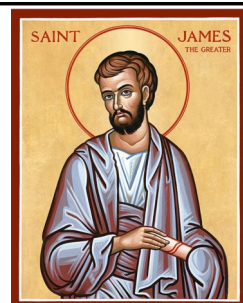


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WHERE WE ENCOUNTER AND
KNOW CHRIST, DEEPEN OUR FAITH,
AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY



BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

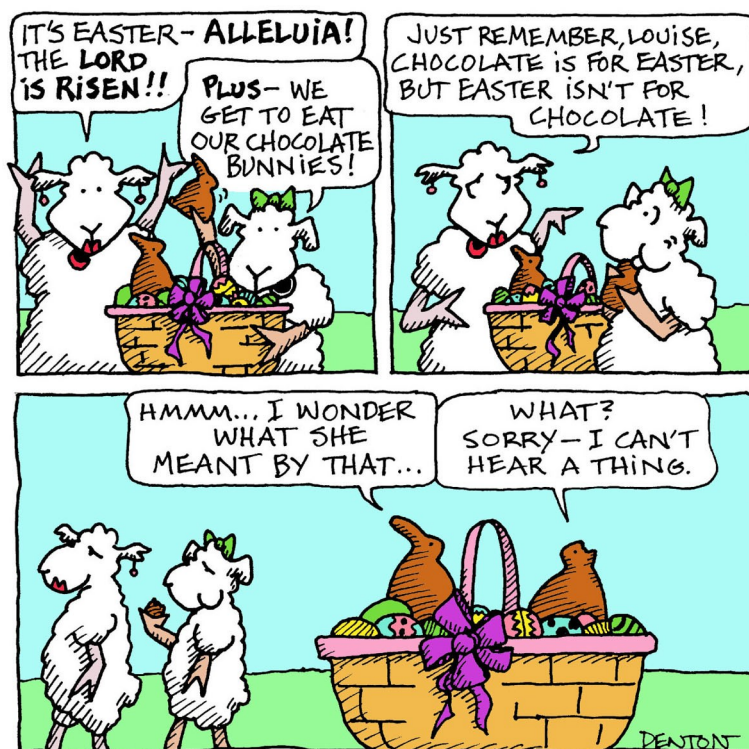
This reading of Mark's version of the resurrection is rather short. In it the women see a young man clothed in a white robe who shows them the place where Jesus' body had been laid. He tells them to go tell the disciples and Peter.

He is Risen!

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 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; reenact 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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"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way?"

Sheepish Question:

How have I been changed by new life in Christ?
Where do I go from here?

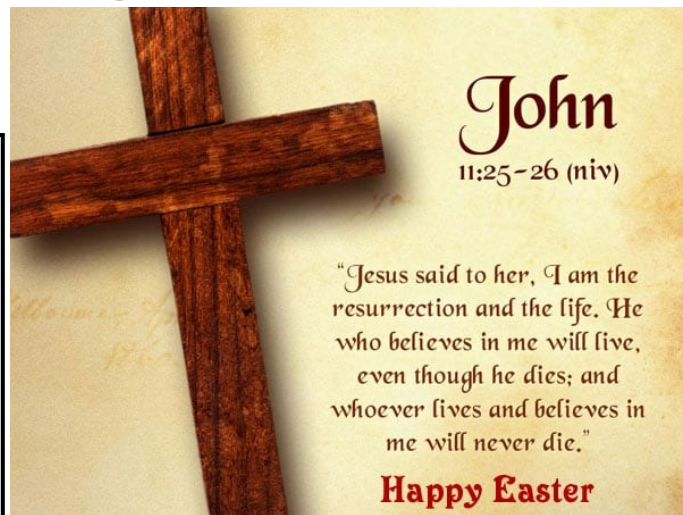
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RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults CONGRATULATIONS!!!

And WELCOME into the Catholic Church to
David Beattie.

A big thankyou to his Sponsor, and
especially to Kevin
and the many
parishioners who have
travelled with him
during his RCIA journey.



