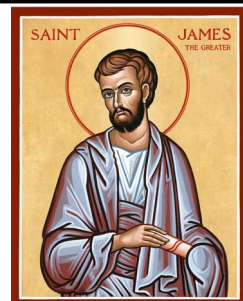


**6TH SUNDAY  
EASTER  
YR A 2023  
14 MAY**

## **ST JAMES PARISH COORPAROO**

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



May 14, 2023 • 6th Sunday of Easter • John 14:15-21

### **BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL**

## **An Advocate for Life**

*Jesus continues his last discourse with his disciples. He tells them (and us) if they love him and observe his commandments, the Father will give them another advocate, the Spirit of truth. Jesus tells them he will be leaving them soon but they will not be left orphaned.*

The catechism tells us that

God is truth. In fact, God is the only absolute truth. All other truth is relative. Truth is limited and conditioned by all sorts of things, including physicality, relativity, time, and culture. Three people can witness an accident and truthfully testify to seemingly contradictory statements. Their truth can be dictated by the where, when, and how of their relationship to the incident. It can be colored by personal viewpoints (prejudice, associations with other life experiences) or by personal limitations (eyesight, height). Only God is absolute truth, because only God is limitless.

#### **FAMILY RESPONSE**

Ask family members to talk about how they see or imagine God. Adults and teens can talk about how their image of God has changed over the years.

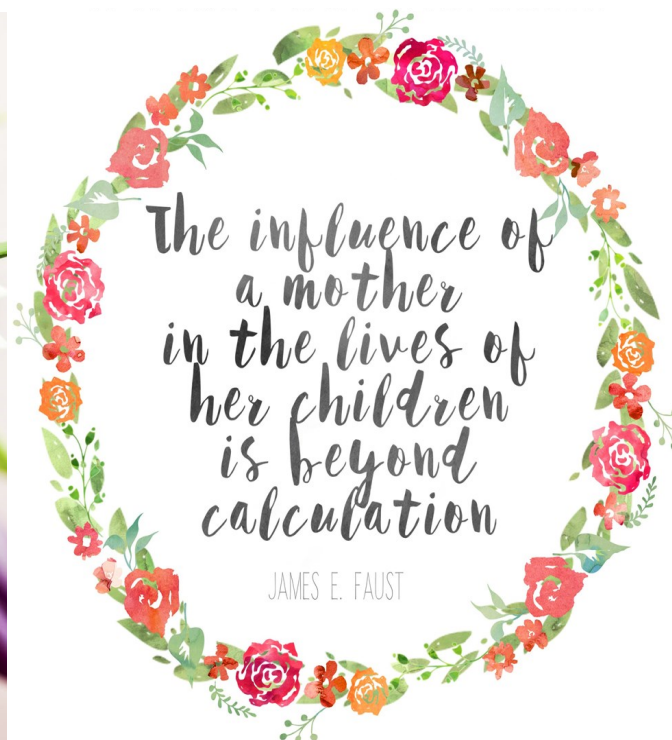
#### **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

How has your image of God changed through the years? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

We know that even church truths change. We all remember that Galileo was considered a heretic because he proposed that the sun did not revolve around the earth. If the church is open to admitting limitations in its belief system, we should be as well. As new ideas of faith or church or even God challenge us, we need to constantly pray to remain in the truth, reminding ourselves that the one and only absolute is God.

Life's journey is about learning and growing, constantly filtering the truth as we see it through the witness of the church and our own ever-expanding experiences. In John 18:37, Jesus tells us that he came into the world "to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." It is in allowing Christ to live in us and bowing to our own limitations that the Spirit of truth can reign in our hearts.

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## This Sunday's Readings 6th Sunday Easter (Year A/1)

**First Reading Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17** *They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy*

*Spirit.*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20** *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!	'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name! Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men.	He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might.	Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me.
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**Second Reading 1 Peter 3: 15-18** *In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

**Gospel Reading John 14: 15-21** *I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,  
and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them

will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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\* In May/June Queensland Churches Together will be presenting a Pastoral Care Skills Course, "Learning the Language of Healing" (or LAB1) at St Matthew's Anglican Church, Holland Park. The course runs for 36 hours over two weekends:

Fri 26 May -Sun 28 May and Fri 9 June to Sun 11 June Cost \$150. (\$225 couples) (pamphlets side entrance)

Register on line <https://www.trybooking.com/CGMRV>

\* The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or on 089124818—Sr Annie Bond (pamphlets side church)

\* Catholic Charity Aid to the Church in Need has launched their "Nigeria: Young. Faithful. Crucified" To watch testimonies and to make an offering [www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal](http://www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal)

**IN-SERVICE FOR Communion Ministers**

**Thanks for attending... Chalice Extraordinary Communion Ministers to commence in Amended June Roster (to be emailed next week and made available in the Sacristy)**

*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:**



Mr Fernando; Denise Farmer; Esteban Cantá JR; Noela McCormick; Fr Laurie Mooney OSA.

**And these anniversaries:** Daniel Sullivan; Sander Halasan; Mary Sheehan; Mary-Anne Dungan.

**Please pray for these unwell:** Lucia Monterde; Frank O'Dea; Maylene Nator; Robbie Haley; Miriam Martin; Rosalie Pascual; Aoife Stephenson; Michael & Mary-Clare Simpson; Jocelyn Diaz Tibanay.



## MAY 2023

**14 Sunday 5pm YAM fundraiser for WYD** – movie afternoon evening in the Hall.

**15 Monday** Parent Info Session (church 6pm) for Sacramental Program of First Holy Communion.

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

**18-20 Archdiocesan Summit** (parish office closed).

**19 Friday 9am** Communion led Service

**20 Saturday NO** 8am mass

**20 / 21 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm** Reconciliation; Ascension of the Lord (**Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am**); Baptisms.

**Fr Francis on annual leave till 16 June.**

**21 Sunday** Rite of Enrolment for Sacrament of First Holy Communion children during 9am mass

**22 Monday** Family Session 1 6pm in the church for Sacrament of First Holy Communion children



## Parish Multicultural and Family Mass - 9am 28th May Pentecost Sunday

\*Parishioners invited to attend in cultural dress; St James School children invited to attend in cultural dress also

\***Clipboard for parishioners to carry flags into mass — available at side entrance for signature—request for set-up and set-down helpers + food servers also**  
\***If we do not have your flag, please bring along your flag attached to a long pole**

\*School Carpark (basketball court) will be closed from Saturday morning 27th on, due to tents being set-up

\*Parishioners invited to bring along Native Cuisine – hall to be open for receiving food after 7am mass 28th May. Inside hall will have International cuisine

\*Outside hall will have entertainment area + tents & tables

\***No Child Liturgy Of Word (CLOW) on Pentecost (May 28)**

## Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

### Priority Five: Engaging Anew with First Nations Peoples

The injustice done to First Nations peoples in this country is a running sore at the heart of the nation. It is contemporary Australia's original sin... We need a genuinely new engagement of the Church with the First Nations peoples, especially in an Archdiocese like this where the Indigenous presence is strong. A new engagement will mean, first of all, listening to Indigenous voices, and believing that we can learn if we really listen. In the past, non-Indigenous Australia has struggled to believe that we could learn anything from First Nations peoples. They could learn from us, but not we from them. That has to change, both in the Church and in Australia more generally. Then the listening and learning need to lead to action.



Download the whole document at [tinyurl.com/lampsablaze](http://tinyurl.com/lampsablaze)

## Archdiocese

The **4 weekends of May** will have the **annual mass attendance count**. Readers or Servers will head count during each mass.



## Parish news

**Movie Night for Fundraiser YAM and World Youth Day...** St James Parish hall **Sunday 14 May 2023 5pm - 7:30 pm** \$10 (This includes a soft drink and 2 slices of pizza) Extras: \$2 for a soft drink & \$2 per slice of pizza Payment type: cash or card.

**First Holy Communion Sacramental Program** for children who have received Sacrament of Confirmation. **Parent info night** is this coming **Monday 15th May** at 6pm in our church.

**Trish and Fr John will be at Archdiocesan Summit 18-20 May...** Communion Service on Friday 19 May and Friday Parish Office closed. **No 8am mass on Saturday 20 May.**

**As Fr Francis and Fr John will be away 23-24 May...**

Communion Service on Tuesday 23rd May; No Adoration on Tuesday/Wednesday 23/24 May. Church closed Wednesday 24th May and priests recommend visiting somewhere else to honour Our Lady Help of Christians on this day. (Mt Carmel 9am weekday mass)

## Deanery

The Brisbane East Deanery will begin the **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** study in the **week starting the 29<sup>th</sup> of MAY** (8 weeks). Louise Simento at 0456 700 040.

**Corpus Christi procession—2pm Sunday June 11th 2023**

## Planned Giving for the Week of 7 May 2023

Collection <u>Account numbers</u>	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Total
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian Priory</b> BSB: 064 786 Account #: <b>100019791</b>	<b>\$830.30</b>	<b>\$235</b>	<b>\$330</b>	<b>\$225</b>	<b>\$1,620.30</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection St James Parish</b> BSB: 064 786 Account #: <b>100018086</b>	<b>\$709.75</b>	<b>\$335</b>	<b>\$260</b>	<b>\$225</b>	<b>\$1,529.75</b>

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## Counters

May 13 / 14 Parish Staff

May 20 / 21 Paul + Cecilia

Next week	Ascension Of The Lord May 21	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (3rd weekend)		Glenn H	n/a	Canossa Choir
COMMENTATOR		David P	Jana V	...
LECTOR		Bill S	Don T	Kate P
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		Lorie R Anne S	Heather L	John W Priya Shadi A
ALTAR SERVER/S		Edward / helper	Brendon / helper	Lea S + Alejandra
POWERPOINT		...	Gilbert / helper	June S
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](mailto:brisbane.adoration@gmail.com)

**HEALING + ANOINTING MASS:** Friday 2nd June @ 9am.

**FIRST FRIDAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL:** Friday 2nd June @ 7pm.

**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](mailto: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

### Ascension of the Lord (Year A/1)

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

**Second Reading** Ephesians 1: 17-23 He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 28: 16-20 All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

[www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings](http://www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings)

