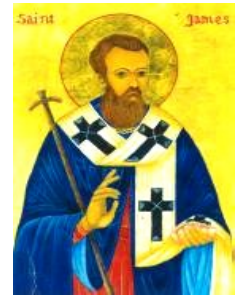


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**The Parish of St James  
Coorparoo  
A Vibrant, Prayerful, Inclusive  
Augustinian Parish  
Archdiocese of Brisbane**



We are happy to announce that we are opening St James church for Weekday Masses. Allowable number of persons including ministers is 10, until 12 June. To register [please click here](#) (if you access this from your phone or computer). We will be publishing registrations for Sunday masses soon for Sundays beginning 14 June when we are allowed to have 20 persons inside the church. Also, we are opening the church for a couple of hours a day for private prayer starting Monday, 1 June 2020 from 9am-11am. We still need marshals for this to continue happening. Please go to [Marshal Registration](#) (if you access this from your phone or computer) to check more available times for you to volunteer. Thanks!

**A Reflection at this time of Pandemic**

In 1985, Nobel Prize winning author, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, published a novel entitled, *Love in the Time of Cholera*. It tells a colorful story of how life can still be generative, despite an epidemic.

Well what's besetting our world right now is not cholera but the *coronavirus*, Covid 19. Nothing in my lifetime has ever affected the whole world as radically as this virus. Whole countries have shut down, virtually all schools and colleges have sent their students home and are offering classes online, we're discouraged from going out of our houses and from inviting others into them, and we've been asked not to touch each other and to practice "social distancing". Ordinary, normal time has stopped. We're in a season that no generation, perhaps since the flu of 1918, has had to undergo. Furthermore, we don't foresee an end soon to this situation. No one, neither our government leaders nor our doctors, have an exit strategy. No one knows when this will end or how. Hence, like the inhabitants on *Noah's Arc*, we're locked in and don't know when the flood waters will recede and let us return to our normal lives.

How should we live in this extraordinary time? Well, I had a private tutorial on this some nine years ago. In the summer of 2011, I was diagnosed with colon cancer, underwent surgery for a resection, and then was subjected to twenty-four weeks of chemotherapy. Facing the uncertainty of what the chemotherapy would be doing to my body I was understandably scared. Moreover, twenty-four weeks is basically half a year and contemplating the length of time that I would be undergoing this "abnormal" season in my life, I was also impatient. I wanted this over with, quickly. So I faced it like I face most setbacks in my life, stoically, with the attitude: "I'll get through this! I'll endure it!"

I keep what might euphemistically be termed a journal, though it's really more a *Daybook* that simply chronicles what I do each day and who and what enters my life on a given day. Well, when I stoically began my first

**LOVE IN THE TIME OF COVID 19**

by Ron Rolheiser

chemotherapy session I began checking off days in my journal: *Day one*, followed the next day by: *Day two*. I had done the math and knew that it would take 168 days to get through the twelve chemo sessions, spaced two weeks apart. It went on like this for the first seventy days or so, with me checking off a number each day, holding my life and my breath, everything on hold until I could finally write, *Day 168*.

Then one day, about half way through the twenty-four weeks, I had an awakening. I don't know what specifically triggered it, a grace from above, a gesture of friendship from someone, the feel of the sun on my body, the wonderful feel of a cold drink, perhaps all of these things, but I woke up, I woke up to the fact that I was putting my life on hold, that I wasn't really living but only enduring each day in order (to) check it off and eventually reach that magical 168<sup>th</sup> day when I could start living again. I realized that I was wasting a season of my life. Moreover, I realized that what I was living through was sometimes rich precisely because of the impact of chemotherapy in my life. That realization remains one of the special graces in my life. My spirits lifted radically even as the chemotherapy continued to do the same brutal things to my body.

I began to welcome each day for its freshness, its richness, for what it brought into my life. I look back on that now and see those three last months (before day 168) as one of richest seasons of my life. I made some lifelong friends, I learned some lessons in patience that I still try to cling to, and, not least, I learned some long-overdue lessons in gratitude and appreciation, in not taking life, health, friendship, and work for granted. It was a special joy to return to a normal life after those 168 days of conscripted "sabbatical"; but those "sabbatical" days were special too, albeit in a very different way.

The coronavirus has put us all, in effect, on a conscripted sabbatical and it's subjecting those who have contracted it to their own type of chemotherapy. And the danger is that we will put our lives on hold as we go through this extraordinary time and will just endure rather than let ourselves be graced by what lies within this uninvited season.

Yes, there will be frustration and pain in living this through, but that's not incompatible with happiness. Paul Tournier, after he'd lost his wife, did some deep grieving but then integrated that grief into a new life in a way that allowed him to write: "I can truly say that I have a great grief and that I am a happy man." Words to ponder as we struggle with this coronavirus.