This Sunday's Readings **EASTER Sunday (Year A/1)**

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

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Psalms 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23 *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

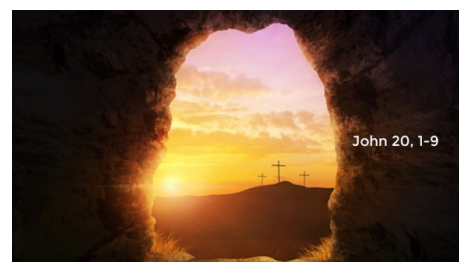
Second Reading Colossians 3: 1-4 *Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Reading John 20: 1-9 *The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



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St Augustine's reflection on Easter: **'We are an Easter People!'**



"We are an Easter people and 'Alleluia' is our song! Now therefore, brethren, we urge you to praise God. That is what we are all telling each other when we say "Alleluia." You say to your neighbor, "Praise the Lord!" and he says the same to you. We are all urging one another to praise the Lord, and all thereby doing what each of us urges the other to do. But see that your praise comes from your whole being; in other words, see that you praise God not with your lips and voices alone, but with your minds, your lives and all your actions." **St. Augustine On Ps 148**

ST. JAMES COORPAROO CONFERENCE.

REPORT for the Month of MARCH 2023.

1. We visited a total of 74 Households to which support to the value of \$6,817.45 was given.
2. *Our St. James Conference is a great group of friendly and committed members, but as with all parish volunteer groups, new members are always most welcome and urgently needed.*
3. We think that the challenge of assisting the disadvantaged and vulnerable in our local community is both valuable and rewarding.
4. *Should you like to know more about our Conference or should you be interested in becoming a member, please feel free to chat with one of our members after Mass or email to sj4151@svdpqld.org.au or phone Ron on 0414 745 178.*

St Vincent de Paul

Project Compassion 2023

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.
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For All Future Generations.

caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or call 1800 024 413.



The Parish of St James acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country upon which it lies and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and culture and pays respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Prayers

Please pray for recently deceased:



Mary-Rita Deakin; Emmanuel Pandey; Daniel Canavan; Irene Hueso Checa; Peter Korst; Slavica Ljubas.

And these anniversaries: Tess Walsh; Mons Robert People; Reynerio Nator; Arturo Belcifa; Dr John English; Paul Gannon; Secondo Berta.

Please pray for these unwell: Laurie Sheehan; Frank O'Dea; Maylene Nator; Robbie Haley; Fr Kevin Tu'itti; David & Kerry See; John Canavan; Miriam Martin; Rosalie Pascual; Aoife Stephenson; Michael & Mary-Clare Simpson; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan.

Parish news

FRIENDS OF ST AUGUSTINE NATIONAL LAY CONGRESS

7-9 July 2023 Brisbane "Walking Together". Join us to explore what it means to be a member of the Church of the third millennium. Venue: Villanova College 24 Sixth Avenue Coorparoo, Brisbane. Information email or register:

laycongress2023@gmail.com



Our parish has not done a census update for several years. Our [Welcome to St James Parish](#) pamphlet is being given to you over Easter. Please take it home with you and return shortly. We ask that you (long time parishioner or new parishioner) provide your contact details for our parish data base. There's a QR code so you can give us your details electronically.



Many thanks to parishioners who donated to the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection which offers hope to the Holy Land Christians.



Catholic Leader \$4 at entrances Easter Edition.



Masses and Services held in our church - back page.



Prior General's Easter Greetings— visit our website or [click here](#).



Thank you Don Tallon and friend for mending and returning our Holy Water fonts to each Church door entrance.



Reconciliation / Penance 2023

Year 4 and older. Children who have received the sacrament of Confirmation.

