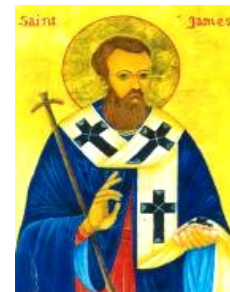


MOST HOLY TRINITY YR A 2020 7 JUNE

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



From the Parish Priest

These past few days as we are slowly reopening our Church, I have observed two things which are in some ways quite similar to things I observed, at least in my own ex-

perience, during the first couple of weeks of the closure of churches and other establishments (sometime in March). First, days and events seem to be happening very quickly, and second, the necessary changes in the way we operate seem to be relentless.

Taking cue from these similarities, I reckon that the practices or "new rituals" that we awkwardly executed during those early days of restrictions are the key bits and pieces that will help us get thru the reopening of the church and to move forward safely. I imagine the "new rituals" will keep us a bit steady whilst we navigate through a number of changes in terms of specific directives about dates and times and bookings, etc.

So, what specifically do I mean by these "new rituals"? They are the new normal that most of us, if not all, were able to witness or practice for ourselves right before our church doors closed. As we slowly reopen our church doors, we resume too the practice of these. They include the following:

- 1.5 metres distancing between persons. Families or couples could sit together or beside each other, but not with persons outside of one's household.
- Bowing instead of handshaking at the "Sign of Peace". We still say "Peace be with you", with a smile!
- Communion under one kind (the host, Body of Christ). Distributing Holy Communion directly from the Chalice is still not recommended. Communion will be received by the hand, and not the tongue.
- Keeping our hands clean by using hand sanitisers. Handwashing is still the most effective way to do this, but practically speaking since we are not able to provide faucets and washbasins around the church, so let us settle with hand sanitiser which is available. We encourage that you bring your own too.
- Stay home if sick. People sick with any flu-like symptoms should stay home. This 'stay at home' directive extends to those who have low immunity or weak immune system.
- Holy Water are still removed from fonts in churches.
- Using of handwipes to wipe touch areas. This is a new practice. We require each person to use handwipes at BEFORE and AFTER you go to your seat or pew. Handwipes are used to disinfect areas that one touches, including the front pew that we hold on to when we kneel at mass.

Brothers and sisters, as we slowly ease into our reopening, please be mindful of these 'rituals'. Yes, you would feel the awkwardness at first, perhaps not just about the execution of these practices, but including being inside the church even. But that's just because it's something new. I could say this, this week being back with the weekday masses with a congregation, it was awkward having to do these things. Yes, we will make mistakes at first, so let us be forgiving of ourselves and of others. Hopefully they are not mistakes that would introduce COVID-19 to our community; hence, our need to be alert and mindful of these practices as best we could.

The most common ritual that we do as Catholics is probably making the "sign of the cross". It's as natural to us as waving at someone. But all things natural begin with an awkward feeling. Newly received Catholics or non-Catholics who might make the sign of the cross could relate to this. It seems always advantageous to be thinking also outside of our bubble; it helps us to empathise with others, it also helps us be better at seeing the world as probably God would like us to see. It was not something 'godly' to be one among us, but our God chose to be born as a human being. Now that's 'awkward'! But this is consistent of who God is, who loves us and who is ever-changing and ever-new — this includes making us, despite of ourselves, part of the relationship of love between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Have a blessed Holy Trinity Sunday everyone! — Fr Francis, OSA

Parish Giving for the MONTH of May 2020

Collection (info back page)	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total	Compare to month of February (pre CV19 restrictions)
1 st Collection Augustinian	\$355	\$1,110	\$1,360	\$230	\$3,055	\$5,601.45
2 nd Collection Parish	\$675	\$725	\$1,579	\$190	\$3,169	\$4,117.80

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.

YouTube



Grace, Love and Communion

Jesus speaks to the Pharisee, Nicodemus, telling him about the light and darkness in the world and the need to be reborn in the light. John's Gospel was written many, many years after the other Gospels. It is the most theological of all the Gospels and is a record of Jesus' life as seen through the eyes of a believing community.

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A God of Love

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3:16)



- ▶ Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 - Renewal of the tablets
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 - Farewell
- ▶ John 3:16-18 - Belief in the Son sent by the Father



- ▶ **Adults:** We live within the Trinity whenever we live in love. How does this mystery connect to your daily life?
- ▶ **Kids:** How do you choose to live as a more loving person?

This Sunday we celebrate the Trinity—three “persons” in one God. Even the best analogue (three-leaf clover, three notes in a piano chord) fall short of explaining this great mystery.

However, while it is impossible to explain the one God, we find it easier to describe the three persons. We refer to those “persons” as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, or put another way, creator, redeemer, and sanctifier. Paul’s final blessing

