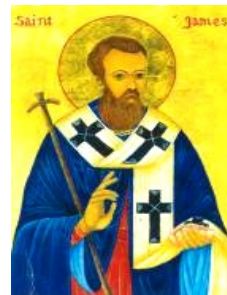


2ND SUNDAY EASTER YR B 2021 11 APRIL DIVINE MERCY

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Jesus had just appeared for the second time. The doors had been locked, the windows closed. Yet, Jesus was suddenly in their midst. Thomas had even stuck his fingers into the wounds from the cross and the sword. Like God breathing life into Adam, Jesus had breathed on them. Peter's mind was drenched with the miracle it could not contain. Peter staggered through the streets as the downpour of thoughts pelted him like raindrops.

The Feast of the Unleavened Bread was now over and Peter shouldered his way through the crowds of pilgrims who were exiting the city. People had flocked into Jerusalem to be present for these high holy days. They had come from all the cities of Judah and Idumea, Edom, Decapolis and Galilee. Now, loaded with purchases, they were hurrying home. Seeing them about him, Peter began to think about his own return to Galilee.

Jesus' freshly spoken words suddenly returned to Peter: "He said send. We should go now. Andrew, go tell the rest. Jesus said 'I send you,' remember?"

The downpour of thoughts continued to deluge Peter. To be "sent" also meant he was starting a solemn mission. All that Jesus had taught and preached had to somehow continue. A strange peace soothed Peter and without words, he knew that he was being filled with courage, grace and power.

The disciples left Jerusalem separately, mingling in with the crowds of departing Pilgrims. As Peter passed unnoticed under the Damascus gate he felt a soar of excitement course through him. Following the north road he began to smile to himself. He knew he was no longer alone. God was with him, Jesus was at his side, and the Holy Spirit had completely filled his heart.



In each of our lives Jesus appears. Just as he came to the Disciples in the secret locked room, he comes in the secret of our locked heart. There, where no one else may go, he finds us and fills us with peace and says "As the father has sent me, so I send you." And with those words he commissions us to love one another, to forgive one another, and to hold one another accountable. Like Peter, we are filled with the courage to take a stand and to stand up for what is right and just. It is then that we truly become Christians, followers of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflections from St James Lenten Group

"See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high." (Isaiah 52:13-14)

This week's reflection covers many events leading up to and including Easter Sunday. Since our 'first ancestors' our 'God has been calling us back to himself'. At times, it seems all has been lost, 'yet God's plan is relentless'. "Nothing can stifle it; not our failures, not our sin, not suffering and not death." and it is our faith and believing in God that keeps us on our path to the fullness of life.

As well, Jesus models 'authentic Christian leadership' for us; to be humble and to be receptive when responding to what God is doing in our lives. In Jesus' words and actions, 'We see who God is and how our God works'.

During this Lenten time, we have stopped to remember His suffering and after waiting in hope, we are now, "... a resurrection people. Our hope, our faith and our joy are all founded on this central reality: 'On the third day, Jesus was raised from the dead.'"

'**Christ is risen!**' Let us repeat it with words, but above all with the witness of our lives. The happy news of the Resurrection should shine on our faces, in our feelings and attitudes and in the way we treat others. (Pope Francis)

Just as Mary Magdalene, Jesus' two disciples and Peter did not recognise Jesus, let us pray daily to our God, to heal our ability to see and, 'to be open to what He is wanting to show us'.



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This Sunday is designated by the Church as Divine Mercy Sunday. Mercy goes beyond justice, not just forgiving someone who has done something wrong, but freeing them from further repercussions and giving them the chance to start over. Mercy is a powerful expression of discipleship. Your challenge this week is to take one of the works of mercy (spiritual or corporal) and literally live it out. At the end of the week, share with your family what you did and how it changed you. Remember, mercy wasn't just the theme of a Jubilee Year!

Jesus' disciples are behind locked doors, afraid that at any minute there will be loud knocking and the soldiers will be there to arrest them. The knock does not come but the Risen Jesus does. And what are Jesus' first words to these disciples he loves? "Peace be with you." Jesus repeats that phrase three times in this Gospel.

