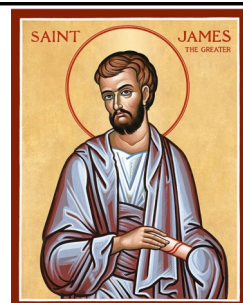


2ND SUNDAY EASTER DIVINE MERCY YR A 2023 16 APRIL

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COORPAROO**
IS A PARISH OF ACCOMPANIMENT
WHERE WE ENCOUNTER AND
KNOW CHRIST, DEEPEN OUR FAITH,
AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY



Thank you to all ministry helpers over the Easter period. We truly appreciate you!

St James Parish 2023



Our parish has not done a census update (for parish database) for several years. Our [Welcome to St James Parish](#) pamphlet was given to you over Easter and is available still at the church entrances. Please take it home with you and return shortly. There's also a QR code so you can give us your details electronically. We ask this from all our parishioners, long time parishioners & new parishioners. The details you provide will be for parish database (record of sacraments, parish planned-giving, pastoral related info). Follow-ups from the gathered data shall take place in the next month or so. Thank you very much for your ongoing support of our parish.

Parish volunteers

Bishop Ken Howell (Auxiliary Bishop) has written –
Recently, in reviewing our current protocols, we consulted with a infectious diseases Expert who 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".

* A practice that was limited during COVID will be relaxed—**Holy water fonts may be filled.**

* We will reintroduce the **reception of communion from the chalice.**

Weekend mass co-ordinators, please assist us to find ministry volunteers who are ready to become a Communion Minister. We welcome new ministry volunteers :)

Volunteers, you can also email us osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au or call 33971671 and let the parish know.

If you already volunteer in another ministry and are happy to assist with reception of communion from the chalice, we will add you to our roster. We will ensure that your ministries do not clash. The re-introduction of reception of communion from the chalice will begin sometime in May, when our rosters for additional ministers have been organised.



Perpetual Adoration

PERPETUAL ADORATION AT St James Church: Tuesdays 8.30am till Wednesday 8am (be an adorer, please contact Vicky brisbane.adoration@gmail.com . We encourage participation from anyone who needs a quiet hour or so, a reflective time during the week with our Lord, especially those who are working, and those busy with parenting. *This is a continuing service, not restricted to Lent.*

Social Justice

Homeless Connect

Homeless Connect is a one-day event which provides free services to people experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness. The next event will be held on Thursday 18 May 2023 at Brisbane Showgrounds, Bowen Hills (corner of Alexandria Street and Gregory Terrace). **Donations in the white baskets at church entrances till 2nd May will be gratefully received...** Social Justice group will send them on to Councillor Fiona Cunningham. Social Justice plan to support needy groups 4times in the year.

Canned tuna and salmon

Rice and pasta

Body wash, shampoo and conditioner

Canned soup and vegetables

Toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant

Shaving blades and cream

coffee and tea; cereal and muesli bars; long-life milk



For further information, scan the QR code or visit brisbane.qld.gov.au and search 'Homeless Connect'.

This Sunday's Readings 2nd Sunday Easter (Year A/1) Divine Mercy

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

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Psalm 117(118):2-4,13-15,22-24 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.'

I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

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

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

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

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

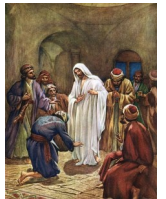
After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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Call to Ministry with the reintroduction of the chalice at Sunday masses, we are asking for Communion Ministers. Please make contact with our parish office or your mass co-ordinator with your expression of interest. A training session will be planned shortly. Please note—aside from normal safeguarding requirements, no specific requirements such as bluecard or police check is needed.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding Some parishioners have recently volunteered as Adult Altar Servers. This is a reminder to please register through the volunteer portal <https://welcome.brisbanecatholic.org.au/>

If you have already done this, but need to follow up on your bluecard application, please do so as soon as possible.

Helen Cole bm.stjames@bne.catholic.net.au or call 38473696

ST. JAMES COORPAROO CONFERENCE. REPORT for the Month of MARCH 2023.

St Vincent de Paul

1. We visited a total of 74 Households to which support to the value of \$6.817.45 was given.
1. 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.
2. We think that the challenge of assisting the disadvantaged and vulnerable in our local community is both valuable and rewarding.
3. 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@svdpgld.org.au or phone Ron on 0414 745 178.

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.

And these anniversaries: Tess Walsh; Mons Robert People; Reynerio Nator; Arturo Belciña; Dr John English.

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.

Please pray for these Baptismal children:

Henry Hunter; Hamish Hunter; Lillian O'Toole.

Focusing on Forgiveness

On the evening of the Resurrection, the disciples locked themselves in the house in which they were staying. Jesus came and stood among them. He offers them peace, and tells them that he is sending them out just as his Father had sent him. He breathes on them and tells them to receive the Spirit.

It is true. All we have to do is confess our sins, be truly sorry, and our sins are forgiven. This is true, of course, as long as we understand what being truly sorry means. There are more than words involved. Consider these three elements.

First, we say we are sorry. Our God is a God of love who calls all things to wholeness and harmony. When we act against love, we act against God, and we need to say the words that express our sorrow.

Second, we focus on change. If we say we are sorry and have no intention of changing our behaviour, we can't be forgiven. Even God cannot free us from sin if we insist on holding onto it. Sometimes we are really sorry for our actions but can't muster the courage to change. In that case, we need to ask God for the desire to change. Even this small inclination to mend our ways is enough to loosen sin's grip and allow the Holy Spirit to slip in.

Third, we admit we are human. We humbly acknowledge that we need the Spirit's help to love the way God wants us to love. We face our limitations and our powerlessness and allow the Spirit's strength to fill us. We trust that, with God's help, we can overcome the most compelling sins or bad habits and become the person God calls us to be. → → →



Sheepish Question:

How would you describe the peace you seek through your belief in Jesus?

**BRINGING
HOME
THE
GOSPEL**



APRIL

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

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

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Catholic Leader \$4 at church entrances **Easter Edition.**



Many thanks for your donations towards the Holy Land collection. St James parish raised \$3,565.30.



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



→ → → Teach your children what it means to say "I am sorry," and help them understand the three essential elements of forgiveness. Explain each element. Make sure they know the importance of asking for God's help to be strong throughout their day. And when they are not ready to forgive or to give up their anger, teach them to ask for God's help to let go.

Planned Giving for the Week of 9 April, 2023

Collection <u>Account numbers</u>	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: <u>100019791</u>	\$1649.65*	\$260	\$420	\$255	\$2,584.65
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: <u>100018086</u>	\$1649.65*	\$290	\$535	\$255	\$2,729.65

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Counters

April 15 / 16 Karleen + Sandra

April 22 / 23 Lenore + Brendon

Next week	3rd Sunday Easter April 23	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (4th weekend)		Carina Choir	n/a	Jan Q
COMMENTATOR		Karleen O'R	Bryan M	Ray M
LECTOR		Helen D	Merina M	June S
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		Paul D Collette S	Heather L	Shadi A Cathy M Christine U-M
ALTAR SERVER/S		Edward / helper	Brendon / helper	Lea S + Alejandra
POWERPOINT		Cecilia D	Gilbert / helper	Jericho M
WELCOMERS		Karen +	Trish R +	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

3rd Sunday Easter (Year A/1)

First Reading Acts 2: 14, 22-23 It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

Second Reading 1 Peter 1: 17-21 The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading Luke 24: 13-35 They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

