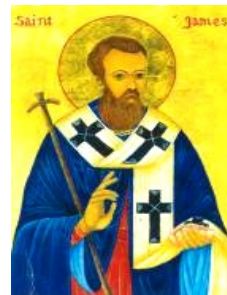


ASCENSION OF OUR LORD YR B 2021

**The Parish of St James
Coorparoo**
**A Vibrant, Prayerful, Inclusive
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Proclaim the Good News

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The warm south wind was blowing stronger on the mountain top. It billowed the robes of Jesus as he stood at the highest point of the Mount of Olives. Jesus' face was uplifted now and a lightness seemed to be shining from it.

Peter, standing with the rest of the eleven disciples, was reminded of the night when Jesus was transfigured on another mountaintop in Galilee. The group of mystified disciples formed a protective circle around Jesus as he began to rise and dissolve before them. And then, suddenly he was gone. Only the wind remained. It took a long time for the disciples to realize what they had just experienced. So many images raced in their minds: Jesus dragging his heavy cross; the brutal nailing and raising of the cross; the anguish and weeping and his death. They remembered the darkening of the heavens, Jesus' burial, the stone, the discovery by the women and the astonishing revelation that he had risen from the dead. They held the vision of his appearances at Emmaus, in the room at Jerusalem, on the shore in Galilee and now, here, again.

Peter became the new centre of the circle of disciples. He was wondering what to do when he looked west toward Jerusalem. From across the Kidron Valley Peter could see the entire city. From where they stood Jerusalem didn't look so formidable. The final instructions of Jesus had been "Go into the whole world and proclaim the good news to all creation." They would begin in Jerusalem. With courage and strength building in his heart, Peter began to lead the disciples back down the Bethany Road toward the lofty fortress walls of Jerusalem. As the group of disciples made their way down the winding mountain trail, the fullness of God's presence was poured into them. They received the power of faith. They remembered the last words of Jesus: "...use my name to expel demons...speak entirely new languages... handle serpents...drink deadly poison without harm...and the sick upon whom they lay their hands will recover." Waves of rapturous joy swept through the returning band of disciples as the presence of Jesus continued to shower down upon them. They felt as if Jesus was walking at their side. His love and his life were being reborn in their hearts.



Justice Challenge

May 16, 2021 • Feast of the Ascension

When Jesus ascended into heaven, his glorified physical body was no longer with us. But he commissioned the apostles (and us through them) to be his body on earth until he came again. We are called to be the hands and feet, the heart, the mouth, the shoulders of Jesus to those in need. Your challenge this week is to ask which part of the Body of Christ you are called to be right now. Does someone need you to be his ears, listening to their story? Or might you be called to be his prophetic voice, challenging someone or a group of persons to live more justly? Be the Body of Christ this week. (Don't forget that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will help you in this task.)

What does love look like?

It has the **hands to help** others.
It has the **feet to hasten**
to the poor and needy.
It has **eyes to see** misery and want.
It has the **ears to hear** the sighs
and sorrows of men.
That is what love looks like.

— Saint Augustine



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:

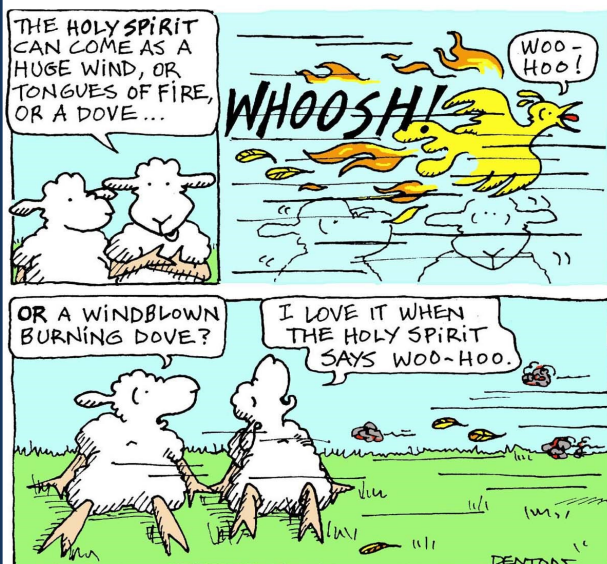


Coles Gift Vouchers; Cooking oil—all different types; Tinned Tuna; Coconut milk, coconut cream; Lentils, Chick Peas, Basmati Rice; Honey, tea, coffee, sugar. We have begun collecting these goods from you already :)

Thank you for caring.

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

Jesus has lived his life, died, and risen. He has taught his disciples everything he had to teach. Before he leaves them for a final time, Jesus tells them to make disciples of the whole world, teaching all they have learned and baptizing in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



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“Grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift.”

Sheepish Question:

What am I doing with the gift of the Spirit?

And through it all, he shared his love with everyone: friends and enemies alike.

As disciples, we try, and sometimes fail, to live our lives as Jesus lived his, but like all good apprentices and disciples, we try again. A great thing to remember is that Jesus is not just the ideal—someone we look up to and try to emulate— Jesus is our mentor. He walks with us, helping us clean up our messes. He constantly shares his love and his life with us so that we can share it with others.

He Is With Us

I once heard a religious educator say that a disciple was like an apprentice. A disciple doesn’t have to have it all together—she makes mistakes. She is someone who is still learning. An apprentice also needs mentoring. She needs someone to teach her and instruct her, but she also needs someone to show her how to be whatever it is she is apprenticing to be.

