

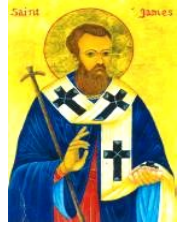
**2ND SUNDAY
EASTER
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The Parish of St James



Coorparoo.

**An Augustinian Parish:
Archdiocese of Brisbane.**



From the Prioory Window

**“We are not born for ourselves,
and the natural gifts and free graces
that we receive are not for ourselves alone,**

but we have received them that they might be of benefit to all.”

Over the Holy Week days called the ‘Triduum’, (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil and Sunday) I saw the words quoted above being enacted upon. The fact that our liturgical ceremonies were prayed well, and with beauty, was a tribute to the many people who offered their ‘gifts and graces’ for the good of the community. We all benefited from the many who know how to live out those words quoted, words spoken by St Thomas of Villanova, an Augustinian whose own gifts and talents benefited the poor of his time.

The baptism of four adults at the Vigil Mass was testimony that we are sharing our ‘gifts and talents’ and to the willingness of these some four adults to live a life that will be for the “benefit of all”. Yes, that is the core of the Christian message! “We are not born for ourselves ... but for the benefit of all.”

When the Sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising. They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. Mark 16: 1-7



Question of the Week

What ‘stones’ block you or your family rising to new life?

What ‘gifts and talents’ have you been given so that they can be given away?

Who, in your life, inspires you by the way they use their ‘gifts and talents’ to make the world a better place?

Like most of us who give their gifts and talents, the women who came to the tomb with their spices were doing so out love. Love is the motivator for our good actions. We just have to remember that our love must extend beyond those who love us. We must love even our enemies!

Fr Peter osa Parish Administrator.