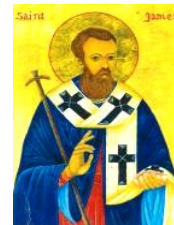


**2ND SUNDAY OF
EASTER
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)
YR C 2019
27 / 28 APRIL**



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



Congratulations to **Michelle Dixon, Pushpa Jayasekera, and David Sardelic!** They were received into full communion with the Catholic Church last Easter Vigil. We continue to pray for them as they journey on and grow with us in our community. We appreciate all the efforts of all individuals who contributed their time and stories of faith during the course of the RCIA program. Special thanks go to our RCIA Coordinator, Kevin Mahoney.

We are truly grateful for the commitment of volunteers during the Holy Week and Easter Services. On behalf of the Parish Team and Parish Council, I sincerely thank all musicians, readers, Eucharistic ministers, servers, collectors, AV operators, altar décor people, commentators and hospitality ministers.

This Eastertime I, as your parish priest, ask each of you, dear parishioners, to please offer prayers for our Parish Finance and Pastoral Councils. We are at an important phase of inviting and enlisting some new members for both parish councils. May this **discernment** period aptly happening at Eastertime be a time of prayerfulness, renewal, and faithfulness in Christ's mission for all of us. **HAPPY EASTER!**

- Fr Francis, OSA

A Reflection by Thomas Drzaic

(Creighton University's Human Resources)

Recently our work group was given a demonstration of a product from a vendor. While the session showed many solutions that appeared to be exactly what we were looking for, I found myself asking details as to the exact steps needed to create what we were seeing to confirm that we had the required workforce and expertise to achieve the same results. While asking these questions I felt the moniker of "Doubting Thomas" which has been prescribed to me in the past for asking for such proof, and for being my namesake was warranted.

While doubt and diligence are prudent in making purchases for work or home, I have found that doubt can hold me back in growing my faith and relationships with others. It is easy to doubt individuals and to suspect there are underlying motives, especially when perceived or actual slights have occurred in the past. How much better could these relationships and interactions be if they are approached with trust and the assumption of positive intent from the other person?

Likewise, I have found my faith can often ebb and flow, with the low points filled with a disconnection from God that seemingly can be filled only with absolute, tangible proof that God is there. Much like Thomas seeking to see and feel the wounds of Christ as proof of His rising, I also seek such affirmation, calling out to God for proof or a sign that God hears me. It is at these times that Christ's call to faith sustains me and it is well to remember His words 'blessed are those who have not seen and believed.'

So, on this Divine Mercy Sunday, may we find ourselves placing complete trust and faith in God, accepting his love and mercy unconditionally. May we also live and proclaim our faith freely and boldly in both words and actions, going forth like the Apostles who Christ sent out to spread the Gospel.



Tuesday 7th May: 7pm-9pm, Safeguarding Session, Bulimba Parish Hall – 25 Main Avenue, Bulimba.

Wednesday 8th May: FRIENDS OF ST AUGUSTINE Gathering 6.30pm in St James Priory. Bring a plate to share. Contact Ray or parish office.

Friday - Monday 17th – 20th May: Episcopal visitation to our parish by Bishop Ken Howell

Wednesday 22nd May: Brisbane East Deanery meeting 7pm for 7.30pm. Held at St James Coorparoo on this occasion.

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading Acts 5: 12-16 The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. **Second Reading** Revelation 1: 9-13, 17-19 I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever **Gospel Reading** John 20: 19-31 After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.
For complete Sunday's readings, visit our St James website (look for the Prayer tab).



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 Dungan; Jim Murray; Albert Bowler; Mavis Manning.

Please pray for these unwell: Leanne Hendrix; Graham Clinch; Carmel Trewern; Michael Simpson; Tina Romano; Christina Williams; Sandy Williams; Keith Delisser; Steven McSwan.

Please give prayers and welcome to these baptismal children: Edward & Orson Ryan; Alice Ready.

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 / MAY:

Sunday 28: World Day for Safety and Health at work.
1841: death of St Peter Chanel, first martyr from Oceania, in the New Hebrides (Vanuatu).

Monday 29: Day of Remembrance for all victims of chemical warfare.

Thursday 2: Yom ha-Shoah, Holocaust Memorial Day.

Friday 3: World Press Freedom Day.



Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody....

Bishop Christopher Saunders (2012) "Whilst visiting the Broome Regional Prison during the course of my usual pastoral rounds many years ago, I was called into one cell which held 6 inmates. Hey Bish, called out the young man with his guitar in hand. We've got a new song called The Boys in Green... the song hinted that it was most certainly safer on the inside and...there was a great deal of apprehension that what awaited them was more of the same sorts of things that had led them to jail in the first place. They were an accepted profile of those behind bars..."

Parish news



Term 2: Yr 4 children who wish to continue their Sacramental Program

with First Holy Communion: from May 13th...

Please email:

osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au to let us know your interest.

TERM 2, 2019 Preparation for First Holy Communion	Year 4 or older (9 years or older)	Preparation Phase (have already celebrated Sacrament of Confirmation)	Venue
Monday 6pm	May 13 th	Parent info session	Church
Sunday 9am	May 20 th	Enrolment	Church
Monday 6pm	May 27 th	Family session 1	Church
Monday 6pm	June 3 rd	Family session 2	Church
Monday 6pm	June 10 th	Liturgy to Celebrate God's Mercy	Church
Sunday 9am	June 16 th	First Holy Communion Mass	Church
Sunday 9am and Sunday 10am	June 23 rd June 23 rd	Mass then Celebration	Church Hall

Youth & Young Adults Mass – every 4th Sunday of the month 6pm. Details phone 0413 762 544.

Planned Giving for the Week ending 21st April (Week 3) Easter

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 st Collection Augustinian	\$1,398.60	\$385	\$50	Week 4	\$1,833.60
2 nd Collection Parish	\$1,187.50	\$322	\$30	only	\$1,539.50



Jeff Cavins AUSTRALIAN BIBLE TOUR POSTPONED... due to death of Jeff's mother-in-law (Alice). Prayer is requested. Organizers at St James Church on 5th May from 12.00pm to 3.00pm for prayers and viewing of Jeff's DVDs. Enquiries phone Sonny - 0421437752

We are aware that many of the Australian Catholic people wish to reach out to their Sri Lankan brothers and sisters at this time. For many decades ACN, as a pontifical foundation supporting suffering and persecuted Christians, has worked closely with the Church in Sri Lanka on projects around the formation of seminarians and religious, the building of churches, faith education and more. Any offerings for the Church in Sri Lanka can be made online: www.aidtochurch.org/SriLanka or deposited into ACN's bank account: **Account name: Aid to the Church in Need. Account number: 008601759 BSB: 012321** *Please ensure any deposit includes in the reference field: SL (for Sri Lanka) as well as the parish suburb and state e.g. **SL Penrith NSW**. This will ensure the offering is correctly coded.



Aid to the Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

INTERESTED IN JOINING VINNIES?

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 is invited to contact **Ron Stephenson on 0414 745 178**.



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.



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.



www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion #projectcompassion phone: 1800 024 413 **Week Seven collection: \$927.40 (via Project Compassion envelopes, not parish collections)**



Does your child, at least in Year 4, wish to be a **JUNIOR ALTAR SERVER** here at St James Parish? Training sessions will run after PENTECOST (June). Please email the parish office to indicate interest, osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au. More details coming soon!

Deanery news

2019 Brisbane East Deanery Trivia Night will be held on Saturday 8th

June at the Sts Peter and Paul's Parish Hall at Bulimba ... **Queensland** The event is

designed as a community get-together so the ticket price will remain at only \$15 per person and is the only fundraiser for the Deanery. As this is a Deanery event, our aim is to have at least one table from each parish attend. (See noticeboard for details) Tables can be booked with a maximum of 8 people. Due to the size of the venue, there will be a maximum number of tables and tickets sold. It is imperative that tickets are pre-booked.

DATE-CLAIMER: The Brisbane East Deanery Scripture Study Group is starting in parishes near you in the first week July 2019.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will run over 8 weeks with each session approx. 90mins. *Make sense of the Bible and see how it relates to your everyday life* FROM Tuesday 2nd July 6.30pm St Thomas FROM Wednesday 3rd July 10.30am Our Lady of Graces Carina [And St James Parish Coorparoo if required]

Archdiocese news

You are called to Mission... Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. **Overseas Catholic communities** are inviting you to **immerse yourself** for 1 to 2 years. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can give opportunity by **sharing them with our global family!** Info: Sunday May 19th @ 3:30pm Brisbane Square Library Community Meeting Room, 266 George St, BRISBANE

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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Retired	Fr. Peter Hayes OSA	3397 1671
Parish Secretary	Trish Rashad	3397 1671
Parish Council Chairperson	Ray Mitchell	3892 1682
Finance Committee	Paul Davey	0437 730 792
Pastoral Care	Parish Office	3397 1671
Safeguarding Officer	Kate Pearson	capearson@optusnet.com.au

Counters

April 27 / 28 Sylvia & ...

May 4 / 5 Lorie & Joe

NEXT WEEK May 4 / 5	SATURDAY 6 PM VIGIL	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM CHN'S LITURGY	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	S. PHILLIPS	B. TRIGGS-FULTON	P. MULLINS	L. BRADLEY
LECTOR	D. PHILLIPS	N. POKARIER	J. RICHARDS	B. SCHLECHT
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HOSPITALITY	M. CHAPMAN F. DARCH	G. TRIGGS-FULTON	N. RICHARDS	*
ALTAR SERVERS	DENEB	OLIVER, GENE	*	JOHN, RODEL, RAMIL, ALYSSA, KLARIS
POWERPOINT	ALLAN	GENE, GILBERT	DI, OLIVER, JUNE	SYDEL

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...

8) Your heart breaks for the poor and marginalised.

Mature Christians love those without a voice because they are close to God,
and God is close to those without a voice.

Fr Joseph Lam