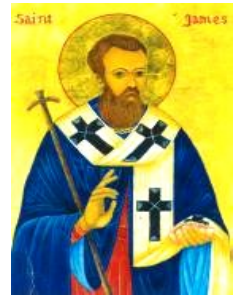


**PENTECOST
SUNDAY
YR B 2021
23 MAY**

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



Reflection from Fr Tuan Anh OSA

I still remember clearly the lunar new year of 2013, right before I came to Australia to join the Order of Saint Augustine. I was filled with excitement and anxiety at the same time. Inside me there was also fear and resistance. I wasn't sure if my decision to come to Australia was right or not. I was feeling like Abram, who was called by God to leave his homeland and his parents' house for a new country, to leave his security and familiarity for an unknown and unfamiliar place. During those days, while I was reading some passages in Scripture, my eyes were gazing again and again at one little verse from the Gospel of John. It says, "You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and bear fruit." This gave me a deep sense of assurance and affirmation about my decision. I knew in my head that my vocation to religious life and priesthood was, and is, a free gift from God.

However, what I did not know was what being chosen looked like in religious living. Now, as I am writing this reflection and only a few more days before my priestly ordination, I seem to understand better that the life of a chosen one is not a bed of roses. Rather, it is a bed of roses with pricks and thorns. I have had moments of deep joy, but I have also experienced some great pains of loss. In the midst of my joy and pain, I realized deep down in my heart, that apart from God's grace and love, I could do nothing. Apart from these, my joy would be incomplete.

About to be ordained as priest, I feel the same feeling that I had before coming to Australia, I am full of both excitement and anxiety. I am not sure what my future will hold for me, but I am assured that God is walking with me on my priestly journey. I am assured that my journey is under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and through the intercessions of our Mother of Good Counsel and the Saints, especially St Rita, St Augustine and St Peter. I feel called to continue to move forward in God's grace and love, abiding in union with Christ and bearing the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer to St Rita

O God, who bestowed on St. Rita such grace that she loved her enemies, and bore in her heart and on her forehead the mark of Your love and Passion, grant us, we beseech You, through her merits and intercession, a love for our enemies. Heavenly Father! In Your infinite love and mercy you heed the prayer of Your beloved servant, Rita. You graciously grant favours through her intercession, which are considered impossible to human skill and effort. Relying on her compassionate love, we ask You to assist us in our trials and difficulties. Let unbelievers know that you are the helper of the humble, the defender of the weak, and the strength of those who trust in You. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



At the age of 36, Rita finally was accepted into the Augustinian convent. She lived a regular life of prayer, contemplation and spiritual reading, according to the Rule of Saint Augustine. For forty years she lived this routine lifestyle until Good Friday of 1442, fifteen years before her death, when she had an extraordinary experience. In contemplation before an image of Jesus that was very dear to her, the Jesus of Holy Saturday or, as it is also known, the Resurgent Christ, she was moved by a deeper awareness of the physical and spiritual burden of pain which Christ so freely and willingly embraced for love of her and of all humanity. With the tender, compassionate heart of a person fully motivated by grateful love, she spoke her willingness to relieve Christ's suffering by sharing even the smallest part of his pain. Her offer was accepted, her prayer was answered, and Rita was united with Jesus in a profound experience of spiritual intimacy, a thorn from his crown penetrating her forehead. The wound it caused remained open and visible until the day of her death.

Open to the Spirit

Jesus assures his disciples that after he has gone, they will not be alone. He will send them an advocate, the Spirit of Truth. After Jesus has ascended and commissioned his disciples to go into the world, the Spirit is sent just as Jesus had promised.

**BRINGING
HOME THE
GOSPEL**

On Pentecost we celebrate the day the disciples and Mary received the Holy Spirit in a most dramatic fashion. Luke tells us in the Acts of the Apostles that they heard the sound of a powerful wind and saw tongues of fire. In the Gospel for this feast day, we hear about a gentler sending of the Spirit. After the Resurrection, Jesus appears to his disciples and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

There may not have been the sound of a great wind, or the drama of floating tongues of fire, but we each received the same Spirit present on Pentecost when we were baptized and confirmed. I was reminded of this fact several years ago as I prepared a group of teens for confirmation.

For years, before engaging in a difficult conversation, or standing up and giving a talk, I would lift my hands to the heavens and pray to be open so the Spirit could come in. While talking about the gift of the Spirit to those about to be confirmed I was reminded that through baptism and confirmation the Holy Spirit was already in me, and all I needed to do was pray to be open so that I could let the Spirit out.