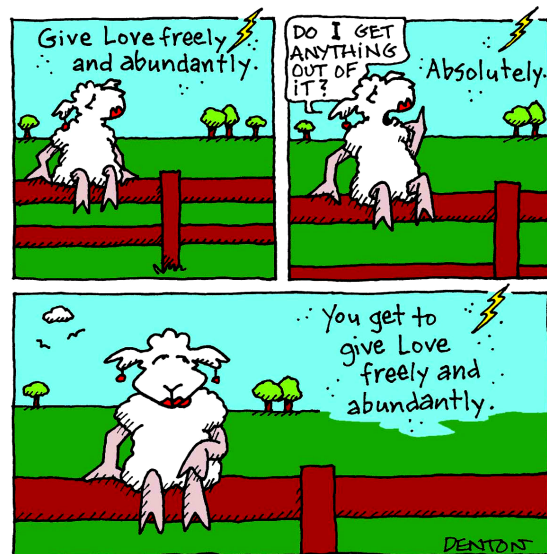
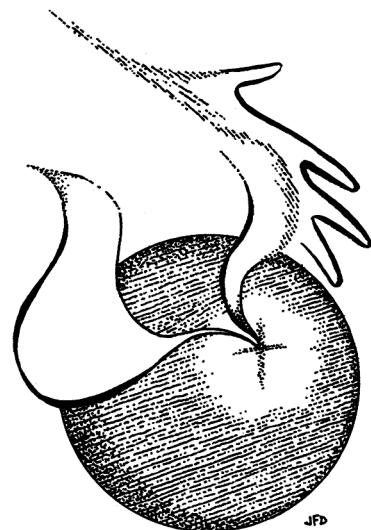
to the Corinthians gives us another way of describing the distinct gifts of the three persons.

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you” (2 Corinthians 13:13). In this simple closing, Paul tells us much about the Trinity and our relationship to the Trinity using those three words: grace, love, and communion (sometimes also translated “fellowship”).

Jesus Christ is associated with grace. Grace is our life in God. We live in God through Jesus who is in us and with us. God, the Father, is love. The creator, the source of all life is dynamic love, overflowing through all creation. And the Holy Spirit is “in the communion with.” The Holy Spirit is the strength, power, and gift of our unity in Christ. The catechism tells us

that Christians are radically trinitarian. Our whole doctrinal system is based on this belief. The fact that we will never fully understand this

great mystery should not deter us from pondering and praying about it. Consider the doxology we say in every Eucharistic Prayer, “Through Him [Christ], and with Him, and in Him, all honor and glory is given to You, God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.”



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“God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

Sheepish Question:

What can I do each day to embrace God's love and understand salvation in Jesus?

FAMILY RESPONSE

Celebrate the Trinity by making copies of the doxology. As a family, talk about what the words mean. Consider saying this great prayer together before meals throughout the week.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Is there a particular person (Father, Son, or Spirit) you are more comfortable with? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

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:

Terry Fry; Jim Wilkie; Catalino Villegas Snr; Maureen Forster; Mathappan; Ondit Rubi.

And these anniversaries: Mary Tallon; Rebecca Herft; Muriel McCann.

Please pray for these unwell: Pat Mammone; Helen Deakin; Hazel Yared; Meighan Harris-O'Reilly; Sylvia Wilson; Jocelyn Tibayan, Veron Forsyth; Peter & Stephen Darch; Carmel Remphrey; Rodrigo Urbano.



Parish news

• Links to Eventbrite registrations to join our Weekday Masses and

Sunday masses **14 June - 5 July + Reconciliation** are now published ([click here](#) if you are accessing the bulletin on your computer). **We have places available for these masses via phone call** also. Leave your name and number. We will call and ensure you are able to attend a mass.

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 or parish building 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 continue to open the church for a couple of hours a day this week (June 8, 9, 10, 12) for **private prayer from 9am-11am**. We need marshalls (not over 70yrs of age) for this to continue.

Please go to [Marshall Registration](#).

- We will record date, names and contacts of people who go in and out of our church.



Offering Envelopes



Envelopes for planned offering 2020 / 2021 will be available shortly – how will we get these envelopes to our parishioners? We are still contemplating this.



Congratulations!!!

to Br Tuan Anh...

Last week, he celebrated his birthday.

Also, Br Tuan Anh was supposed to attend his graduation ceremonies in Sydney mid-May but ceremonies have been cancelled. Br Tuan finished his *Ecclesiastical and Civil Degree in Theology*, and an *Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice* with the qualification *magna cum laude probatus*.



Today'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.

Updates & Resources:

Effective at 12:00 pm on 1 June, 2020...

Mass, private prayer, and baptisms have up to 20 people in attendance.

Weddings have up to 20 guests in addition to the celebrant and couple.

Funerals have up to 50 mourners in attendance.

Mass For You at Home

6.00am - 6.30am
Channel 10



Archdiocese news



Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB says the six discernment papers for the **Fifth Plenary Council of Australia** signify the latest milestone as the Church considers its present circumstances and discerns its future. Each paper provides a reflection on some elements of the relevant pastoral reality, articulates a theological vision, outlines a number of challenges to be overcome, suggests prioritised questions to be answered and develops some proposals for change. They will be foundational to the next stage of discernment toward the Plenary Council – the development of the working paper, or *Instrumentum Laboris* – and ultimately the agenda for the Council assemblies.

SIGNIFICANT DATES JUNE:

Social Justice

Monday 8: 2004: Qld Bish-ops issue "Let the Many Coastlands be Glad" pastoral letter on the Great Barrier Reef. *Let us take this time of ecological awareness to discover in depth our Christian call to contemplate and to care for the wonders of God's created world.*

Wednesday 10: 1838: Myall Creek Massacre, NSW.

Thursday 11: 1975: enactment of the Racial Discrimination Act..

Friday 12: World Day Against Child Labour. 1988: presentation by Aboriginal leaders of the Barunga Statement to Prime Minister Bob Hawke.

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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.

1st Collection: Augustinian Order	2nd Collection: St James Parish
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Reference: (Surname, & First Name if first name fits too)	Reference: (Surname, & First Name if first name fits too)

- **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 Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

First Reading *Deuteronomy 8: 2-3,14-16* He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 10: 16-17* Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

Gospel Reading *John 6: 51-58* My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.