**facebook**

The Facebook streaming of our **Sunday Mass at 9AM** will continue until further notice. A

YouTube streaming of the same mass will take place at 10:30AM for the benefit of those who have no access to FB.

**You Tube**

## Bringing Home the Gospel

# Proud to Be Catholic

Once more we hear the story of the Risen Christ's appearing to the disciples and breathing the Spirit into them. We can read the story of the Pentecost in Acts 12:1-12. It is the first reading for Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is considered the birthday of the church.

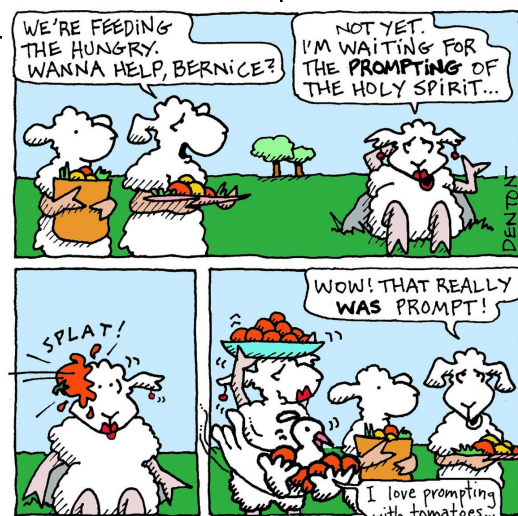


There is a great concern in our church today about Catholic literacy. What does it mean to be Catholic? I grew up on the south side of Chicago. Next door lived the Hallers; they were Lutherans. Across the street lived the Rosenthals; they were Jewish. Basically, everyone on our block was "something." All families went to church or synagogue on the weekend, and if they didn't, they surely didn't tell anyone. I knew I was Catholic, just like I knew I was Polish-American. It was a part of my identity.

Unfortunately for children today, Catholic identity is not always a given. As parents, we have to be more deliberate in helping them claim that identity. We have to talk to our children about our Catholic faith, particularly those beliefs that distinguish us from other religious denominations. And we have to help them experience the rites and rituals, the sounds and smells and the gracious giving that mark us as Catholic.

What do we believe? We believe in Jesus Christ, God with us. We believe we are the body of Christ in the world today, called to reconcile and heal all people and the earth itself. We believe in God's goodness in all of creation. We believe in the sacraments, seven concrete signs that God is with us, inviting us to live in his grace. We believe in Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. We believe in the community of saints, living and dead. And we believe in promoting justice and peace for all our brothers and sisters.

We are a church of rituals. Bring those rituals home to your family. Burn incense; light candles. Fast and abstain from meat during Lent. Make the Sign of the Cross often together. Serve those in need. And constantly tell your children this is what it means to be Catholic. Use the word Catholic often. Help your youngsters feel proud of their faith, proud to be called Catholic.



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"To each individual the manifestation of the spirit is given for some benefit."

### Sheepish Question:

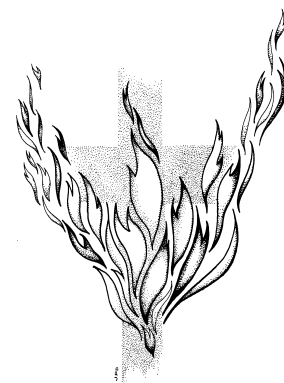
When, lately, have I felt the Spirit prompting me in a way that serves others.

### FAMILY RESPONSE

During your next meal together have people at the table talk about what they think it means to be a Catholic.

### PERSONAL RESPONSE

What do you like most about the Catholic faith? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?



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Dear Fr Peter Hayes OSA

On the 60th Anniversary of Your Ordination ...

Your sixty years of faithful service has been a generous gift to the Church.

May the Lord bless you with abundant joy, just as you have blessed so many in your priestly ministry. We are blessed by the many gifts you have given us.

*I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus... 1 Corinthians 1:4*



## Prayer Requests

Parishioners, we rely on you for our prayer list in our bulletin and we pray for these



people during mass also. If you have a parishioner, family member or friend who is ill, has recently died, or their anniversary is around this time, please call/email, so these people can be prayed for and remembered...

**Please pray for recently deceased:**

Catalino Villegas Snr; Maureen Forster; Mathappan; Ondit Rubi; Gabrielle Coote; Jocelyn Johnson.

**And these anniversaries:** Rebecca Herft; Muriel McCain; Marie Sheehan; Nancy Ries.

**Please pray for these unwell:** Hazel Yared; Kenny McDonald; Meighan Harris-O'Reilly; Sylvia Wilson; Jocelyn Tibayan, Veron Forsyth; Peter & Stephen Darch; Matthew & Timothy Graveson; Carmel Remphrey; Rodrigo Urbano.



## Parish news

**4 June 2020 is Fr Peter Hayes' 60th Anniversary of priestly ordination.**

Fr Peter and the Augustinian community's intention is to have a gathering celebrating this jubilee by the end of the year, rather than push for something at this time of restrictions. Please offer a prayer for Fr Peter at this time.



If you wish to attend our Weekday Masses (8am) starting 1 June until 13 June (under Stage 1), please go to our Eventbrite registration ([or click here](#) if you are accessing the bulletin on your computer). **St James church** has everyone's safety, and our ability to maintain that, utmost in our minds. So, when you come please be mindful of the following guidelines:



- No one is to enter a church, parish building or Archdiocesan workplace if feeling ill.
- We will continue to follow social distancing rules inside the church.
- We will provide cleaning

supplies for St James church pews, etc.

- We will assign marshals (not over 70 yrs of age) who will monitor the occupancy of the church and church area at all times—would you like to volunteer? Please let us know.
- We will record date, names and contacts of people who go in and out of our church.
- We will work out a reasonable way of determining the 10 people who will be attending the weekday masses (10, including the priest and ministers).



**St James Church** is open for private prayer on weekdays, from 9-11am, so far from 1 June - 13 June. We are aware of the limitation of this. However, please know as well that this is contingent on availability of volunteer marshals.



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## Today's Readings

**Pentecost Sunday**

**First Reading Acts 2:**

1-11 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages.

**Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13** In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

**Gospel Reading John 20: 19-23** As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

## Updates & Resources:

**See this tab on our website page also..**

Our church shall be open for **Private Prayer** between 9:00am - 11:00am, Mondays thru Saturdays **beginning 1 June (Monday).**

If you wish to volunteer as marshals for the soft-reopening of our church, and to choose your time and day to marshal, please register thru *Eventbrite*.

Register now thru *Eventbrite* by clicking [HERE](#).

You have the option to choose an hour for a day of your choice, or a couple of hours across several days that are made available at the moment. It's designed to match your generosity with your time!

Thank you!

## Archdiocese news

The month of May marks **Domestic and**

**Family Violence (DFV) Prevention Month.** We all have a role to play, individually and collectively, in calling for violence in the home to end. DFV is not a private issue, that happens in homes, behind closed doors. It's everyone's business. Individually, there are things we can do. I encourage you to visit the Centacare <https://centacarebrisbane.net.au/domestic-violence-prevention/counselling-womenchildrenmen/>



For all the gloom of COVID-19 there are still many blessings to be shared and to be grateful for. Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to **share your small blessings** to spread a message of hope in the community <https://youtu.be/VRKWwzEcHUM>

## SIGNIFICANT DATES JUNE:

## Social Justice

**Monday 1:** Mary, Mother of the Church.

**Wednesday 3:** 1886: Catholic and Anglican Martyrs (Uganda).

1992: High Court's decision in the Mabo case.

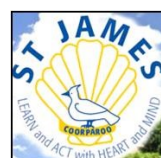
**Thursday 4:** 1989: Tiananmen Square Massacre.

2000: 50,000 people walk for reconciliation in Brisbane.

**Friday 5:** World Environment Day.

## INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE NURSE

2020 has been named The International Year of the Nurse and Midwife by the World Health Organisation. This year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale - the world's most famous nurse. As we have a number of parents who do this wonderful work, St James School would like to acknowledge the special contribution you make within our community, particularly throughout our current health crisis.



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## Thank you very much for Financially Supporting Your Parish:

- **Thru Direct Debit (this is the recommended option).** Kindly complete the [“Direct Debit Request - Offertory Giving” form](#), and drop the completed form in the Priory Letterbox, or scan it (or take a picture of it) and send it via email to the parish office. This *direct debit request* gives you the option to nominate your donation to the Augustinians and/or the Parish. We will then submit your form to ADF for processing. (If you're receiving this by email, you may click on the link and access the form; if you're receiving this by post, the form is available on our parish website).

With the Direct Debit method, one has the liberty to decide on the amount to be donated as well as the frequency of this (weekly, fortnightly or monthly). This donation method mirrors our Sunday collection: 1st Collection (**Augustinian Order**) and/or 2nd Collection (for the upkeep of **St James Parish**).

- Thru processing your own transfer using your bank account app or website.

<b>1st Collection: Augustinian Order</b>	<b>2nd Collection: St James Parish</b>
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- **Thru the Planned-Giving envelopes** which you already have. You may drop them off at any time in the letterbox at the top of St James Priory steps.
- You may mail in a cheque at any time. Please indicate if it's going towards **ST JAMES PARISH** and/or the **AUGUSTINIAN ORDER**.

## Next Sunday's Readings:

**Most Holy Trinity First Reading** *Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9* The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

**Second Reading** *2 Corinthians 13: 11-13* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Gospel Reading** *John 3: 16-18* God sent his Son to save the world through him.

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