

**4TH SUNDAY
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**The Parish of St James
Coorparoo
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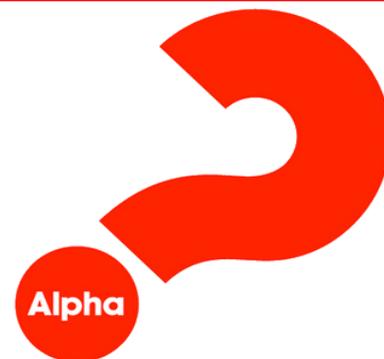


ALPHA @ St James

Our parish ALPHA will be launched this Wednesday, 17th March 2021 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall. To register, please go to alpha.org.au (look for "I'd like to try Alpha"), or better yet contact the Parish office or chat with one of our YAM (young adults) in the parish.

To those who have pledged to bring a platter or goodies on assigned weeks, thank you for your generosity. You may drop the items in the parish office anytime during office hours, or thru any contact/arrangement with YAM.

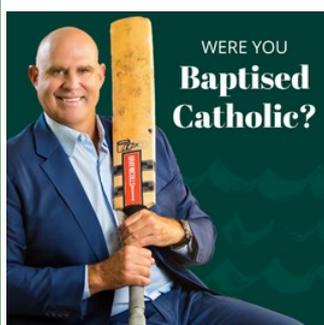
Please continue to pray for this Pre-Evangelisation initiative in our parish.



'Call to All Catholics' update

To date, over **300 people** have responded to the Call to all Catholics advertising initiative – that's 300 people wanting to deepen their understanding of the faith we share! And this is just the beginning – we'll be in touch about further initiatives in due course...

In the meantime, thank you for your prayers and for spreading the word about this outreach - we're so grateful.



The 300 who have responded by getting in touch directly are just the tip of the iceberg. There are 2472 visitors that we have on our various campaign websites; there are 312 sign-ups for our "More with Jesus" book, podcast and daily email.

WERE YOU BAPTISED CATHOLIC?

Matthew Hayden was and it has continued to transform his life. For more info, scan here:

Or find out how at www.baptisedcatholic.com.au



QR Code for Mass Registration

Are you getting the hang of it already? Next weekend, March

20-21, is the final weekend that we will be printing names and asking parishioners to tick beside their names as our registration method. Already, for the past 2 weekends, you have registered for mass using your iPhones or android phones - scanning the QR Code for mass (available around the church). Those without phones or without internet access on their phones (only), may continue to write names on the sheet provided.

Reflections from St James Lenten Group

March 8-14

'If we have not learned to assist those in need, even the death and resurrection of Christ will be of little benefit to us.' (Luke 16:30-31)

This week's readings, prayers and reflections builds on last week's themes of our human weakness and struggles – and our constant need for assistance. As well, we are reminded that the only way that we can be with Him, 'is if we love him for who he is, and not just for what he can do for us'.

Living with humility, having trust and being true to who we are is vital in our service to others and has 'profound implications for who we are spiritually'. (Matt 25:31-46) Our God who calls us to a relationship with Him is, 'willing to assist us in growing' but we must also be receptive to asking for His help and His forgiveness which is to be an example to us all. *'That God can forgive anyone anything, what does that say about what we are called to do.'* (Reflection – March 6)

As well, in March 8th reflection, we are told that - through our baptism we become *'a priest, a prophet and a king'* (Catechism n. 783-786) and *'As a king, you have innate dignity in God's eyes, and you have authority to offer leadership in the Church and the world. As a prophet, you are to proclaim God's word to the world through everything you are, do and say.'* Let us go forth, bravely with God's blessing and humility, to forgive and 'to live in peace with one another and the whole of creation'.

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

Living in the Light

John's Gospel talks a lot about light and darkness. In the very first paragraph of his Gospel, John tells us that Jesus is the light of the world. John makes it very clear that we must live in the light, live in Jesus, if we are to have eternal life.

In this reading we hear the famous quote from John 3:16 that we see so often cited by Christian fans at football games: Jesus came, "so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but may have eternal life." It is important to note that the eternal life Jesus offers us is not just a heavenly kingdom after we die—eternal life means much more.

The life we were born with is limited and finite. We know that every breath we take brings us closer to our physical deaths. The years and gravity take their toll on us, but what Jesus offers us is life outside of time and gravity. It is beyond the wounds and handicaps of our physical world, but it is also very much here and now.

Jesus offers us his life—life with, and in the Triune God in whom we believe. We come to this divine life by fully embracing our human life, just as Jesus did. We accept the limitedness of our humanity with all the pain and joy that entails. We do not suppress our human nature but engage in it fully, always drawn to the light that is Jesus.

We are asked to live each day in the truth of our eternal life so that "...it may be clearly seen that [our] deeds have been done in God" (John 3:21). There is no dichotomy—no spiritual above physical life. Teach your children to value the finite world, especially themselves, body, mind and spirit—one package—loved by God with all its blemishes.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Take turns telling what you like about each other. Talk about each person's physical as well as spiritual qualities.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

It is so important to always tell our children the truth. Their trust in us, and sometimes their trust in others later in life, is dependent on it. How good are you at always telling the truth? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?



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"By grace you have been saved by faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God."

Sheepish Question:

Recently, how have I experienced God's grace in spite of my failures?

Justice Challenge

March 14th, 2021 • 4th Week in Lent

The Gospel reading teaches us that God loved us so much that he sent his only Son into the world. The Son brought light into the darkness of sin in our lives. Jesus told us that we also are the light of the world. Your challenge this week is to look at where in our world sin has brought darkness—through greed or hate or violence or prejudice. Then reflect on how you can bring light into this ugly situation. How can you be a light in the world for those who live in darkness?

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

Prayers Please pray for recently deceased:

Kevin Swifte; Fr Peter Gillam; Maureen Ferguson; Terence Wild; Terry Sheehan; Dominador Sta Maria; German Garcia; Barry Miller. **And these anniversaries:** Elsie Frampton; Pat Killin; Braulio Monterde; Fr Joe Walsh OSA; Mrs Holroyd.

Please pray for these unwell: Leanne Hendrix; Paul Gannon; Arturo Belciña; Rhelma Kenny; Edric McAuliffe; Sharon Kennedy Gerlach; Michael & Kathleen Simpson; Gerry Shield; Arlina Diaz; Desley Whitehouse.

Please pray for everyone in our Parish.



Parish news Dcn Tuan Anh is on retreat in Sydney from 15th-20th March.

Parishioners - we will have a working bee for our church and surrounds on **Saturday March 20th @ 9am**. Clipboard at side entrance—please sign.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Program

(Year 5 or older, 10yrs of age or older)

Wednesday **6pm, March 17th**- Child Session 2

Wednesday **6pm, March 24th**- Rite of First Reconciliation in our Church

Sunday **9am, March 28th**- Thanksgiving Mass



Dcn Tuan Anh's Ordination will take place on **Saturday 22nd May at 10am** (St Rita), and his Thanksgiving mass on **Sunday 23rd May at 9am**. Special registration for the Ordination will be made available soon.

EASTER SERVICES 2021
THURSDAY, 1st April - HOLY THURSDAY:
MORNING PRAYER – 8AM
MASS OF LORD'S SUPPER - 7PM



FRIDAY, 2nd April - GOOD FRIDAY:
MORNING PRAYER – 8AM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 10AM
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION – 3PM
 (also Collection for Holy Land)

SATURDAY, 3rd April - HOLY SATURDAY:
MORNING PRAYER – 8AM
THE EASTER VIGIL - 7PM (2 RCIA candidates)

SUNDAY, 4th April – EASTER SUNDAY:
MASS TIMES: 7AM & 9AM
(NO EVENING MASS)



MARCH

- 13 / 14 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); Year B/1 4th Sunday Lent (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am) No Baptisms during Lent.
- 15-20 Deacon Tuan Anh on Retreat in Sydney
- 16 Group Lenten Reflection after 8am mass
- 17 Way of the Cross after 8am mass; Session 2 Sacrament of Reconciliation program 6pm
- 17 Wednesday 6.30pm - 9.15pm Alpha program: Week 1 (organised by YAM) - in the Hall for 11 weeks.
- 19 Friday 9am mass
- 20 / 21 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); Year B/1 5th Sunday Lent (Saturday Vigil



PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE

Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet, so he and his family always had to walk

into the forest to an open defecation area. His family was often sick and open defecation caused many neighbourhood disputes. With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner, Laz Harfa, Arsad took part in hygiene, sanitation and financial management training. He then funded the building of a toilet in his house and helped other community members to save for toilets. Now Arsad's family is healthier. Their community no longer practices open defecation and is more harmonious. Arsad inspired his community to 'Be More.'

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity. You can donate by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

The Catholic Leader **March 2021** newspaper is now available for \$4.

A special **Mass for St Patrick's Day** will be celebrated in the Cathedral of St Stephen, Elizabeth Street at **10am on 17 March 2021**. His Grace, Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be the principal celebrant with Fr Gerard McMorroo concelebrating. All are welcome to attend but, due to COVID restrictions, it is essential you register your attendance www.cathedralofststephen.org.au



Planned Giving for the Week of 7th March, 2021

Collection Account numbers have now changed from 1st March	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$993.35	\$310	\$402	Last	\$1,705.35
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891	\$417.35	\$335	\$382	week only	\$1,134.35

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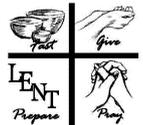


Administration

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Sunday's Readings: 4th Sunday of Lent First Reading 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people. **Second Reading Ephesians 2: 4-10** When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life. **Gospel Reading John 3: 14-21** God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.



Mass times WEEKEND: Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.

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

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am.

WEEKDAY: Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30pm... by [new Eventbrite link](#) or call parish office.

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Friday 7th May @ 9am.

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY (at this stage).

Counters

March 13 / 14 Sylvia & John

March 20 / 21 Lorie & Leah

Ministry	NEXT WEEK March 20 / 21	SATURDAY 6 PM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 7AM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 9AM (SIGN AT DOOR)
COMMENTATOR		Sylvia P	Trish R	John W
LECTOR		Mark G	Jana V	Leo B
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION (2)		Ron S Anne S	Berenice T-F Marj N	Mike S Morag S
HOSPITALITY		None	during	CV19
ALTAR SERVER/S		Joe / Rodel / Ramil	Gene	Leah
POWERPOINT		Cecilia D	John D / Gilbert	Di / June S
MARSHAL		Lorie / Karen / Will / Rachelle	Brendon G / Trish R	Cathy M

Next Sunday's Readings: 5th Sunday of Lent

First Reading Jeremiah 31: 31-34 The days are coming

when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

Second Reading Hebrews 5: 7-9 He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Reading John 12: 20-33 If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