Thomas is not present for Jesus' appearance, and when the others tell him about their experience, he doubts their word. Jesus joins the disciples again, and this time Thomas is with them. Once again Jesus greets them with the words, "Peace be with you." What is this peace that Jesus offers his disciples? It is not the sort of peace that removes one from danger or trauma.

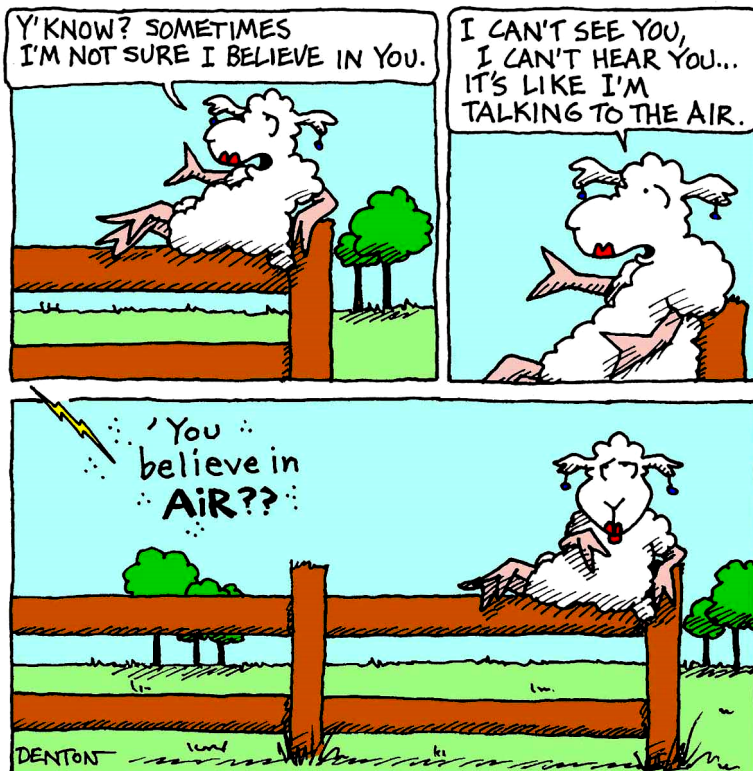
Remember, ten of those apostles received the peace of Christ, and all but one of them died martyrs. And it certainly doesn't magically take away fear or apprehension. The disciples kept the doors locked even after Jesus' first visit. The peace Jesus gives does not obliterate fear, but it does offer comfort and

courage and Christ's strength to get through any sort of danger or trial. When we rest in God's peace we know that no matter what happens, all will be right. Even death has lost its power over us.

This is the peace Thomas received after he doubted. It is the peace the disciples received more fully at Pentecost with the coming of the Holy Spirit. It is the same peace we are offered when we cooperate with the Spirit we received in baptism and confirmation. If only we could believe and be truly open to receiving it.

The disciples know that Jesus had died and risen, but this knowledge does not keep them from fearing for their lives. They are afraid that what happens to Jesus will happen to them. Jesus comes to them, and greets them offering his peace.

Peace Be With You



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"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Sheepish Question:

What helps me dispel my doubts about God?

**BRINGING
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Prayers

Please pray for recently deceased:

Tess Walsh; Noel Paterson; Eileen Carty; Mariena Corzo de Paredes; Arturo Belciña; Brockwell Miller; Joan Hartley; Yvonne Cassidy; Sharon Kennedy Gerlach; Paul Gannon.

And these anniversaries: Les & Ruby Richards; Carmel Sheehan; Ricardo Herft; 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 our Baptismal children:

Aidan O'Kane; Gabriela Madeiros Satiago Silva; Rey Loyola; Ruby Lyle.



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](#).



Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites couples, priests and religious to a **Marriage Encounter Weekend** to enrich and revitalise your Sacrament. It gives you the opportunity to grow in your relationship with your spouse or your community. **Virtual weekend via Zoom, 30th April – 2 May 2021, commencing at 7pm on Friday – concluding at 4pm Sunday.** Contact Julie and Zyg Staszyc: 0437 388 513

Email: sabookings@wwme.org.au

Live-in weekend Friday 28 May - Sunday 30 May at Ormiston (on Brisbane's bayside). Contact Maria and David Murphy: (07) 3342 1456, dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au

Information website: www.wwme.org.au

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

Liturgical Musicians Training Day

Saturday 15th May: 9:00am – 3:30pm at St Laurence's College, South Brisbane.

A series of workshops will be offered in the following streams with a focus on formation in practical musical skills for liturgical musicians. More info shortly.



APRIL (no Anointing mass in April)

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.

10-17 8am Communion Services in our church

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

16 Friday 9am mass

17 / 18 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); Year B/1 3rd Sunday Easter (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am); no baptisms.

Please keep in mind that the CV outbreak is not over and some restrictions remain in place across all of Queensland. Till **Thursday 15 April**, all Queenslanders must carry a mask when they leave their homes. Masks are to be worn in indoor spaces and worn outdoors when social distancing is not possible. You can access the most up to date advice on mask requirements [here](#).

The Catholic Leader **April 2021** newspaper is now available for \$4—money box near papers.

Pray your way through FREE Easter Season prayer experience **MESSIAH** Time: 4 - 6pm Date: Sunday **18th April 2021** Location: Coorparoo School of Arts & Memorial Hall (208 Cavendish Road, Coorparoo) RSVP: COB 13th April Register: app.tickets.org.au/eb/prayingwithmessiah

Candles 50c or Gold coin donation at each candle stand in the 4 corners of our church.

How to place names of loved ones in our prayer list for masses and bulletin... We do not keep an annual list of names to be prayed for. During 2021, let us know your loved one/s name/s; occasion for prayer: *ill; anniversary; recently deceased;* date / day for mass - and make a donation with these details on your envelope. Drop the envelope in collection plate / in letterbox near Priory doorbell / in Sacristy book.

- **Phone** our parish office (phone 3397 1671)
- **Email** our parish office (osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au)
- **Visit Sacristy** after mass and ask the priest to placed details in book

What does love look like?

It has the **hands to help** others.

It has the **feet to hasten** to the poor and needy.

It has **eyes to see** misery and want.

It has the **ears to hear** the sighs and sorrows of men.

That is what love looks like.

— Saint Augustine



Planned Giving for the Week of 4th April, 2021

| Collection Account numbers have now changed from 1st March | Loose money [not pledged] | Envelopes [pledged] | Direct Debit | Credit card | Total |
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| 1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791 | \$1,935.60 | \$240 | \$512 | Week | \$2,687.60 |
| 2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891 | \$853.85 | \$210 | \$382 | 4 only | \$1,445.85 |

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| Pastoral Care | Parish Office | 3397 1671 |
| Safeguarding Officer | Kate Pearson | 3397 1671 |

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.



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 10 / 11 Karleen & Sandra

April 17 / 18 Lenore & Brendon

| Ministry | 3rd Sunday Easter April 17 / 18 | VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM | SUNDAY 7AM | SUNDAY 9AM |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| COMMENTATOR | | Karleen O'R | Trish R | Cathy M |
| LECTOR | | Sylvia P | Berenice T-F | Pat M |
| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION | | Ron S Anne S | Yen Mai Vu Heather L | Yen N Pat P |
| ALTAR SERVER/S | | Joe R | Gene T-F | Leah S |
| POWERPOINT | | Cecilia D | John D / Gilbert | Di / June S |
| MARSHAL | | Lorie / Karen / Will / Rachelle | Brendon G | Cathy M |

Next Sunday's Readings: 3rd Sunday Easter

First Reading *Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19* You killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Second Reading *1 John 2: 1-5* Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

Gospel Reading *Luke 24: 35-48* It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.