Office of Safe Ministry, St Martin's House, 373 Ann Street, Brisbane 4000 (GPO Box 421, Brisbane 4001): Phone 1800 242 544; Email safeministry@anglicanchurchsq.org.au To view hard copies of policies and procedures refer to the Blue Safeguarding folder in each Church or click [HERE](#)

Lest We Forget

"We, the people of Australia, respect and give thanks to all who have served in our defence force and their families.

"We acknowledge the unique nature of military service and the sacrifice demanded of all who commit to defend our nation.

"We undertake to preserve the memory and deeds of all who have served and promise to welcome, embrace and support all military veterans as respected and valued members of our community.

"For what they have done, this we will do."

The GCNA family, affirm this oath declared in *The Australian Veterans' Recognition (Putting Veterans and their Families First) Act of 2019* which received Royal Assent on 30 October 2019.

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge and pay respect to the Yugambeh Language people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today. We acknowledge their continued spiritual connection to country and surrounding land, sky and water. We pay our respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging and pray that we may continue to learn from and nurture one another in the spirit of Reconciliation.