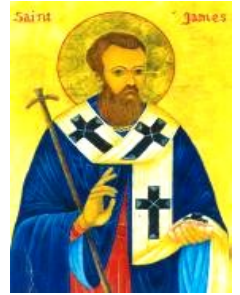


**6TH SUNDAY
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16 / 17 MAY**

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



In light of the ScoMo's announcement late last week regarding the ease of restrictions, in stages, Bishop Ken Howell has issued a letter concerning protocols related to church activities effective from **16 May through to 12 June 2020**. Please find time to read the correspondence attached in your email or inserted in this bulletin (if you opted for the printed copy). Thank you!

facebook

Join the parish community this Sunday, 17 May 2020, for our online mass, live streamed thru **Facebook Live: [stjamescoorparoo](https://www.facebook.com/stjamescoorparoo)**.

Time: 8am ; Venue: **a sacred space, that is, your Home!**

You Tube

GOOD NEWS to those who have no access to *Facebook* or *Facebook Live*! Beginning this Sunday, 17th May 2020, we will begin to stream the Sunday Mass on YouTube at **10:30AM**. Our parish



YouTube Channel is **ST JAMES PARISH COORPAROO**. Subscribe to our Channel, by clicking on the subscribe button to get notified about our latest videos. We would truly appreciate it if you could share this information to our fellow parishioners, especially those whom we have been unable to reach out thru *Facebook*.

Allow me to explain a couple of reason/s why we have not (until this Sunday) streamed or broadcasted the online mass on both platforms (*Facebook* and *YouTube*) simultaneously. When we began reaching out to our parishioners through our online masses and social media, the more familiar platform between the two in terms of interface and navigation, personally speaking, was *Facebook*. In addition, when we began our streaming on Palm Sunday in early April, the parish already has an existing *Facebook* account with existing members and 'followers', but no *YouTube* account yet. And so, the compelling choice at that time was to stream the mass through *Facebook*.

From the onset, I was conscious of the limitations of streaming through *Facebook* only. It is clear that not everyone, across age groups, has access to *Facebook*. However, it is also clear that we have been reaching out to a number of parishioners and beyond week after week thru this platform.

To address this limitation, we have managed recently to finally create a *YouTube* account for the parish, and we are learning the basics of putting out a video on this platform. As I've indicated even before, we need to consider in the equation the strength of the internet connection and the power of the computer, if we are planning to *decently* stream on both platforms simultaneously. At the moment, after running a few tests, there are a few hiccups with the audio and video quality when streaming thru to two platforms at the same time. Hence, the decision for now to do it one after the other, that is, 8:00AM thru *Facebook Live*, and then 10:30AM thru our *YouTube* channel. May this endeavour help us to reach more of our parishioners, so please share info!



→ We are excited to inform you that beginning on **Sunday, 24th May 2020**, we will move the venue of our online Sunday Mass from the Augustinian Priory Chapel at Villanova (8am) down to our Parish Church

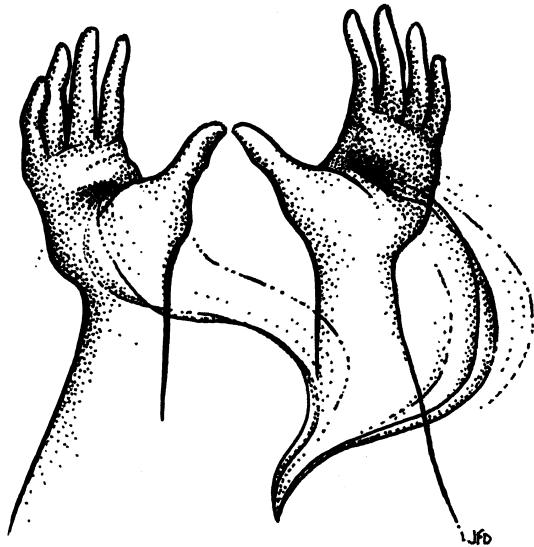
at **St James**. Since we are now back at the church, please be aware that **ONLINE Mass thru Facebook on the 24th May will begin at 9:00AM**, to coincide now with our regular Sunday mass time. On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank the Augustinian *fratres* at Villanova for having joined us in the chapel for our streaming during the height of the restrictions.

→ **22 May** is **ST. RITA OF CASCIA's** feast day, a special feast for all of us as an Augustinian family. Mass will be live streamed on this day, Friday, at 9AM in *YouTube*.

