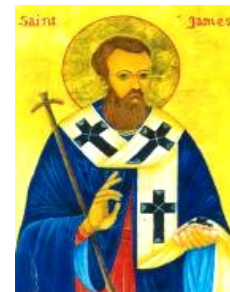
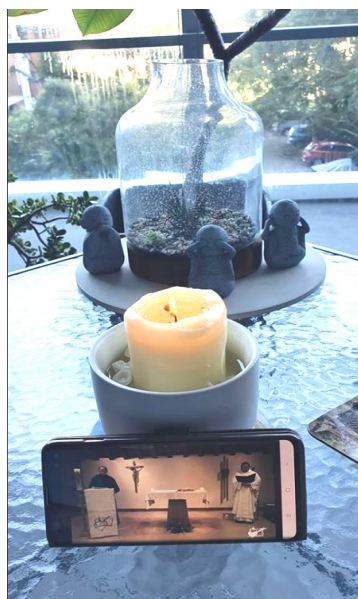


**DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY
YR A 2020
18 / 19 APRIL**

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



St James Parish, Coorparoo
(from the Augustinian Priory Chapel)
8am Sunday Mass Live Streamed
via our Parish Facebook Page:
[StJamesCoorparoo](https://www.facebook.com/StJamesCoorparoo)



Thank you for working so hard to keep the Parish community connected and informed.

Attending Mass is the thing I'm missing most in isolation (even ahead of seeing my grandchildren). It's such a vital part of my life, I'm very grateful that Mass and Easter ceremonies are being live-streamed.

Stay safe and well and I wish you all the gladness of Easter.

Good morning to all!

Thank you for sharing it is so helpful during these difficult times.

Take care to all and stay safe

Missing attending masses and seeing my fellow parishioners.

See you hopefully very soon.

Hello Fathers in these most trying of times. Trust you're self isolating & keeping well. I appreciate receipt of church bulletin on line.

Changes have been fast & massive but we hope the situation is far better controlled in Australia than the overseas devastations-incredible & heartbreaking!

Enough of doom & gloom! Our prayers for drought & bushfire relief were answered when rain arrived so we all need to extend our prayers as Easter approaches for relief from this latest totally shocking scourge.

Kind thoughts & best wishes

Thanks so much for the Worship@Home resource you emailed last week. We used it on Sunday morning with another couple in our building who really appreciated the opportunity to celebrate with community, as small as it was. Their apartment is large enough so that we could process from the front door with palms I was able to provide from our gardens at the building. The words were meaningful, the readings powerful and our shared reflections heartfelt. We added a little music even. We all agreed it was much better than sitting in front of the TV.



Mass Live-streamed
from the Cathedral

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Thanks for Your
thoughtfulness.
Easter Greetings to all.
Kind thoughts

This is great,
thank you!

**Mass For You
at Home**

6.00am - 6.30am
Channel 10



Bringing Home the Gospel

Focusing on Forgiveness

On the evening of the Resurrection, the disciples locked themselves in the house in which they were staying. Jesus came and stood among them. He offers them peace, and tells them that he is sending them out just as his Father had sent him. He breathes on them and tells them to receive the Spirit.

It is true. All we have to do is confess our sins, be truly sorry, and our sins are forgiven. This is true, of course, as long as we understand what being truly sorry means. There are more than words involved. Consider these three elements.

First, we say we are sorry. Our God is a God of love who calls all things to wholeness and harmony. When we act against love, we act against God, and we need to say the words that express our sorrow.

Second, we focus on change. If we say we are sorry and have no intention of changing our behavior, we can't be forgiven. Even God cannot free us from sin if we insist on holding onto it. Sometimes we are really sorry for our actions but can't muster the courage to change. In that case, we need to ask God for the desire to change. Even this small inclination to mend our ways is enough to loosen sin's grip and allow the Holy Spirit to slip in.

Third, we admit we are human. We humbly acknowledge that we need the Spirit's help to love the way God wants us to love. We face our limitations and our powerlessness and allow the Spirit's strength to fill us. We trust that, with God's help, we can overcome the most compelling sins or bad habits and become the person God calls us to be.

Teach your children what it means to say "I am sorry," and help them understand the three essential elements of forgiveness. Explain each element. Make sure they know the importance of asking for God's help to be strong throughout their day. And when they are not ready to forgive or to give up their anger, teach them to ask for God's help to let go.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Adult family members may want to practice a simple Act of Contrition themselves, and then pray it together with their children as part of their bedtime prayers.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What bad habit, inclination, or attitude do you find difficult to break? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

Easter: a today without end

We sing at the Easter Vigil: "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad". What a gift of love! At Easter we live the Resurrection of the Son of God. In him death has been defeated and life in God reigns forever. All of us have faith in the Resurrection and we know that, in the Risen Christ, we too are eternal. We await the day without sunset and renewed existence (cf. Rev 21, 1-5). Meanwhile, we walk through life in hope, knowing that the Risen Jesus has preceded us on the way. If we have died with him, we will also be resurrected like him (Rom 6,8). Death is different now; it has been transformed. It no longer dissolves into nothingness and silence, but opens itself to infinite joy and eternal Love, even in these difficult times.

Dear brothers and sisters: ¡Happy Easter!

One in mind and heart,

Given in Rome, from the General Curia of the Order
April 9, 2020, Holy Thursday
DCCCLXIV anniversary of the Grand Union of the Order



Prot. 62/20

Ordo
S. Augustini

P. Alejandro Moral Antón OSA
Fr. Alejandro Moral Antón
Prior General OSA



Sheepish Question:

How would you describe the peace you seek through your belief in Jesus?

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St. James Parish acknowledges the Jaggera People of Coorparoo as the traditional owners of the land on which we live.

Prayer Requests



Parishioners, we rely on you for our prayer list in our bulletin and we pray for these people during mass also. We do not have an eternal book with names listed; we rely on personal communication each year. If you have a parishioner, family member or friend who is ill, has recently died, or their anniversary is around this time, please let us know, so these people can be prayed for and remembered...

Please pray for recently deceased:

Allan Yared; Archbishop John Bathersby; Rollie Van Roca; Carmel Homes.

And these anniversaries: Mary-Anne Dungan; Carmel Sheehan; Vincent & Teresa Tongue; Elaine Westcott; Secondo Berta; Elsie Frampton; Braulio Monterde; Robert DeMello.

Please pray for these unwell: Meighan Harris-O'Reilly; Sylvia Wilson; Jocelyn Tibayan, Judy Ketter; Veron Forsyth; Peter & Stephen Darch; James Clifford; Tina Romano; Fr Ron Mollison; Greg Whitney; Tess Walsh; Rodrigo Urbano.

Parish news

RCIA: We are praying for John Kemp. Once this health crisis is over and we come out of house quarantine, we will be able to celebrate the Rite as it is intended to be celebrated in one ceremony where the community of faithful can witness and celebrate the Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist of the elect and candidates.



A Morning Offering

I bless the night that nourished my heart
To set the ghosts of longing free
Into the flow and figure of dream
That went to harvest from the dark
Bread for the hunger no one sees.

All that is eternal in me
Welcome the wonder of this day,
The field of brightness it creates
Offering time for each thing
To arise and illuminate.

I place on the altar of dawn:
The quiet loyalty of breath,
The tent of thought where I shelter,
Wave of desire I am shore to
And all beauty drawn to the eye.

May my mind come alive today
To the invisible geography
That invites me to new frontiers,
To break the dead shell of yesterdays,
To risk being disturbed and changed.

May I have the courage today
To live the life that I would love,
To postpone my dream no longer
But do at last what I came here for
And waste my heart on fear no more.

~ John O'Donohue ~



Today's Readings

**2nd Sunday Easter
(Divine Mercy):**

First Reading Acts 2: 42-47 The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

Second Reading 1 Peter 1: 3-9 He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead. **Gospel Reading** John 20: 19-31 After eight

Updates & Resources:

See this tab on our website page also.

* **Maintaining Social Connection while Maintaining Social Distance** – A reflection from Paul Jensen, Director of Mission and Formation at Centacare. [Click here.](#)

* The Australian Government and **BEYOND BLUE** have launched a **Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service** available to support all Australians to manage the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on their mental health and wellbeing. [Click here for more information.](#)



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2020. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week (to our parish letterbox next to the door buzzer) or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online. www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion #projectcompassion 1800 024 413



Catholic Leader will be free for readers to access until parishes reopen across the Brisbane archdiocese. It is our commitment to ensure that everybody has access to stories of connection, inspiration, and faith. <http://catholicleader.com.au/>

THE CATHOLIC LEADER
Keeping Faith with You

Social Justice

**SIGNIFICANT DATES
APRIL:**

Saturday 18: World Heritage Day.

Sunday 19: Divine Mercy Sunday.

Wednesday 22: International Mother Earth Day.

Thursday 23: World Book and copyright Day.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Pope John Paul II declared that the second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. Mercy has also become a key theme in the teaching of Pope Francis, and he declared an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy which ran from December 2015 to November 2016... *If God limited himself to only justice, he would cease to be God, and would instead be like human beings who ask merely that the law be respected. But mere justice is not enough. Experience shows that an appeal to justice alone will result in its destruction. This is why God goes beyond justice with his mercy and forgiveness. God does not deny justice. He rather envelopes it and surpasses it with an even greater event in which we experience love as the foundation of true justice.*

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Several Options to Financially Support Your Parish:

- **Thru Direct Debit (this is the recommended option).** Kindly complete the [“Direct Debit Request - Offertory Giving” form](#), and drop the completed form in the Priory Letterbox, or scan it (or take a picture of it) and send it via email to the parish office. This *direct debit request* gives you the option to nominate your donation to the Augustinians and/or the Parish. We will then submit your form to ADF for processing. (If you're receiving this by email, you may click on the link and access the form; if you're receiving this by post, the form is available on our parish website).

With the Direct Debit method, one has the liberty to decide on the amount to be donated as well as the frequency of this (weekly, fortnightly or monthly). This donation method mirrors our Sunday collection: 1st Collection (**Augustinian Order**) and/or 2nd Collection (for the upkeep of **St James Parish**).

- Thru processing your own transfer using your bank account app or website.

1st Collection: Augustinian Order	2nd Collection: St James Parish
Account Name: Augustinian Priory	Account Name: St James Parish
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Reference: (Surname, & First Name if first name fits too)	Reference: (Surname, & First Name if first name fits too)

- **Thru the Planned-Giving envelopes** which you already have. You may drop them off at any time in the letterbox at the top of St James Priory steps.
- You may mail in a cheque at any time. Please indicate if it's going towards **ST JAMES PARISH** and/or the **AUGUSTINIAN ORDER**.

Next Sunday's Readings:

3rd Sunday Easter: First Reading Acts 2: 14, 22-33 It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

Second Reading 1 Peter 1: 17-21 The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading Luke 24: 13-35 They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

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