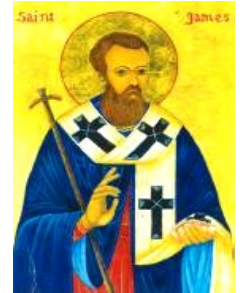


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21 / 22 MARCH**

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



**This is a special edition of our parish bulletin this weekend!**

## ***What's inside?***

### **Message from Archbishop Mark to Pastors and All People of the Archdiocese**

- ✠ Suspension of Sunday Masses until further notice; the faithful dispensed from Sunday obligation
- ✠ Weekday scheduled Masses still continue, with observed restrictions and precautions
- ✠ Sacrament of Reconciliation should only be by appointment with the priest
- ✠ A special prayer written by Archbishop Mark Coleridge

### **What this mean for US at St James?**

- ✠ St James Sunday Masses, St James Weekday Masses
- ✠ Notice to volunteers; Communion to the Sick
- ✠ Sacrament of Reconciliation
- ✠ Bulletin; Office hours
- ✠ Mass intensions
- ✠ How can I continue to financially support the upkeep of our church?

### **Where can I access Sunday Mass online (Archdiocese)? *(separate leaf)***

### **Parish Activities update**

We, at the parish, would like to still be able to reach out to you even when we are physically restricted to do it at this stage. We'd love to send you the weekly Parish Bulletin directly to your Inbox. For us to do this, we simply would like to get a couple of details.



Please type  
the URL below

on your favorite internet browser or simply scan the QR Code, and then answer the questions. It's very easy, and quick. It's over in less than a minute!

<https://ppstjames.typeform.com/to/FZi6hL>





## THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

19 March 2020  
Solemnity of St Joseph

### TO THE PASTORS AND PEOPLE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

These are anxious times as we enter new and uncharted territory. The spread of the coronavirus is alarming for a generation that has known nothing like it, and it shows how fragile we are. How long it will last we do not know, but almost certainly we are in for the long haul. For all of us, this is a challenge at many levels.

In the Archdiocese there is a daily meeting to address the most recent advice from the Government and the health authorities and to consider its implications for the Catholic community. As a result, we have already taken some decisions to curb the spread of the virus. Now in the light of the latest advice from the Government and Catholic Health Australia, the Archdiocese has come to further decisions. Therefore, the provisions below will now apply and more are sure to follow:

- The celebration of Mass on Sundays (including the Saturday vigil) is suspended with immediate effect and until further notice, and all the faithful are dispensed from the Sunday obligation.
- Priests will continue to celebrate Mass (the *Mass for the people*) on Sundays without a congregation, with people able to follow Masses live-streamed from the Cathedral at [archbne.org/bzw](http://archbne.org/bzw) on Sundays and weekdays.
- For the time being, weekday Masses may be celebrated as scheduled, with the current restrictions and precautions to be observed.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation should in general be celebrated only by appointment with the priest, with the current precautions to be observed.
- Any Church celebration or event where more than 100 people are expected should be cancelled or postponed.
- All attending any Church celebration or event should respect the requirements of physical distancing.
- All ministers of Holy Communion, including the priest, should disinfect their hands before and after distributing.
- In the Ordinary Form of the Latin Rite, the Body of Christ should be administered only in the hand and the chalice should be received by the celebrant alone.
- The Sign of Peace should be limited to saying "Peace be with you" with a nod or bow; no hand-shaking or hand-holding should occur here or at the Our Father.
- Hymn books should not be used.
- As far as possible, churches should remain open to allow private prayer; the Blessed Sacrament might be exposed in the monstrance for this purpose (as long as fewer than 100 are attending and with the usual provisions for reverence and security of the Sacrament).

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- Communion to the sick should be taken by priests alone and in general be restricted to Viaticum to the dying, with the current restrictions and precautions to be observed.
- Prayers of intercession for an end to the pandemic and for the safety of all should be included in Masses, in the Liturgy of the Hours and in private prayer; houses of consecrated religious are asked to intensify their intercessory prayer also.
- Baptisms, weddings and funerals may be celebrated, but restricted if necessary to immediate family; baptisms and weddings can always be postponed.
- Preparation for and celebration of First Penance, Confirmation and First Communion should be postponed until the pandemic is over.
- Priests should ensure that parishioners can contact them in emergencies.