→ **4 June** this year is Fr Peter Hayes' 60th Anniversary of priestly ordination. It's a shame that we cannot gather in large numbers for this diamond celebration. More info soon.

Erratum: The frontpage article of the parish bulletin last weekend from The Catholic Leader is missing the following text right at the very end: "**But it also seems clear that the spirits of pastors and people have not flagged, and that's surely the fruit of a faith in the Risen Lord whom nothing and no-one can shut down.**" We do apologise for the inconvenience.

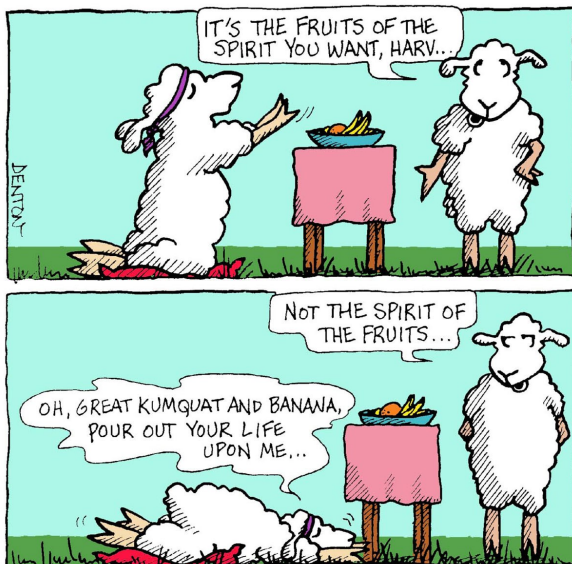
Bringing Home the Gospel



An Advocate for Life

Jesus continues his last discourse with his disciples. He tells them (and us) if they love him and observe his commandments, the Father will give them another advocate, the Spirit of truth. Jesus tells them he will be leaving them soon but they will not be left orphaned.

The catechism tells us that God is truth. In fact, God is the only absolute truth. All other truth is relative. Truth is limited and condition by all sorts of things, including physicality, relativity, time, and culture. Three people can witness an accident and truthfully testify to seemingly contradictory statements. Their truth can be dictated by the where, when, and how of their relationship to the incident. It can be coloured by personal viewpoints (prejudice, associations with other life experiences) or by personal limitations (eyesight, height). Only God is absolute truth, because only God is limitless.



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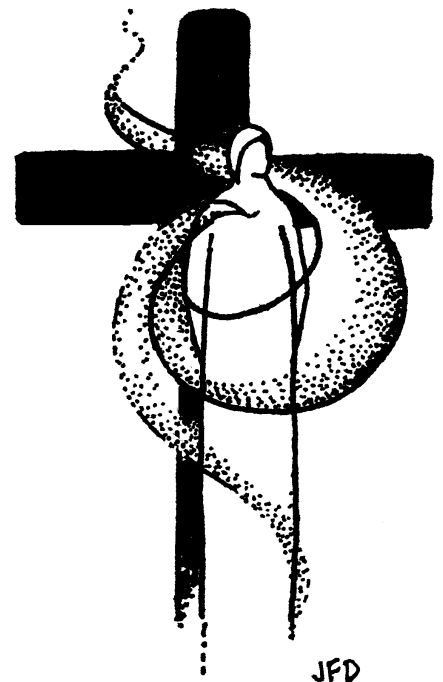
"He will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth."

Sheepish Question:

As you pray to the Holy Spirit, are you more attentive to the gifts you receive or to the giver?

We know that even church truths change. We all remember that Galileo was considered a heretic because he proposed that the sun did not revolve around the earth. If the church is open to admitting limitations in its belief system, we should be as well. As new ideas of faith or church or even God challenge us, we need to constantly pray to remain in the truth, reminding ourselves that the one and only absolute is God.

Life's journey is about learning and growing, constantly filtering the truth as we see it through the witness of the church and our own ever-expanding experiences. In John 18:37, Jesus tells us that he came into the world "to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." It is in allowing Christ to live in us and bowing to our own limitations that the Spirit of truth can reign in our hearts.



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The Strength of Faith

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." (Jn. 14:23)



- ▶ Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 - Philip in Samaria
- ▶ 1 Peter 3:15-18 - On Christian suffering
- ▶ John 14:15-21 - Promise of the Paraclete



- ▶ **Adults:** The Spirit gives us inner wisdom and strength. When have you experienced this?
- ▶ **Kids:** The Holy Spirit makes you strong inside. When do you need to be strong?