We are disciples of a trinitarian God, baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit. Our way into the divine life of this Trinity is through Jesus. Jesus, the Son, is our brother, our savior, and our mentor. He shows us how we can share in his divinity by teaching us to accept our humanity.

It was by living his life completely and embracing his death fully that Jesus became our way and our mentor. He accepted his limitations and embraced his vulnerability. He showed us how to live through pain and loss and die with questions left unanswered.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Discuss what qualities you like best in Jesus. Have each family member decide on one quality they would like most to have.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Which of Jesus’ qualities would you most like to have? Why?

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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:

Desley Whitehouse; Julie Darling; Maree Neehouse; George Wright; Sander Halasan; Bentley Hennessy; Ana Candaza; Fr Jose Bahio; Leonides Canta; Susana Celis.

And these anniversaries: Arthur Castillo; Mary-Lou Heuser; Elisa Tarun Rosales; Esteban Canta Jr; Keith Killin

Please pray for these unwell: Marilou Balatinsayo; Martin Dalton; Lani & John Szeremeta; Nigel Richards; Paolo Primavera; Justin Meehan; Roberta Haley; Therese Killin; Fr Ron Mollison; Edric McAuliffe; Michael Simpson.



Parish news

Confirmation Sacramental

Program... Sunday 9am May 16th Rite of Enrolment during 9am mass.

Wednesday 6pm May 19th Sacrament of Confirmation program – **Family Session 1**



Dcn Tuan Anh's Ordination will take place on **Saturday 22nd May at 10am** (Feast of St Rita), celebration afterwards supplied by Augustinian Order and the Vietnamese Community. Covid conditions will be followed. **There is no parking on the school grounds as the celebration after mass will fill the school grounds.**



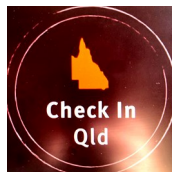
Wear RED for Pentecost and **Sunday 23rd May** Fr Tuan Anh's Thanksgiving Mass at 9am, please bring a covered plate of goodies to the hall before mass, celebration afterwards supplied by our parishioners. Covid conditions will be followed.

Please write your name on the clipboard at the church entrance to show how you can assist.

Donations to Dcn Tuan Anh's gift can be made by cash in an envelope labelled **Gift for Ordination.**



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



Brisbane East Deanery Meeting May 20, 2021
Venue: Kangaroo Point / East Brisbane (tbc)
More details to follow.



Congratulations to Fr Jaison Nedumparambil in India.

Fr Jaison's devotional music video with English Translation of the lyrics: musical video [YouTube link](#)



MAY

- 15 / 16 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm** Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); **Year B/1 Ascension of the Lord** (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am) **No Baptisms.**
- 15 Alpha day retreat** at Joseph's retreat centre in Marian valley, Canungra)
- 16 Sacrament of Confirmation program – Enrolment mass** Sunday 9am
- 19 Wednesday 6.30pm – 9.15pm** Alpha program: **Week 9** (organised by YAM for our parish) – program to run for 11 weeks.
- 19 Sacrament of Confirmation program – Family Session 1**
- 20 Thursday** Brisbane East Deanery meeting at St Joseph's Kangaroo Point (to be confirmed) 7pm
- 22/23 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm** Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); **Year B/1 Pentecost Sunday** (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am) **No Baptisms.**
- 22 Saturday 10am**, Dcn Tuan Anh Ordination (Feast of St Rita) with celebration afterwards (invitation only)
- 23 Sunday at 9am**, Fr Tuan Anh's Thanksgiving mass, with celebration afterwards (all invited).

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



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
CHRISTIAN UNITY
PRAYER SERVICE

2021 Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at the Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane City on **Friday 21 May at**

11am. Representatives of seven different Christian traditions will lead us in prayer. To register, head to app.tickets.org.au/eb/weekofprayer2021 or for more information please contact Margaret Naylor at ecum@bne.catholic.net.au



MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT IN MAY

Every five years, to coincide with the Australian National Census, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference asks for data on mass attendance. Over the years this data has been very useful to us and in 2019 the Archdiocese of Brisbane started an annual count of mass attendance. However, this was interrupted last year by COVID-19. In this census year, we ask parishes and communities to undertake the customary count of attendance over four consecutive weekends in May.



Planned Giving for the Week of 9th 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	\$852.75	\$199	\$570	Week 4	\$1,621.75
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891	\$461.30	\$120	\$640	only	\$1,221.30

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Safeguarding Officer	Kate Pearson	3397 1671

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.

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 15 / 16 Greg & Kate

May 22 / 23 Anne & Margaret

Ministry	Pentecost May 22 / 23	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
COMMENTATOR		Ron S	Don T	Morag S
LECTOR		Karleen O'R	Trish R	Ray M
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		Anne S Paul D	Yen Mai Vu Marj N	Yen N Pat P
ALTAR SERVER/S		Joe R	Gene T-F	Leah S
POWERPOINT		Paul D	Gilbert / John D	Di / June S
MARSHAL		Lorie / Karen / Edward	Brendon G	Cathy M

Next Sunday'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 Galatians 5: 16-25 The fruit of the Spirit.

Gospel Reading John 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15 The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

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