Date	Time	Session Details	Venue
Monday 27th March	6:00 pm	Parent Info Session (Term 1)	church
Sunday 23rd April	9:00 am	Rite of Enrolment during Mass	church
Monday 24th April	6:00 pm	Family Session 1 (Term 2)	church
Sunday 30th April	9:00 am	Sunday - Honour the Lord's Day	church
Wednesday 3rd May	6:00 pm	Family Session 2 (not Monday due to Labour Day Holiday)	church
Sunday 7th May	9:00 am	Sunday - Honour the Lord's Day	church
Monday 8th May	6:00 pm	Family Session 3	church
Wednesday 10th May	4:30pm	Rite of First Reconciliation followed by fellowship & pizza	church + hall

Children & Families



APRIL

10 Easter Monday Church and parish office closed, including no Monday 8am mass.

Tuesdays Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration after 8am mass: (8.30am till Wednesday 8am)

13 Thursday St V de P meeting 6.30pm

15 / 16 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; 2nd Sunday Easter (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); Baptisms.

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22 / 23 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; 3rd Sunday Easter (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); Baptisms.

23 Sunday Rite of Enrolment for Sacrament of Reconciliation children during 9am mass

24 Monday Family Session 1 6pm in the church for Sacrament of Reconciliation children

25 ANZAC Day

27 Thursday St V de P meeting 6.30pm

29 / 30 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; 4th Sunday Easter (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); No Baptisms.

30 Sunday Sacrament of Reconciliation children 9am mass

Archdiocese

Bishop Ken Howell (Auxiliary Bishop) has written – Recently, in

reviewing our current protocols, we consulted with a infectious diseases expert...encouraged us to resume normal practices as much as possible as in his words, "Covid will remain part of the human viral ecology for the foreseeable future". * We will reintroduce the **reception of communion from the chalice some time after Easter**. * Another practice that was limited during COVID will be relaxed—**Holy water fonts may be filled**.



Summit 23 18-20 May at Riverlife Centre, Seventeen Mile Rocks, **the principal gathering of the Archdiocese of Brisbane for 2023.**

Pamphlets at door. Parish Office closed 19 May.



Social Justice

We Christians believe & know that Christ's resurrection is the true hope

of the world, the hope that does not disappoint. It bears fruits of hope and dignity where there are deprivation and exclusion, hunger and unemployment, where there are migrants and refugees (so often rejected by today's culture of waste), and victims of the drug trade, human trafficking and contemporary forms of slavery etc.... (Australian Catholic Social Justice Council – Social Justice Diary 2019).

Social Justice survey: please find QR code here (use your phone camera) to let us know how you are involved. Thank you to those who have replied: 20 online and 65 paper forms so far—paper forms + pens at side entrance still.



Planned Giving for the Week of 2 April, 2023

Collection Account numbers	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$1,180.70	\$155	\$377	\$175	\$1,887.70
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100018086	\$700.75	\$155	\$267	\$175	\$1,287.75

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Counters

April 8 / 9 Sylvia + ...

April 15 / 16 Karleen + Sandra

Next week	2nd Sunday Easter April 16	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (3rd weekend)		Glenn H	n/a	Canossa Choir
COMMENTATOR		Helen D	Merina M	June S
LECTOR		Tisha K	Jana V	Pat M
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		Ron S Sylvia P	Jan L	Priya Carmel T Sean H
ALTAR SERVER/S		Edward / helper	Brendon / helper	Lea S + Alejandra
POWERPOINT		Paul D	Gilbert / helper	...
WELCOMERS		Lauchlan +	Trish R + Barbara	Cathy / John / Veronica / Melissa / Lilly /

Masses & Services

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.

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

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am.

WEEKDAY MASS: Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30pm.

PERPETUAL ADORATION: (Tuesdays 8.30am till Wednesday 8am) Vicky brisbane.adoration@gmail.com

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Friday 5th May @ 9am (not Good Friday 7th April).

FIRST FRIDAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 5th May @ 7pm (not Good Friday 7th April).

PRAYER MEETING: Every Friday (Except 1st Friday of the month) @ 7.10 pm (Rosary), 7.30 pm (Praise & Worship followed by Message)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: continues weekly @ 9am mass.

families.stjames@gmail.com Just a reminder that the school playground is out of bounds outside school hours. Children should be under parent supervision and remain in line of sight at all times.



Next Sunday's Readings

2nd Sunday Easter Diving Mercy (Year A/1)

First Reading Acts 2: 42-47 The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

Second Reading 1 Peter 1: 3-9 He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

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

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