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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. If you have a parishioner, family member or friend who is ill, has recently died, or their anniversary is around this time, please call/email, so these people can be prayed for and remembered...

Please pray for recently deceased:

Maureen Forster; Mathappan; Maureen Forster; Ondit Rubi; Gabrielle Coote; Jocelyn Johnson; Colin Arndt; Sister Regis Mary rsm; Trevor Swifte.

And these anniversaries: Marie Sheehan; Nancy Ries; Vic Cush; Keith Killin; Mary-Anne Dungan; Carmel Sheehan.

Please pray for these unwell: Hazel Yared; Kenny McDonald; Meighan Harris-O'Reilly; Sylvia Wilson; Jocelyn Tibayan, Veron Forsyth; Peter & Stephen Darch; Matthew & Timothy Graveson; Carmel Remphrey; Rodrigo Urbano.

Parish news

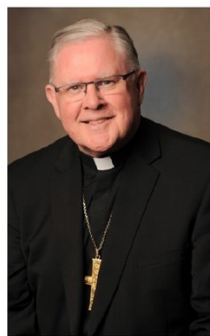
On a lighter note,

the anti-bacterial hand sanitiser pump packs (5 x 1ltr) for our church usage have finally arrived! Ordered in **March**, arrived in **May!** We will be wonderfully prepared when we all congregate together again.



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 18 -24 MAY 2020

National Volunteer Week is the largest celebration of volunteers & volunteerism in Australia, & provides an opportunity to highlight the role of volunteers in our community & say thank you to the 6 million Australians who volunteer. <https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org>



It's hard to know what the church and society are going to look like when we emerge from the COVID-19 restrictions.

The one constant throughout our pre and post-pandemic worlds, however, will be the volunteers who remain at the heart and soul of what we do.

As we prepare to celebrate a National Week in your honour, my thanks goes out to all the volunteers, wherever you may be offering witness — in parishes or prisons, hospitals, courts or respite and drop-in centres.

In spite of the many challenges posed by this medical crisis, you still stood ready, in ways both creative and courageous, to continue outreach on our behalf and for that the Archdiocese is indebted to you.

Without you we couldn't do or be what Jesus Christ calls us to do and be.



16 – 24 May -

Laudato Si' Week

celebrates the 5th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on care for our common home. It is a great time to read the encyclical again, and to reflect on our next steps in responding to its message.

**LAUDATO SI'
WEEK 2020**



Today's Readings

6th Sunday Easter:

First Reading Acts 8:

5-8, 14-17 They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3: 15-18 In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Reading John 14: 15-21 I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Updates & Resources:

See this tab on our website page also..

*A step-down approach to COVID-19

Remember... * Social distancing * 1.5metres and hygiene * Stay at home if you're sick

STAGE 1: from 15 MAY 2020 (for 4 weeks)

Family, friends and community

+ Gatherings in homes (max 5 visitors, allowed from separate households)

+ Gatherings of up to 10 people:

> weddings

> places of worship and religious ceremonies

> Funerals (max 20 indoors or 30 outdoors)

Archdiocese news

The month of May marks **Domestic and**

Family Violence (DFV) Prevention Month.

We all have a role to play, individually and collectively, in calling for violence in the home to end. Earlier this week, Centacare's Regional DFV Service on the Sunshine Coast invited the community to take a stand

against DFV by lighting candles in their own homes. Community responses to DFV are vital. DFV is not a private issue, that happens in homes, behind closed doors. It's everyone's business. Individually, there are things we can do. I encourage you to visit the Centacare <https://centacarebrisbane.net.au/domestic-violence-prevention/counselling-womenchildrenmen/>



COVID-19 Translated Resources and Mass in Languages other than English

<http://multiculturalcare.org.au/resources/>

SIGNIFICANT DATES MAY:

Saturday 23: International Day of Living Together in Peace.

Monday 25: Week of Solidarity with Peoples of Non-selfgoverning Territories.

Tuesday 26: National Sorry Day.

Wednesday 27: National Reconciliation Week.

Friday 29: 1992: launch of Torres Strait Islander flag.



Reconciliation Week

A time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. For Catholics, it is a time to become more full the Church that Jesus wants us to be—a Church in which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make their own unique contribution and that contribution is joyfully received by others.

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Thank you very much for Financially Supporting 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
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- **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:

Ascension of the Lord: First Reading *Acts 1: 1-11* Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Second Reading *Ephesians 1: 17-23* He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 28: 16-20* All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

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

www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings.