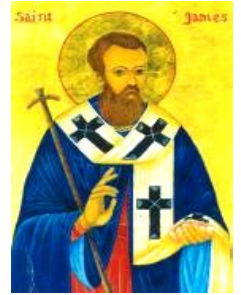


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**The Parish of St James  
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**WE ARE GOING LIVESTREAM!**  
*Please read PP message...*

**PALM SUNDAY**

TODAY, SIMPLE PEOPLE  
YELL "HOSANNA!" TO JESUS.  
WHAT WILL THEY CRY ON FRIDAY  
BEFORE PONTIUS PILATE?



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at Home**

**6.00am - 6.30am  
Channel 10**



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**From the Parish Priest**

If it were not for COVID-19, this week would have been one of the busiest weeks for our Parish staff and the many volunteers in various ministries as we prepare for the **community** celebrations of the Holy Week.

However, it was not a time out either for the Parish Staff as we worked out ways to continue to keep in touch with you, still in a timely manner, in ways that are available to us. We have noticeably expanded our contacts list. Thanks to Sylvia and Trish for tirelessly working on this. Should current climate not affect delivery of mails, we shall continue to deliver or mail our bulletin to those with no internet access. To those who could be reached by email, we will continue to send our bulletin electronically. Now, since some of us, if not most, are still going to be on our phones and computers, despite the restrictions, we have revisited and updated also our parish Facebook Page (you may help us broaden the reach of our page to more parishioners by hitting the LIKE button on our FB page or by sharing it on your FB account). Most recently too we made a parish Instagram account. 📱📱📱📱



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from the Cathedral**

**Sundays 8.00am and 10.00am**

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Earlier above, I intentionally highlighted the term **community** for us to be conscious of two things: first, of what we continue to be, of who we are, despite the limitations that are in place, and secondly, of what we still hope to be. As with many themes within our Christian theology, it is **already**, and **not yet**.

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## Bringing Home the Gospel

# Doing the Right Thing

*This is one of the longest readings of the year - the story of Jesus' last hours. The reading begins with Jesus celebrating the Passover with his apostles. In the following twenty-four hours, Jesus is tortured and crucified. The stage is set for a new Passover as Jesus is laid in a borrowed tomb.*

A crowd that sang out Jesus' praises only days before suddenly is shouting for his death. He is beaten, crowned with thorns, ridiculed, and spat on. He is forced to carry his cross through the city to a hillside. Nails are pounded into his wrists and feet. The cross is lifted to a standing position, and Jesus is left there to hang until he dies.

### FAMILY RESPONSE

Read the story of the Passion to your children from a children's Bible tell and re-tell the story in your own words, or read Matthew 26:14—27:66 to yourself. Put together your own Way of the Cross. You don't have to copy the 14 stations you have at church. As a family, you can decide on your own 14 events. Draw the pictures and make up your own prayers. When you're done, hang them on the wall and walk around making up a prayer for each station.

### PERSONAL RESPONSE

Your sphere of influence includes your home and your office if you work outside the home. How can you be an influence for good? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

Jesus was certainly not the first or last innocent man to die for a cause or for what he believes. What was Jesus' cause? Incredibly enough, Jesus died for us: Jesus believed in us. He died so that we could be made whole and live our lives as God's extraordinarily loved and wonderfully made children. Jesus would not allow any individual or crowd, any government or religion, to contradict this truth.

Jesus was faced with the same overwhelming degree of evil we see in today's world. It never paralysed him because he knew who he was, and what he was about. He was God's son. He lived in truth and love. Jesus confronted evil and affirmed goodness wherever he saw it. He never went further than walking distance from his home and yet he managed to change the world.

We show our gratitude to this innocent man who died for us by remembering who we are and acting accordingly. The evil and apathy in today's world will not overwhelm us if we remember who we are. We are God's children and like Jesus we are called to live this truth and share his love by confronting evil and affirming goodness in our own sphere of influence.



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"If it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will."

### Sheepish Question:

What am I afraid of?

**Bringing Home the Gospel:**  
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- ▶ Matthew 21:1-11 - Triumphal entry into Jerusalem
- ▶ Isaiah 50:4-7 - Salvation only through the Lord's servant
- ▶ Philippians 2:6-11 - Jesus, compassionate high priest
- ▶ Luke 22:14-23-23:56 - The passion of Jesus



- ▶ **Adults:** We are called to die to ourselves in love for others. How do you live that in your own life?
- ▶ **Kids:** How do you allow Jesus to live in your heart?

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



## Prayer Requests

Please pray for recently deceased:

Archbishop John

Bathersby; Rollie Van Roca; Ludgerio Gamalier Maeve Murphy; Aurelio Leonor, Melecio Balilo

**And these anniversaries:** Secondo Berta; Elsie Frampton; Braulio Monterde;

Robert DeMello; Luke O'Reilly; Robert Romano; Merle Chapman.

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



**A decision from the Provincial and his Council** - in their meeting last week, having considered many possible fronts, options, and complications - there will be a postponement of Bro Tuan Anh's Diaconate Ordination. The ordination will take place at the

earliest possible opportunity after the crisis abates. Fr Peter Jones wishes to express how the situation around us at this moment is beyond our control. I am very sorry to convey this postponement. I ask you to continue to pray for Tuan Anh at this time.

