

**5TH SUNDAY
EASTER
YR A 2017
13 / 14
MAY**

The Parish of St James

Coorparoo.

An Augustinian Parish:

{member of

Brisbane East Deanery}



Moderator's Musings

1. **Sacramental Program** for First Eucharist began last Sunday with a Parent information session. We had an excellent attendance. Those who were unable to attend, please collect your book from the Priory. Trish is here Monday, Wednesday and Friday only. The children's sessions begin on Monday 15th May at 6pm. The program concludes with First Eucharist / Holy Communion on June 4th at 9am. It will be a joint celebration as Father Saldie will also celebrate his first mass at St James. Due to renovations in the school, we will hold the children's sessions in the church. Our teachers: Pete McKee and Ann O'Brien.

2. A quick reminder, the Sacramental program begins for all children with **Confirmation**, which St James parish holds in Term 3 for children in Yr 3. Those children who have received **Eucharist** (Yr 4), continue their Sacramental program when they are in Yr 5. St James parish holds the newly instituted program called **Reconciliation** – Sacrament of Penance, in Term 4. The concept is that children who are 10 years of age will be a little more able to grasp the ideas of sin & forgivingness, and saying sorry, etc.

3. We are about to prepare for our **Multicultural Annual Celebration on June 18th**. (Our first organisational meeting is Monday 15th May. We welcome all volunteers! Please come to the priory at 7.30pm and become part of the team. We will all need to hit the ground running!)

On the Multicultural Day, we celebrate all the nationalities and cultures who bless our parish. To this end, we have only one mass for this weekend: Sunday 18th June, and it will be at 10am. If the last couple of years are a good guide, this day is a dream come true. All our parishioners from various countries and cultures come together and celebrate Eucharist. The readings and prayers of the faithful are in the language of a different culture each year. Everyone hears the language, and is able to read it in English on the screens. We welcome you to experience this celebration with us.

Peace, Fr Brian.