

**EASTER
SUNDAY
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20 / 21 APRIL**



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



**St Augustine "We are an Easter people
and 'Alleluia' is our song!"**

"Now therefore, brethren, we urge you to praise God. That is what we are all telling each other when we say Alleluia. You say to your neighbour, "Praise the Lord!" and he says the same to you. We are all urging one another to praise the Lord, and all thereby doing what each of us urges the other to do. But see that your praise comes from your whole being; in other words, see that you praise God not with your lips and voices alone, but with your minds, your lives and all your actions." [On Ps 148]

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading *Acts 10: 34, 37-43* We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Second Reading *Colossians 3: 1-4* Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is. **Gospel Reading** *John 20: 1-9* The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

[For complete Sunday's readings, visit our St James website \(look for the Prayer tab\).](http://www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings)
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A Reflection by Luis Rodriguez, S.J.

(from Creighton University's Online Ministries)

Assigning Peter's speech to our Easter Sunday readings requires a lot of "fast forward". There is no way Peter could have spoken like that on Easter Sunday. Like the others apostles, Peter was both scared and discouraged after the Good Friday experience and it took not only repeated manifestations of the risen Lord, but most especially the Pentecost experience, for Peter to have the courage to speak like that.

It is quite remarkable that Peter's catechetical summary almost belabours one point: **we are witnesses** that he is risen. This is in fact the core of the early apostolic preaching, before distortions necessitated pastoral and theological clarifications. Their witnessing needed to be enabled by a twofold support: **love** and **faith**. Their love was there, which is why they were grieving, but their faith had been shaken by the Good Friday events. They **hid** in the upper room and some started to **walk away**, as the two Emmaus disciples did.

The same is also clear in today's gospel reading. **Love** is alive enough for both disciples to **run** to the tomb, but their **faith** had been crushed and finding that the tomb was indeed empty meant nothing to Peter. The **beloved** disciple's faith had also been shaken, but his **love** led him to ponder and remember the words of Jesus. It was this love that awaken his faith. We need both love and faith. We know that faith is gift, but loving God and loving others can awaken in us the gift of faith.

The Lord will later tell Thomas: *blessed are those, who believe without seeing*. Believing without seeing is challenging enough, but more challenging is believing **against** what we do see. We see around us an effective denial of the Lord's values not just in society at large, but even in our own Church shaken by the appalling scandal of clergy misconduct. Believing **against** what we do see is a more refined way to be blessed.



Please pray for recently deceased: Kathleen Sullivan; Warwick Jones; Samuel Danwa; David Chong; Fr George Magee OSA; Sr Clotilde Quinlan & Sr Ruth Wyatte rsm.

And these anniversaries: Keith Killin; John Lunney; Daniel Miller; Mary-Anne Dunagan; Jim Murray; Albert Bowler; Mavis Manning.

Please pray for these unwell: Michael Simpson; Tina Romano; Christina Williams; Sandy Williams; Keith Delisser; Steven McSwan; Debbie Bradfield; Keith Evans; Rex Ducat.

Please give prayers and welcome to these baptismal children: Tally Cumiskey.

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

Social Justice

SIGNIFICANT DATES —
APRIL:

Sunday 21: Easter Sunday.

Monday 22: International Mother Earth Day.

Thursday 25: ANZAC Day.

1945: opening of First United Nations Conference with 45 nations attending.

Friday 26: 1986: nuclear accident in Chernobyl, Ukraine.

1998: murder of Bishop Juan José Gerardi Conedera in Guatemala.



Easter Sunday.... We Christians believe and know that Christ's resurrection is the true hope of the world, the hope that does not disappoint. It is the power of the grain of wheat, the power of that love which humbles itself and gives itself to the very end, and thus truly renews the world. This power continues to bear fruit today in the furrows of our history, marked by so many acts of injustice and violence. It bears fruits of hope and dignity where there are deprivation, exclusion and hunger, where there are migrants and refugees (so often rejected by today's culture of waste), and victims of contemporary forms of slavery...

Parish news

INTERESTED IN JOINING VINNIES? The St. Vincent de Paul Society has a number of Ministries but one of the most valuable is that of visiting people who request assistance at their homes. The main request is for food, but other needs (eg. Clothing, Furniture) are also provided for. A small group of Volunteers render this assistance within our Parish, but there are times when visits to people may be slightly delayed due to temporary shortage of Volunteers. Anyone who might have as little as 1 or 2 hours spare a week and would like to learn more about this work is invited to contact **Ron Stephenson on 0414 745 178.**



Planned Giving for the Week ending 14th April (Week 2 Palm Sunday)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 st Collection Augustinian	\$937.90	\$321	\$115	Week 4	\$1,373.90
2 nd Collection Parish	\$585.50	\$305	\$115	only	\$1,005.50

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS Co-ordinator: Kev Mahoney. Reception of our candidates on Holy Saturday Vigil 20th April 7pm mass. We congratulate Eleanor Jayasekera; Michelle Dixon; David Sardelic.