In Christ, Fr Francis, OSA



**RCIA.** The reception of John Kemp into full communion with the Catholic Church which was supposed to happen at the Easter Vigil on 11th April 2020 (and moved to a weekday at Easter Octave when Sunday masses were suspended) is now postponed to a Sunday when we are able to gather together again as a community.



In these unprecedented times, The Catholic Leader has decided to share our news for free.

With the recent announcement to suspend all Sunday and Saturday vigil Masses until further notice, you, our readers, will be unable to buy The Catholic Leader at parishes on weekends. So, we are making our digital newspaper free at our website, catholicleader.com.au.

This digital newspaper will be free for readers to access until parishes reopen across the Brisbane archdiocese. It is our commitment to ensure that everybody has access to stories of connection, inspiration, and faith.



Caritas Australia has been supporting marginalised communities through its existing humanitarian and long-term development programs, in disaster preparedness and promoting awareness of health and sanitation in this crisis.

Ms Robertson warned that if the virus hits places like the Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh, or conflict-torn communities in the Middle East, the impact will be catastrophic. "Communities like these have lacked sufficient access to proper sanitary living conditions and medical support, even before the spread of COVID-19," Ms Robertson said. "The situation for people in these communities is already highly precarious."

The need for support and donations during Caritas Australia's Project Compassion, which takes place over Lent, is more urgent than ever. If you are in a position to donate to Caritas Australia, your donation will truly save lives.

## Today's Readings

**Palm Sunday:**

**First Reading** *Isaiah*

50: 4-7 I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

**Second Reading** *Philippians* 2: 6-11 He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew* 26: 14-27 The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

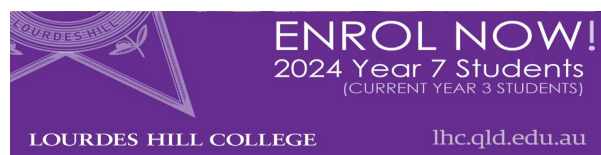
**Visit our St James website for all readings**



*Dominic, 47, is a father of six from Papua New Guinea. In 2016, he became involved with Caritas Australia's partner, Centre of Hope who runs a safe house and family anonymous programs and turned a difficult life and an unhappy relationship around.*

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help support the Safe House project and help bring greater harmony to families in Papua New Guinea.

*Let's Go Further, Together.* You can donate through Parish envelopes (dropping them to the letterbox at the Priory), by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



## Social Justice

**SIGNIFICANT DATES**

**APRIL:**

**Saturday 4:** St Isidore,

patron saint of the internet.

International Mine Awareness and Assistance Day.

**Sunday 5:** Publication of *Bringing Them Home*, the report of the national Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and TS Islander Children from Families. World Youth Day.

**Tuesday 7:** International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda.

### 10 April Good Friday

On Good Friday we remember the crucifixion of Jesus together with two criminals. Today the death penalty is still used in many countries for the punishment of crimes.

On May 11, 2018 Pope Francis approved a revision of the Catechism of the Catholic Church concerning the death penalty. The Church now teaches that the death penalty is unacceptable and should be abolished. Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, the 'the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person', and she works with determination for its abolition.

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This concept of **already** and **not yet** particularly jumps out at me in this time of crisis. But I am mentioning this not exclusively because of the coronavirus. I get a sense that our current situation as a community that is **already** and **not yet** is pointing us to a much greater reality with regards to what God has done for us through Jesus Christ, His Son — something that is explicitly represented to us as we enter Holy Week. God's Kingdom is already here, it has been inaugurated by Jesus being born as one among us and through his Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension. **God's Kingdom continues to reign through us, the Church.** Now, this is very important to be reflecting upon at this time when we are constantly hearing that churches are closed, even to private prayer. However, it is the church building that has closed, not the church. **WE ARE THE CHURCH.** We, who pray and work, and those whom we pray for and help (including especially those who may not come to church), comprise the parish. Vatican II has emphasised that the Church is the kingdom of Christ that is **already** present to us in mystery. Also, the council fathers impart to us that the Church is a body with Christ as its head. This is **already** our identity in Christ. And the more we are committed to loving our neighbours, the more we are conformed to Christ. And the completion of this mystery is yet to come.

I truly pray that in your observance of Holy Week this year, under our present circumstances, you may find a new way of appreciating the presence of the Holy Spirit that is continually sanctifying God's Church, **continually renewing us.** The Holy Spirit continues to refresh and recreate our faith.

**Now, as part of our commitment to continue to connect and reach out to you, we plan to live-stream our Sunday Mass, at least, starting this Sunday. This is the Sunday mass offered for the people that we celebrate privately from the Augustinian Villanova Community Chapel. If technology is on our side, that is, if we have a stable internet connection and a non-sluggish laptop (by the way I have this laptop since 2010, so all the best with that) then we may have a semi-decent live-streaming. So, we will be live-streaming our PALM SUNDAY MASS this SUNDAY at 8am thru FACEBOOK LIVE. It would be great if we can worship (virtually) together at 8am. The video will still be available on the page after streaming. So we highly recommend that you go to our facebook page and hit like, so when we go LIVE, you will receive a notification. You might like then to prepare some palm leaves or some small leafy branch with you in your homes for when we do the blessing! See you online! Please pray for this venture.**

**- Fr Francis, OSA (with Fr Dang and Bro Tuan)**

## Next Sunday's Readings:

**Sunday of the Resurrection: 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).**