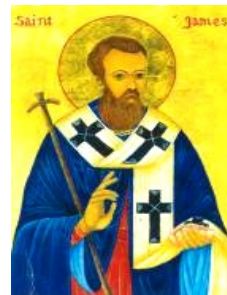


6TH SUNDAY EASTER YR B 2021 9 MAY

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



Love is the Guide

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This week, we hear a Gospel reading with Jesus' invitation to "remain in my love" and to "love one another as I love you." He doesn't spell out endless rules ("Do this." "Don't do that.") which we need to memorize and follow in order to do what is right. Instead, his invitation is simply to focus on remaining connected to him ("remain in me") and letting all of our actions flow from a commitment to loving others as he loved us.

It is an invitation for a mature follower. Just as we need to spell out many simple rules to help younger children understand right from wrong, with "younger" disciples more rules or "commandments" are helpful. Feed the hungry. Clothe the naked. Pray for your enemies. Forgive those who hurt you.

Jesus is asking us to go beyond what the rules say and commands us to respond in love to everyone, just as he did. Jesus gives us a lot of respect here, insisting that we are his friends, not his students, his servants, or his slaves, when we love one another as he does. Often Christians fall into the habit of relating to God or Jesus as a child to a parent, but Jesus suggests a more equal relationship. God will always be God, and we will always be human, but Jesus still invites us to be in friendship with him.



Friends of St Augustine Flowers of May * ❀ ❀ ❀

It's the month of May where we honour our Blessed Mother Mary as the Mother of Jesus and our Heavenly Mother. It's good that we always remind ourselves of the great importance of having our Mother Mary in our lives. Let's hope that we can not only develop a devotion to her but also keep that devotion vibrant always. It helps us, especially in today's more complicated world.

Our Mother Mary cares so much for us and she does it the way she took care of Jesus Christ. She is the best teacher we can have in knowing, understanding and loving Christ.

Our Friends of St. Augustine at Gold Coast invited us for a Mass Celebration presided by Fr. Saldie, celebrating 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines and Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May) – dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary.

May 22 @ 10 AM – Priestly Ordination of Deacon Tuah Ahn

Please don't forget to register on Eventbrite, [here's the link:](#)

May 25 @ 6:30 PM (Tuesday) – Friends of St. Augustine – Coorparoo – 2nd Quarter Assembly with Fr. Paul Maloney and Jacky Worthington

Our National F.O.S.A Leader Jacky Worthington and Sydney Chaplain Fr. Paul Maloney will be traveling to Brisbane to attend Deacon's Tuan's Ordination, and a wonderful time as well because they will be joining us at our quarterly gathering. They're both looking forward to seeing us all. Hope this date and time is convenient for everyone.

Cathy Monterde



Justice Challenge

ST. JAMES SOCIAL JUSTICE SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM

Recently, a number of people seeking asylum were detained in a Kangaroo Point Hotel. Many of these were sent to Brisbane for treatment of serious medical conditions. These vulnerable people have been released into the community with no Government income or accommodation support. Their need is great.

AS A PARISH, WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP?

Romero Centre (Mercy Community Services) at Dutton Park provides welcome & support for these people.

They have suggested, besides donations via Romero Centre website, it would be a great help if we could donate non-perishable foodstuffs (listed below). These can be left at side door in our Church for their Emergency Food Pantry, for example:



Coles Gift Vouchers; Cooking oil—all different types; Tinned Tuna; Coconut milk, coconut cream; Lentils, Chick Peas, Basmati Rice; Honey, tea, coffee, sugar. We have begun collecting these goods from you already :)

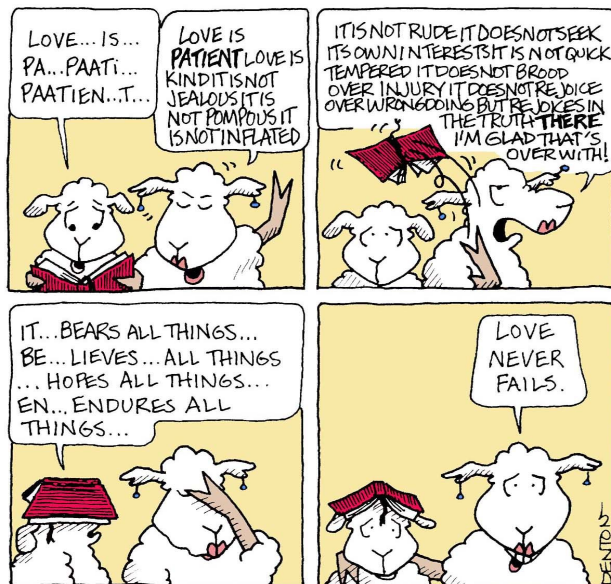
Thank you for caring.

May 9, 2021 • 6th Sunday of Easter • John 15:9-17

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

The Greatest of These is Love

Once again Jesus tells his disciples how essential love is to being his followers. And again he tells them that they need to accept his love if they are to love others. Jesus tells them that the reward if they remain in his love is a joy that is complete.



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“This I command you: love one another.”

Sheepish Question:

When, lately, have I acted on God's love for me?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Prejudices are often the result of our upbringing. Are there any prejudices that you feel toward any group or class of people? If so, what can you do about it? If not, why is this so? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

Love is an important theme throughout John's writings. In the first four verses of this reading Jesus uses the word love seven times. In the first verse he tells us, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.” The love Jesus is talking about is the key to understanding his ministry.

It is different from the love we read about in romance novels. It goes beyond that quick surge of chemistry that draws two people together. The love Jesus talks about is more than a feeling. It's even deeper than the love of a bride or groom on their wedding day.