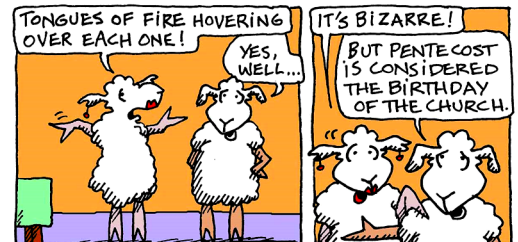
We need to be open to let the Spirit of Truth and love speak with our voice, the Spirit of understanding and counsel listen with our ears and the Spirit of courage and strength walk in our shoes. When we share the Spirit of God that is in us, marvellous things can happen. Consider the disciples on Pentecost and how they opened themselves up so that the Spirit they received could be shared with the world.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Discuss what you each think the gifts of the Holy Spirit mean. The gifts are understanding, council, courage, knowledge, wisdom, piety and an awesome awareness of God.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

When have you experienced one of the gifts of the Spirit in your life? Which gifts do you most need now? 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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"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Sheepish Question:

How can I most effectively serve the Gospel as a member of my faith community?

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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 the 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.

Thank you for caring.



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:

Gail Davies; Nida Bongcayao; Desley Whitehouse; Julie Darling; Maree Neehouse; George Wright; Sander Halasan; Bentley Hennessy; Ana Candaza; Fr Jose Bahio.

And these anniversaries: Ted Nelson; Barbara Sanguio; Rebecca Herft; Larry O'Connell; Arthur Castillo; Mary-Lou Heuser; Elisa Tarun Rosales.

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



Parish news

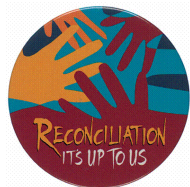
Confirmation Sacramental

Program for our children...

Wednesday 6pm May 26th

Family Session 2.

Sunday 9am June 6th Presentation of The Creed during Mass.



27 May – 3 June National Reconciliation Week

Our church registration is now

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.

CARITAS INDIA APPEAL

Caritas Australia, in partnership with Caritas India, is providing support to vulnerable communities as the nation is devastated by massive increases in COVID-19 infection rates. The communities which Caritas works with are among the most vulnerable to COVID-19, with poor access to clean water and Personal Protective Equipment. We are accepting donations through our Asia Emergency Appeal which can be found here: <https://caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/asia-emergency-appeal/>.

Thank you to 9am Sunday parishioners who are assisting with Fr Tuan Anh's celebration in the hall and dismantling the tents / tables / chairs afterwards.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
17-23 MAY 2021
RECOGNISE. RECONNECT. REIMAGINE.



MAY

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).

25 Friends of St Augustine gathering 6.30pm in the Priory.

26 National Sorry Day

26 Wednesday 6.30pm – 9.15pm Alpha program: Week 10 (organised by YAM for our parish) - program to run for 11 weeks.

26 Sacrament of Confirmation program – Family Session 2

29/30 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); **Year B/1 Most Holy Trinity (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am) No Baptisms.**

30 Sunday @ 10.30am (Venue: church) Baptismal Preparation gathering.

Come join the Brisbane East Deanery Scripture Study Group. This study will run

over 8 weeks with each session approx. 90mins.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Dates confirmed ...

+ Wednesdays from 7 July morning

Our Lady of Graces

+ Fridays from 9 July evening St James

Numbers enrolled required by 1st June so email stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au or contact Louise Simento Ph: 0456700040 or Sue Mulligan Ph: 0410342058 for details.



You are invited to join the **inaugural Romero Centre Welcome Walk on 20th June in support of people seeking asylum**, to bring attention to those who seek safety and protection in Australia. The Walk will actively honour and respect everybody's right to a safe refuge and to acknowledge every community's right to be a welcoming and humane shelter.

To find out more and register: <https://romero.mercycommunity.org.au/> and click on - Get Involved – Welcome Walk. Walk with us, for 3 or 6kms starting at Orleigh Park, West End from 8am.

MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT IN MAY

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference— in this census year, we ask parishes and communities to finalise the customary count of attendance over four consecutive weekends in May.



Planned Giving for the Week of 16th 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	\$698	\$207.50	\$307	Week 4	\$1,212.50
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891	\$500.90	\$192.50	\$222	only	\$915.40

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Sunday's Readings Pentecost

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.



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 22 / 23 Anne & Margaret

May 29 / 30 Karleen & Sandra

Ministry	Holy Trinity May 29 / 30	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
COMMENTATOR		Bill S	Berenice T-F	MarinaY
LECTOR		Ron S	Don T	Morag S
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		Rosemarie Y Karleen O'R	Heather L Jan L	John W Christine U-M
ALTAR SERVER/S		Rodel / Ramil	Gene T-F	Leah S
POWERPOINT		Sydel I	Gilbert / John D	Di / June S
MARSHAL		Lorie / Karen / Edward	Brendon G / Trish R	Cathy M

Next Sunday's Readings Most Holy Trinity

First Reading *Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40* The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

Second Reading *Romans 8: 14-17* You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

Gospel Reading *Matthew 28: 16-20* Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

