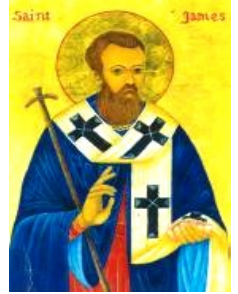


EASTER SUNDAY YR B 2021 4 APRIL

**The Parish of St James
Coorparoo**
**A Vibrant, Prayerful, Inclusive
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Hearts Before Minds

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Each of the four gospels recounts slightly different details of Jesus' resurrection. Yet they all begin with a note that the stone which had sealed the tomb has been rolled away, and that the tomb where Jesus' body was laid is now empty. Those who first saw these things were confused and couldn't understand what they were seeing. Despite Jesus' predictions during his lifetime that he would die and be raised from the dead, none of his followers seemed able to comprehend immediately what had happened.

Some Jews at the time of Jesus believed there would be a general resurrection of all of the dead at the end of time. Others, like the Sadducees, didn't even believe in that. It's no wonder, then, that it took some time for Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the other disciples to piece together the incredible news that Jesus had been raised from the dead. It would take them many more days and weeks to really begin to understand all the implications of his resurrection. They had nothing in their experiences to compare this to as they lived into a completely new reality—a lived experience of life after death. Their hearts would have felt the joy long before their minds could make sense of Jesus' resurrection.

Does Easter feel any more significant to you this year because of how you experienced Lent? Have you ever been so surprised by joy that it took you some time for your mind to catch up to what your heart was experiencing?



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Reflections from St James Lenten Group

via a path of extraordinary suffering and eventual death, concludes on a height that we can scarcely comprehend – the triumph of life over death."

This past week our readings have provided examples, 'to teach us what it means to be in a relationship with the One who holds us in being' and 'how God desires to restore our relationship with Him to its original strength and innocence'.

We are reminded of how - God teaches Noah to trust, Abraham and Sarah to understand the importance faith, Ruth to comprehend God's concern for all people no matter race, status or gender, David to understand what it means to forgive and the examples go on. But in all of these stories we must remember, 'Jesus is the central point – the one who brings it all together'.

Mary's story is one of importance for us as well. When confronted by the angel Gabriel - "She questions, humbly admits her confusion, but stands her ground and hears what God is saying...then quietly says, 'yes'. "The redemptive significance of that 'yes'...is second only to the 'yes' uttered by Mary's son." Her faith demonstrates for us the way of holiness; that we too must be prepared to 'resist our human tendencies of struggle and doubt' and to rejoice in our commitment to our God. *(continued on page 3)*

"The events of Holy Week are a roller-coaster. The week begins in the heights, as Jesus is welcomed into Jerusalem, and

The Good News of the resurrection is proclaimed this week in our Scripture readings. This good news is meant for everyone. Jesus was and is a universal saviour. One of the insights we receive on Easter Sunday comes from Acts 10. Peter, struggling to be faithful to the teachings of Jesus, announces that he has learned that “God shows no partiality.” This helped to shape many decisions made by the early Church leaders—and it should form our decisions as well. Your challenge this week is to examine how well you live by God’s example. Do you personally and/or as a household show partiality to particular groups of people based on their race, religion, economic level, or occupation? Do you exclude any groups on the same basis? If your reflection reveals partiality to some and exclusion of others, make a commitment to change. Identify three steps you can take so that in the future you can say that you, like God, show no partiality.

He is Risen!

This reading of Mark's version of the resurrection is rather short. In it the women see a young man clothed in a white robe who shows them the place where Jesus' body had been laid. He tells them to go tell the disciples and Peter.

**BRINGING
HOME THE
GOSPEL**

Imagine the emotion and excitement the disciples must have felt when they realized Jesus had risen. Sometimes I think I have listened to the Jesus story so often that those three words sound like the “they-lived-happily-ever-after” to Jesus’ life. I forget how powerfully momentous an event this was for the world. Easter is a big feast day, a huge holiday—even more significant than Christmas.

Easter is our Alleluia day: the day we were released from bondage. This is the day fear, loneliness, greed, prejudice and even death lost their power over us. Easter is a new-life day—a “We are reborn” day! It is truly an Alleluia day.

This is the year to make Easter a big deal, even if you are reading this on Easter evening, it is not too late to do some planning. Have an Easter party. Make it a surprise party for the family. (That first Easter was sure a surprise for everybody.) Or, have the family help

FAMILY RESPONSE

Take this time to plan an Alleluia party.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Being reborn may sound like something a Pentecostal Christian might say, but actually it is very Catholic. How do you feel about the term, “Being reborn”? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

plan it. Invite friends, and the extended family. If you want, have an Easter egg hunt. Or play “Pin the tail on the lamb.” Spend some time during the party to talk a bit about why this day is so special. Explaining why eggs and lambs are symbols for Easter is a good way to introduce the topic of new life. Be creative; re-enact the resurrection story. Talk about what the apostles must have thought and felt when they saw the empty tomb. If you are reading this reflection out of sequence with the church year, and it’s not Easter, have an Easter party next Sunday anyway. After all, every Sunday is a memorial of Christ risen—a celebration of our Easter joy.

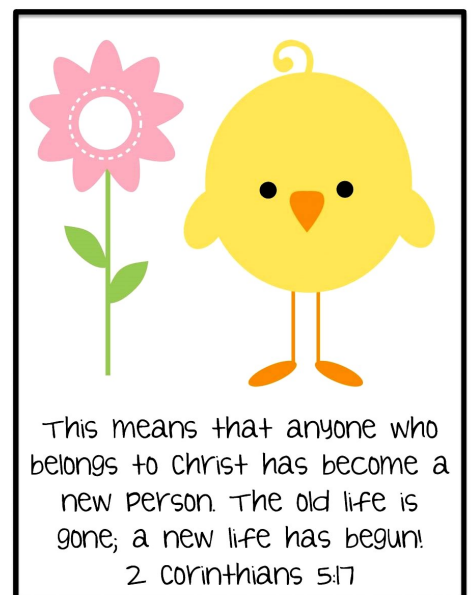


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“I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.”

Sheepish Question:

Where do I see and celebrate new life today?



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Prayers

Please pray for recently deceased:

Arturo Belciña; Noel Paterson; Browckwell Miller; Joan Hartley; Yvonne Cassidy; Sharon Kennedy Gerlach; Paul Gannon; Kevin Swifte; Fr Peter Gillam; Maureen Ferguson; Terence Wild.

And these anniversaries:

Carmel Sheehan; Ricardo Herft; Mariena Corzo de Paredes; John Pedrazzini; Theo Leask.

Please pray for these unwell:

Desley Whitehouse; Frank Cassidy; Rob Marshall; Leanne Hendrix; Fr Ron Mollison; Rhelma Kenny; Edric McAuliffe; Michael Simpson.

Please pray for everyone in our Parish.



Parish news

St James Parish Sacramental Program for Children

(Term 2) ...Year 3 children or older ...

CONFIRMATION program begins

Wednesday 6pm on May 12th with a Parent info session. (Children who are baptised, we require a copy of baptismal certificate).

Send our parish an [email to register please](#).



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Reflections from St James Lenten Group

(continued from page 1) As well, Jesus, in our Palm Sunday reading, shows humility. Even though joyously welcomed into Jerusalem, "Jesus also humbles himself to carry the cross. Humility above all, is God's way: God humbles himself to walk with his people." We may have issues with a God who also calls us to humility; but for us to be renewed by your spirit we must, "die to ourselves and find new life in committing ourselves in loving service to you and one another for the glory of your name."

We pray - "Fill us with joy as we approach the end to this Lenten season so that, with hearts renewed, we may continue to celebrate your love at the feast you have set for us." Amen



APRIL (no Anointing mass in April)

5 Easter Monday 8am mass.

7 Wednesday 6.30pm - 9.15pm Alpha program: Week 3 (organised by YAM for our parish)

9 Friday 9am mass

10 / 11 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); Year B/1 2nd Sunday Easter: Divine Mercy (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am): Baptisms.

14 Wednesday 6.30pm - 9.15pm Alpha program: Week 4 (organised by YAM for our parish)



Holy Land Commissariat

Holy Land Collection (envelopes available at side entrance) Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, writes:

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Planned Giving for the Week of 27th 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	\$902.60	\$180	\$195	-	\$1,277.60
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891	\$535.55	\$200	\$185	-	\$920.55

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Sunday's Readings: Easter Sunday

First Reading *Acts 10: 34, 37-43* We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Second Reading *Colossians 3: 1-4* Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Gospel Reading *Mark 16: 1-7* Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.



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.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 7th May.

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY (at this stage).

Counters

April 3 / 4 Anne & Margaret

April 10 / 11 Karleen & Sandra

Ministry	2nd Sunday Easter April 10 / 11	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
COMMENTATOR		Sylvia P	Berenice T-F	Pat M
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Next Sunday's Readings: 2nd Sunday Easter (Divine Mercy)

First Reading *Acts 4: 32-35* The whole group was united, heart and soul.

Second Reading *1 John 5: 1-6* Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Gospel Reading *John 20: 19-31* After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

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

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