God's love is a bond. It is a bond so deep and so strong that three Persons become one in the Trinity. God's love is a bond so broad and so encompassing that it takes in all of creation including (thanks to Jesus) all of us. This love requires only one thing: Love God with all that you are, and love your neighbour as yourself.

We don't have to feel loving toward everyone to stay in God's love, but we do have to accept the loving bond that connects us all together. As parents we have to share that loving connectedness with our children. All people are equal in God's eyes, and we need to help them accept and respect everyone regardless of age, colour, economic status or even personal goodness. This is the love Jesus invites us to remain in, and with this love comes the peace and complete joy of living in harmony with God's heart.

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St. James Parish acknowledges the Jaggera People of Coorparoo as the traditional owners of the land on which we live.

Prayers

Please pray for recently deceased:

Sander Halasan; Bentley Hennessy; Ana Candaza; Fr Jose Bahio; Leonides Canta; Susana Celis; Tess Walsh; Noel Paterson.

And these anniversaries: Elisa Tarun Rosales; Esteban Canta Jr; Keith Killin; Mary-Anne Dungan.

Please pray for these unwell: Lani & John Szeremeta; Nigel Richards; Paolo Primavera; Justin Meehan; Roberta Haley; Therese Killin; Desley Whitehouse; Fr Ron Mollison; Rhelma Kenny; Edric McAuliffe; Michael Simpson.

Please pray for our Baptismal children: Gabriel Dizon.



Parish news

St James Parish Confirmation Sacramental Program for

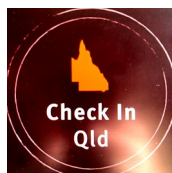
Children (Term 2) ...Send our parish an [email to register please](#). **Wednesday 6pm May 12th Parent info session. Sunday 9am May 16th Rite of Enrolment during 9am mass.**



Dcn Tuan Anh's Ordination will take place on **Saturday 22nd May at 10am** (Feast of St Rita), [Eventbrite invitation registration](#) for parishioners (limited availability), celebration afterwards supplied by Augustinian Order and the Vietnamese Community. Covid conditions will be followed.

Sunday 23rd May Fr Tuan Anh's Thanksgiving Mass at 9am, please bring a covered plate of goodies to the hall before mass, celebration afterwards supplied by our parishioners. Covid conditions will be followed.

We are moving our registration to the Check In Qld app after this weekend. Scan your phone and the Check In Qld app will remember your details, making it much easier to log-in at our church.



Our most recent *The Augustinian* newsletter is available for you at each entrance to the church.

AFA Supports the training/formation of Augustinian Priests in the Australian Province through prayer, community and fundraising for all their expenses. SPONSOR a Seminarian OR Priest during the AFA Fundraising Fun Walk and Talk event to be held on **Sunday 16th May**. SPONSORSHIP monies can be paid into the AFA Account - BSB: 032190 Account No: 105386 Ref: AFA Walk



MAY

8 / 9 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); **Year B/1 6th Sunday Easter (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am)** Baptisms occur.

12 Wednesday no Alpha tonight: Week 8 —Retreat at Marian Valley on Saturday.

12 Sacrament of Confirmation program – parent info session

14 Friday 9am mass (with Year 1, Year 2, Year 4)

15 / 16 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); **Year B/1 2nd Sunday Easter Divine Mercy (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am: Rite of Enrolment)** No Baptisms.

15 Alpha Retreat—all day—Marian Valley.



The **May** edition of **The Catholic Leader** is now available in the church for \$4.

- * Special coverage for the Year of St Joseph
- * St Mark's Inala celebrates 65 years
- * Emmanuel City Mission is 'a holy place'
- * Polish-born couple commission to make sacred art throughout Brisbane

Catholic Mission Invites you to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the rosary.

Monday to Friday

Time: 2pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://tinyurl.com/28xh55p8>

Meeting ID: 874 9118 8450

Password: prayer



Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible is coming to a parish near you in July/August 2021

If you want to get the 'Big Picture' of the Bible and see how it relates to your everyday life.

Come join the Brisbane East Deanery Scripture Study Group.

This study will run over 8 weeks with each session approx. 90mins. Please contact your parish secretary to

register your interest or email Deanery Scripture Study Group DSSG at stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au Check on the Camp Hill Parish website for more details.

No prior Scripture/Bible Study is required.

All are Welcome.

We ask for your continued prayerful support for this Deanery initiative.



Planned Giving for the Week of 2nd May, 2021

Collection Account numbers have now changed from 1st March	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$700.65	\$250	\$512	Week 4	\$1,462.65
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891	\$415	\$365	\$382	only	\$812

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Sunday's Readings: 6th Sunday Easter

First Reading *Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48* The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

Second Reading *1 John 4: 7-10* God is love.

Gospel Reading *John 15: 9-17* No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

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 [Eventbrite link](#) or call parish office.

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Friday 4th June @ 9am.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 4th June.

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY (at this stage).

Counters

May 8 / 9 Lorie & Lea

May 15 / 16 Greg & Kate

Ministry	Ascension May 15 / 16	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
COMMENTATOR		Karleen O'R	Trish R	Ray M
LECTOR		David P	Berenice T-F	June S
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		Rosemarie Y Priya	Heather L Jan L	Carmel T Mike S
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POWERPOINT		Sydel I	Gilbert / John D	Di / June S
MARSHAL		Lorie / Karen / Edward	Brendon G	Cathy M

Next Sunday's Readings: Ascension of the Lord

First Reading *Acts 1: 1-11* Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Second Reading *Ephesians 4: 1-13* To the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Gospel Reading *Mark 16: 15-20* The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

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