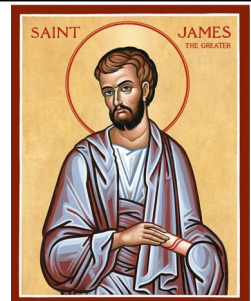


5TH SUNDAY LENT YR A 2023 26 MARCH

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IS A PARISH OF ACCOMPANIMENT
WHERE WE ENCOUNTER AND
KNOW CHRIST, DEEPEN OUR FAITH,
AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY



Making Peace With Suffering

Jesus receives word that his friend Lazarus has died. He returns to Bethany to be with Mary and Martha, Lazarus's sisters. Before Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, he shows genuine human compassion. His first response to seeing his friends' sadness is to weep with them.

**BRINGING
HOME THE
GOSPEL**

Even in Jesus' time, people questioned why they had to suffer. When Lazarus becomes deathly ill, Martha and Mary send for Jesus. When he does not arrive until it is too late, Lazarus's sister challenges Jesus, asking why he did not come sooner to save her brother.

I remember sitting at the bedside of a thirteen-year-old girl who knew she was dying. She suffered for days before she finally died. At the funeral I listened to some of the comments. "God has his reasons," and "God is just testing us." I wondered who the God was they were talking about.

Don't we say, and believe, that God loves us even more than we love our own children? I could not imagine any reason I would cause a child of mine to suffer that much. And what kind of a parent uses the suffering of his own little girl to test some grown-ups?



Suffering happens. It is part of life. No one, not the richest person or poorest, not saint or sinner, can get through life without suffering. God doesn't cause it; God doesn't plan it. Suffering is a part of our fallen human nature. God is just there to see us through it.

When you say yes to God, accept your humanness, and ask for God's help through your pain, God's strength and life becomes your strength and life. Your yes opens you up to the peace, courage and perseverance that

"You shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and have you rise from them."

Sheepish Question:

In what ways do I need to strengthen my belief in God's power, particularly in the truth of resurrection?

God's love offers. It is so much easier to endure suffering when you know that your good God is with you, as close as the next breath you take.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Ask family members to talk about the most difficult thing that happened this week. Pray to let go of any uncomfortable emotions that are left over. Ask them to close their eyes and slowly breathe in and out. Ask them to imagine that their breath is the Holy Spirit healing their hearts.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What has caused you the most suffering in your life? If it is still with you today, how can you ease the pain? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

Can you assist with our Easter Services? See inside bulletin...

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

St James Church

Morning Prayer
(Lauds) 8am, 6 - 8
April, Church



Way of the Cross (Good Friday,
10am, 7 April)

PASCHAL TRIDUUM

✠ **Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm**
(Maundy Thursday, 6 April)

✠ **Celebration of the Lord's**
Passion 3pm
(Good Friday, 7 April)

✠ **Easter Vigil Celebration 7pm**
(Holy Saturday, 8 April)

EASTER SUNDAY (9 April)

Masses: 7am & 9am

Note:

Church and Parish office are closed on
Monday, 10 April (no 8am mass).

This Sunday's Readings

5th Sunday Lent (Year A/1)

First Reading Ezekiel 37: 12-14 *I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.*

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Psalms 129(130) With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.	If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.	My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.)	Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.
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Second Reading Romans 8: 8-11 *If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Reading John 11: 1-45 *I am the resurrection and the life.*

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied:

'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.'

He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him. Copyright © 1996-2023 Universalis Publishing Limited: see www.universalis.com. Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible are published and copyright © 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton, Longman & Todd, Ltd and Doubleday, a division of Random House, Inc.

Social Justice

Earth Hour is a worldwide movement

organised by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). It is held annually encouraging individuals, communities and businesses to turn off non-essential electric lights for one hour, from 8.30pm to 9.30pm. This is typically held on the last Saturday in March, as a symbol of concern for and commitment to the planet. (to learn more about Earth Hour visit: www.earthhour.org/ about us.



Project Compassion 2023

Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu.

Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia – without it, we could not do the vital work we do.

Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from you parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or call 1800 024 413.



Prayers

Please pray for recently deceased:



Mary-Rita Deakin; Emmanuel Pandey; Daniel Canavan; Irene Hueso Checa; Peter Korst; Slavica Ljubas; Cletus Davis.

And these anniversaries: Dr John English; Paul Gannon; Secondo Berta; Patricia Svensdotter; Eustaquia Elicano; Luke & Gerard O'Reilly.

Please pray for these unwell: Helene Pandey; Robbie Haley; Fr Kevin Tu'itti; David & Kerry See; John Canavan; Miriam Martin; Rosalie Pascual; Aoife Stephenson; Michael & Mary-Clare Simpson; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan.

Parish news

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

1st Rite of Reconciliation

Tuesday 28th March 7pm-8pm

(under the mango tree & church confessional)

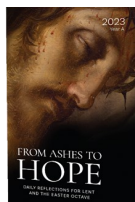


MINISTRY ROSTER FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

At side entrance –are you available to assist with Mass ministries over Easter? Visit the roster, add your name. We have also added our usual ministers—please check for your name and remove if you are away this Easter.



Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual **Chrism Mass Thursday 30th March 2023 @ 7pm.** Cathedral of St Stephen, Elizabeth St, City. All welcome.



***Lenten Program**—prayer group on Mondays after 8am mass. All welcome. From Ashes to Hope. Concludes 3rd April.
***Way of the Cross**—Wednesdays held in the Church during Lent, after 8am mass. Concludes 29th March.



Holy Land Commissariat

Thank you for supporting the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection as encouraged by Pope Francis. Envelopes on pews Good Friday. Christians in the Holy Land face special challenges, many of which we hear about in the daily news. The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. Supporting the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection offers hope to the Holy Land Christians. Over recent years, their difficulties have been greatly magnified by the Covid-19 Pandemic, not only on the health of the people but through the severe economic consequences that have disproportionately affected the most vulnerable.



MARCH

25 / 26 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (through Eventbrite); **5th Sunday Lent (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); No Baptisms.**

26 Sunday 9am St James School Family + Parish mass & cuppa

27 Monday Lenten Prayer group after 8am mass

27 Monday Parent Info Session (church 6pm) for Sacramental Program of Penance.

28 Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration after 8am mass (8.30am till Wednesday 8am); **Lenten Reconciliation 7pm-8pm**

28 Tuesday 1st Rite of Reconciliation 7pm-8pm

29 Wednesday Way of the Cross after 8am mass

31 Friday Brisbane East Deanery Bible study St James Priory 6pm-9pm, session 8.

APRIL

1 / 2 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (through Eventbrite); **Passion Sunday (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); No Baptisms.**

3 Monday Lenten Prayer group after 8am mass

Tuesdays Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration after 8am mass: (8.30am till Wednesday 8am)

Parish news

Our **Welcome to St James Parish** pamphlet on its way to you shortly...



App Recommendations

Pray with millions around the world on Hallow, the #1 prayer app in the world. Find a whole range of great resources to help you with Prayer, Rosary, Meditation, Daily Gospel, Novenas, Daily Reflections, Bible in a Year w/ Fr Mike Schmitz, Catechism in a Year, and a lot more. Thank you Renae for recommending this app!

Hallow



Children & Families

Email osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au or call parish office 33971671

Reconciliation / Penance 2023

Year 4 and older. Children who have received the sacrament of Confirmation.

Date	Time	Session Details	Venue
Monday 27th March	6:00 pm	Parent Info Session (Term 1)	church
Sunday 23rd April	9:00 am	Rite of Enrolment during Mass	church
Monday 24th April	6:00 pm	Family Session 1 (Term 2)	church
Sunday 30th April	9:00 am	Sunday - Honour the Lord's Day	church
Wednesday 3rd May	6:00 pm	Family Session 2 (not Monday due to Labour Day Holiday)	church
Sunday 7th May	9:00 am	Sunday - Honour the Lord's Day	church
Monday 8th May	6:00 pm	Family Session 3	church
Wednesday 10th May	4:30pm	Rite of First Reconciliation followed by fellowship & pizza	church + hall

Planned Giving for the Week of 19 March, 2023

Collection Account numbers	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$824.30	\$250	\$362	\$170	\$1,606.30
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100018086	\$554.35	\$250	\$432	\$170	\$1,406.35

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Counters

March 25 / 26 Parish Staff (Lorie + Lea away)

April 1 / 2 Parish Staff

Next week	Palm Sunday April 2	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (1st weekend)	Denise D	n/a	Dan F	
COMMENTATOR	Bill S	Leslie S	Sean H	
LECTOR	Ron S Karleen O'R	Don T Jana V	Judith R Amor McC	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Rosemarie Y ...	Jan L	June S John W Shadi A	
ALTAR SERVER/S	Lea S + Alejandra	
POWERPOINT	...	Gilbert / helper	Jericho M	
HOSPITALITY	Karen / Edward	Trish R / helper	Cathy / John / Veronica / Melissa /	

Masses & Services

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.

Sunday 7am, 9am, no longer 6pm.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am.

WEEKDAY MASS: Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30pm Attend church or register [Eventbrite link](#).

PERPETUAL ADORATION: (Tuesdays 8.30am till Wednesday 8am) Vicky brisbane.adoration@gmail.com

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Friday 5th May @ 9am (not Good Friday 7th April).

FIRST FRIDAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 5th May @ 7pm (not Good Friday 7th April).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: continues weekly @ 9am mass.

families.stjames@gmail.com Just a reminder that the school playground is out of bounds outside school hours. Children should be under parent supervision and remain in line of sight at all times.



Next Sunday's Readings Palm Sunday (Year A/1)

First Reading *Isaiah 50: 4-7* I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Second Reading *Philippians 2: 6-11* He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 27: 11-54* The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



The Parish of St James acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country upon which it lies and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and culture and pays respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.