HELP NEEDED WITH CATERING FOR ANOINTING MASSES

As some volunteers are not available to continue with this ministry, parishioners are invited to join catering teams. Assistance would be required 1 or 2 times a year for approx. 2-3 hours on a first Friday of a month. Those interested please contact Trish, Parish Secretary on 3397 1671 (Mon, Wed, Fri between 9am & 1pm). Thankyou for considering helping in this ministry.

Church Appeal 2019 to raise much needed funds for "The Little Kings Movement for the Handicapped". Thank you St James parishioners - this year you have raised \$1,509. Your generosity will enable Little Kings to carry on work within their communities on your behalf.





Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2019. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.

Through your generosity you are helping to empower communities with hope and helping those in great need shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Lives change when we all give 100%.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion #projectcompassion phone: 1800 024 413 **Week Six collection: \$864.45 (via Project Compassion envelopes, not parish collections)**



Alpha Youth at Villanova College

Starts Term 2; April 28, 2019 (Sunday) 5.30pm-8pm

Alpha Youth is a gathering of young people organised by some parents from Villanova college who has done Alpha course. The program is an evangelisation opportunity where participants will get to know Jesus and encounter Jesus in and through each other. It is not a catechesis. It is not a Sunday School thing. It is a gathering to talk and to listen to each others stories about encounter of Jesus in life. There will be eating and drinking, sharing of thoughts and doubts, making friends and also praying together as a community. Come and join us! Let your parish officers know and we will contact you.

The current process by which new members are brought into the Catholic Church is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or the RCIA. Co-ordinator: Kev Mahoney.

Becoming a Catholic

RCIA is best described as a journey of faith which passes through a number of different phases and focuses on conversion of heart and mind to Christ. It is a gradual journey tailored to the needs of the individual – no 'one-size-fits-all' any longer!

The process is more public than the older 'Instruction' program. Candidates meet regularly with a group of people from the parish to learn about Catholic belief and practice. Various rituals are held in the church at important points along the journey.

Parishes hold regular enquiry sessions for those who want to know more about the Catholic Church or who may be interested in becoming a Catholic. After this period of enquiry, some people choose to embark on the RCIA journey (which begins in October/November). From the moment someone is received into the 'catechumenate' as it is called, he or she becomes part of the Catholic Christian community.



Federal election on Saturday 18th May 2019 – St James Hall will be a polling booth on this day.

Archdiocese news

Position Vacant – Event Coordinator

Applications are open for a position at St Stephen's Cathedral Parish. A person with excellent event management and administration is required for a full-time position of Event Coordinator for 37.5 hours per week, Thursday to Monday. Applications close Friday 26 April 2019. (see noticeboard details)

Position Vacant – Parish Manager

Applications are open for a position at Upper Mount Gravatt. A person with excellent office management experience as well as administration and secretarial skills is required for a full-time position of Parish Manager for 37.5 hours per week, Monday to Friday. Applications close Friday 17th May 2019. (see noticeboard details)

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Counters

April 20 / 21 Paul & Cecilia

April 27 / 28 Sylvia & ...

NEXT WEEK April 27 / 28	SATURDAY 6 PM VIGIL	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	D. PHILLIPS	N. POKARIER	J. RICHARDS	B. SCHLECHT
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Mass Times

WEEKEND: Saturday 8 am; Vigil 6 pm;

Sunday 7 am, 9 am, 6 pm.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30 pm.

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8 am.

ADORATION: Thursday 8 am.

PRAYER GROUP: each morning prior to Mass.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 3rd May 2019.

NEXT ANOINTING MASS: Friday 3rd May 2019, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

NEXT MASS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sunday 5th May 2019 — 9am mass.

Ten Marks of Spiritual Maturity...

7) **You listen to others who have a different viewpoint...with a goal of growing and not correcting.**

Mature Christians understand their perspective is limited. They acknowledge God doesn't need spiritual police, he needs passionate followers. And followers are listeners. Followers are gleaners.

They are not so close-minded that everyone else is wrong.

They understand listening does not equate to condoning or accepting.

Fr Joseph Lam