It is essential in a time such as this to strengthen and deepen our spiritual life, precisely so that we do not “lose sight of Jesus” (Hebrews 12:2). The Archdiocese will do everything possible to assist you with this; and there is an abundance of online resources – including Mass at home – to nourish your faith through this time. As Pope Francis has said, pastors will have to show creativity in ministering to their people; and there are many examples of this around the world, with technology making it less difficult than in the past.

To conclude I offer two prayers which you may wish to pray through this time. The first is one I have written: its words are simple but they may help to guide you in your prayer. May the God to whom we turn in this moment listen to the pleading of our heart and answer as he has so often before, so that love may come from fear, hope from despair and joy from sorrow:

Almighty and all-merciful God,  
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,  
in whom there is no shadow of death,  
save us in this time of crisis;  
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;  
watch over all medical people  
as they tend the sick and work for a cure;  
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;  
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.  
By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,  
that hope may never die  
and the light of Easter, the triumph of life,  
may shine upon us and the whole world.  
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
Amen.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.  
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.



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The second is an ecumenical prayer from the National Council of Churches, who have invited all of us to pray this prayer at 7pm each day, but especially on Sunday 29 March which we will mark as a National Day of Prayer in this time of crisis:

Gracious God,  
We give thanks anew for your providence and presence.  
We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas.  
We pray for those in need of healing.  
We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving.  
We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain  
all those who are serving in response.  
We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment  
amidst the many choices and decisions  
facing our national, community and medical leaders.  
We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do  
to help those who are vulnerable.

This prayer for our nation in the family of nations,  
with all that is on our hearts,  
we gather now and pray  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

With the blessing of peace,

Archbishop of Brisbane



## What this means for US at St James?

The provisions that are outlined here for our church and ministries at St James would make more sense if one has considered the Archbishop's message, so I hope we have taken time to read it. The provisions that follow adhere to the ones he gave and are applied to our context here in the parish.

- **SUNDAY MASSES:** Celebration of Sunday Masses (6pm Vigil, Sun 6am, 9am and 6pm) are suspended beginning this weekend and until further notice.
- Except for the priests, all the faithful are dispensed from the Sunday obligation. This particular dispensation means an exemption from physically coming to church on a Sunday, which is our obligation. Dispensation, in this case, does not imply that we no longer keep the Lord's Day Holy. We are still expected to pray as a household and are encourage to organise a special time on Sunday to reflect and meditate on the Scriptures, or you may watch mass online, 8am and 10am Sunday at [www.archbne.org/bzw](http://www.archbne.org/bzw).
- I and Fr Dang will continue to celebrate Mass for the people (*missa pro populo*) on Sundays without a congregation. The eight (8) Augustinians residing at Villanova College, as a Community, will join together in offering this Mass *pro populo* at 8am on Sundays in our community chapel. We will be including in our intentions, among others, the end of the pandemic and for the safety of all.
- **WEEKDAY MASSES:** For the time being, weekday Masses in our Church will continue to be celebrated, with the current restrictions and precautions to be observed. 8am Monday-Friday, except on Thursdays, when at 8am there is an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
- **DAILY MASS BOOK:** We are instructed not to share books at this time ("*Hymn books*" in the Archbishop's message). In line with this, *weekly mass goers* are no longer taking the **Daily Mass Book 2020** (the small white guide book for daily mass) from its box. I would advise that you take one copy with you for you to bring for the daily mass. Those who do not come regularly to the weekday masses are **not** to take this book with them.
- **SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS:** We have communicated to our Sunday Mass volunteers thru email regarding the temporary halt of their duties until further notice (Sunday musicians, altar servers, lectors, communion ministers, collectors, hospitality, etc.).
- **COMMUNION TO THE SICK:** We have ceased the home visitations and bringing of communion to the sick and the home-bound. Our volunteers who bring communion to them will continue their service by keeping in phone contact with them. Please keep the sick and home-bound and their ministers always in your prayers.
- At this stage, only priests are allowed to take communion to the sick, and in general be restricted to Viaticum to the dying. Visitation of hospitals is designated to the hospital chaplain.
- **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** This will be conducted in general only by appointment with the priest. Please consider calling or emailing the office.
- **WEEKLY BULLETIN:** This bulletin is the last one that the parish will be printing for the time being. However, we will continue to make our weekly bulletin, with the weekly reflections and updates. This shall be accessible thru our parish website, <http://www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/parish-bulletins.html>
- **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Unfortunately, due to the fact that most of our collection come from loose money and envelopes collected during our Sunday masses, which is no longer possible, and also due to the very limited number of parishioners who are enrolled in the direct debit method for making weekly contribution to the Augustinian Order (1st Collection) and for the upkeep of the Parish (2nd Collection), the financial implication is dire. I would like you to consider either:
  - a.) Completing the attached page, "Direct Debit Request - Offertory Giving"
  - b.) Transferring directly into **Account #: 006160102, BSB: 064 786 for 1<sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian Order**, Reference: your surname, and  
**Account #: 006161103, BSB: 064 786 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Parish**, Reference: your surname.
  - c.) Dropping the envelopes. For those who regularly donate using the planned giving envelopes, you may continue to use them and drop these off at your convenient time in the letterbox at the top of St James Priory steps.

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## Today's Readings 4th Sunday Lent: First Reading

**1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13** In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

**Second Reading Ephesians 5: 8-14** Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

**Gospel Reading John 9: 1-41** The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

## Prayer Requests Please pray for recently deceased:



Archbishop John Bathersby; Maeve Murphy; Aurelio Leonor; Fr Joe Walsh OSA; Gavan Carroll; George Kishaba; John Donnelly.

**And these anniversaries:** Anaclito Seares; Sofronio Negre Snr; Aurora

Seares; Secondo Berta; Elsie Frampton; Braulio Monterde; Robert DeMello; Luke O'Reilly.

**Please pray for these unwell:** Judy Ketter; Veron Forsyth; Peter & Stephen Darch; James Clifford; Tina Romano; Fr Ron Mollison; Greg Whitney; Tess Walsh; Rodrigo Urbano.

## Social Justice SIGNIFICANT DATES MARCH:

**Saturday 21:** International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

World Down Syndrome Day.

Week of Solidarity with the People Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination.

**Sunday 22:** World Water Day.

**Monday 23:** 2005: abolition of the ATSIC.

**Tuesday 24:** St Oscar Romero.

**Wednesday 25:** 1877: death of Caroline Chisholm.

### Ten Steps Towards Genuine Human Encounter in Our Digital World

Take care of yourself and others...

- Unfortunately, cyberbullying, trolling and the objectification of others is not an uncommon experience. We cannot stand by when another is denigrated or threatened.
- Call out bad behavior and stand by the victim. This can require diplomacy. Be mindful that sometimes abusive behavior is so irrational and unrelenting, the best option is to disengage.
- Discuss experiences of cyberbullying with your family, friends or school.
- Report abuse and access helpful information from the eSafety Commissioner [www.esafety.gov.au/](http://www.esafety.gov.au/)

## Parish News

For current up-to-date information on Novel coronavirus COVID-19,

please visit this website <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/>

or call 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84).



**March** visit of Augustinian Prior Provincial Fr Peter Jones OSA to St James parish and Villanova College has been postponed till August / September.



### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 2020



On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to like to extend our CONGRATULATIONS to the following children who made their First Reconciliation on Monday, 16 March 2020:

**Bianca Sukkar; Joshua Hill; Kyan Liston; Hayden Lennane; Skye McMahon; Sophie Lennane; Damian Lorincz; Jericho Manalac; Thomas Steel; Gus Miller; Chloe Blaser; Ella Mitchell; Aidan Davis; Isaac Mitchell; Nicholas Green; Zara Natoli; Jennita Tantinimitchok; James van Tonder; Charlotte Trigg.**

A big shout out to our parents and guardians who worked hard with their children during the sessions. We hope that your experience of sharing in the faith journey with your children, in this Sacrament of Reconciliation Program, has been helpful in supporting your role, as parents and guardians, as their first teachers of the Christian faith.

I would also like to commend the wonderful energy and effort of Fr Dang, Ann O'Brien and Anna Egert for leading the sessions this year, and to Trish for coordinating behind the scenes. We are also grateful for St James School for allowing us to use the meeting room for the sessions.



Next Anointing Mass:

**Wednesday 1st April shall continue at 10am** (but no morning tea)



Annual Chrism Mass celebrated in the Cathedral on **Thursday 2nd April** (no public participation)



**Br Tuan Anh Le OSA's** Ordination to the Diaconate on **Thursday 23 April 2020** shall proceed. This event however is now going to be restricted to a limited number of attendees, as we hope you'd understand because of the circumstances.



## Planned Giving for the Week ending 15th March (Week 3)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian [BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006160102]	\$521.30	\$329	\$154	Week 4	\$1,004.30
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Parish [BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006161103]	\$521.95	\$290	\$154	only	\$965.95

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





## MARCH

- 20-23 Prior Provincial (Fr Peter Jones OSA) visitation to the Parish and College is postponed
- 25 Wednesday Stations of the Cross in the Church after 8am mass.
- 27 Friday Lenten Program meeting in Priory after 8am mass.
- 28/29 Year A 5th Sunday Lent (masses suspended)

## APRIL

- 1 Wednesday Stations of the Cross (final) in the Church after 8am mass.
- 3 Friday Lenten Program meeting in Priory after 8am mass
- 4/5 Year A Palm Sunday (masses suspended)
- 9 Holy Thursday (more info in the coming weeks)
- 10 Good Friday (more info in the coming weeks)
- 11 Easter Saturday (more info in the coming weeks)
- 11/12 Year A Sunday of the Resurrection (masses suspended)
- 13 Easter Monday

**Little King's Movement** has closed due to Novel coronavirus (COVID-19). They are currently closed from 17th March—5th May.



## PROJECT COMPASSION

GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Thirty-two-year-old Sakun lives in a village in central east India. She developed polio as a child and has difficulty walking.

After joining a Caritas Australia-funded program, Sakun has learned new skills and gained important mobility. She is more resilient, more confident and more independent.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help uplift vulnerable communities and support the rights of indigenous peoples around the world. Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



**Deanery News** Next Brisbane East Deanery meeting is **Wednesday 20th May 7pm @ Mt. Carmel** (to be confirmed)



**Parish Leadership Development Day** has been postponed. Info to come. (07) 3324 3440

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- **MASS INTENTIONS:** You are still able to contact the office to request for mass intentions for weekdays or Sundays; this is so that names can be included in our weekly prayer list.
- **OFFICE TIMES:** Office hours will remain as usual at this stage. Trish, our parish secretary, is in the office on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays from 8.30am - 2.30pm.

**"Have I not commanded you?  
Be strong and courageous.  
Do not be afraid;  
do not be discouraged,  
for the Lord your God will be  
with you wherever you go."  
(Joshua 1:9)**

Let us all continue to pray that all people may cooperate in implementing the precautionary measures issued by our Government and church. There are still some who take the issue lightly. They may be the ones with stronger defense to the effects of the virus, but I am hoping that they would also think about others who are in their advanced age and are more vulnerable, more susceptible to the serious life-threatening response to the virus. Let's pray for each other at this time!

**I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DAY  
WHEN WE WILL ALL GATHER AGAIN  
TO CELEBRATE MASS ON THE LORD'S  
DAY !!**  
- Fr Francis Belciña, OSA

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



MY JESUS,  
I BELIEVE THAT YOU  
ARE PRESENT IN THE  
MOST HOLY SACRAMENT.  
I LOVE YOU  
ABOVE ALL THINGS, AND  
I DESIRE TO RECEIVE  
YOU INTO MY SOUL.  
SINCE I CANNOT AT  
THIS MOMENT RECEIVE  
YOU SACRAMENTALLY,  
COME AT LEAST SPIRITUALLY  
INTO MY HEART.  
I EMBRACE YOU AS IF YOU WERE  
ALREADY THERE AND UNITE MYSELF  
WHOLLY TO YOU. NEVER PERMIT ME  
TO BE SEPARATED FROM YOU.  
AMEN.

THE BEAUTY OF MY CATHOLIC FAITH

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Parish Council Chairperson	Ray Mitchell	3892 1682
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## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil at 6pm (**suspended until further notice**)

Sunday at 7am, 9am and 6pm (**suspended until further notice**)

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings at 8am.

**Mass with Anointing for the Sick and Elderly** (will continue 1 April 10am;  
no morning tea)

## Reconciliation

by appointment only (phone 3397 1671)

## Prayer Group

is held each morning prior to 8am Mass (from about 7:30am) and lasts about 20 minutes.

## Adoration including Holy Hour

Thursday mornings at 8am.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** **5th Sunday Lent: First Reading** *Ezekiel 37: 12-14* I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

**Second Reading** *Romans 8: 8-11* If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

**Gospel Reading** *John 11: 1-45* I am the resurrection and the life.

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

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