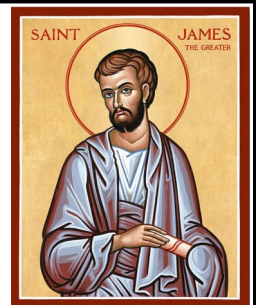


**5TH SUNDAY  
EASTER  
YR B 2024  
28 APRIL**

**ST JAMES PARISH  
COORPAROO**

**IS A PARISH OF ACCOMPANIMENT  
WHERE WE ENCOUNTER AND  
KNOW CHRIST, DEEPEN OUR FAITH,  
AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY**



**The Vine and Branches**

**BRINGING  
HOME  
THE  
GOSPEL**

*Jesus uses another image in this Gospel to explain his relationship to us. He is the vine and we are its branches. Just as a branch can not survive apart from the vine, we have no life apart from God. Jesus is the vine that provides that life to us.*

This reading gives us a clear picture of who we are as Christians and what is expected of us. When Jesus tells us, "I am the vine, you are the branches," he offers us a strong metaphor regarding our relationship to him. Indeed, we will know how strong that relationship is by the fruit we bear.

And what fruit do we look for in a Christian's life? Certainly not the same rewards and benefits offered in the secular world. We don't count money, possessions or position as fruit on Jesus' vine. The blossoms and fruit on Jesus' vine reflect the life force that feeds it. The product of Jesus' vine is the reproduction of his life-giving love in kind acts, healing actions and our own loving relationships.

This is an important message to hand on to our children. Christians have a different gauge to judge success. It is not how much we have that marks us as a winner; it is how much we love. We are the branches and Jesus is the vine, and as long as we stay connected to Jesus, his courage, his strength, his love will flow through us.

Like all healthy fruit, our actions and relationships will bear their own seeds and new vines will grow and the branches will multiply. Jesus wants us to know that he is our life force, and with him we are strong enough to overcome anything and accomplish everything.

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"By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

**Sheepish Question:**

What rewards of my relationship with God can I share with others?

**FAMILY RESPONSE**

Decide as a family who the real winners you know are using the criteria of how much a person loves us as a gauge of a person's success.

**PERSONAL RESPONSE**

Do you find it hard to gauge your own success as a person by how much you love others and your loving actions? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

During the month of May, Catholic Mission once again invites your parish community to honour Mother Mary through praying the mission rosary online.

The World Mission Rosary aims to "embrace the world in prayer" and especially pray for those living in poverty. This special rosary has a colour-coded decade representing each continent where the Church continues our foundress Pauline Jaricot's mission. It helps us to understand what it means to belong to a Global Church and how the Church can be a leader in the world through the work of Mission.



See inside our bulletin for more information.

## This Sunday's Readings

5th Sunday Easter (Year B April 28)

First Reading Acts 9: 26-31 He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

**Psalm 21(22):26□28,30□32 I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him;  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
'These things the Lord has done.'

**Second Reading 1 John 3: 18-24 His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.**

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

**Gospel Reading John 15: 1-8 All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.**

Jesus said to his disciples:  
'I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the vinedresser.  
Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

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Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the Rosary.

Pray **THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY**  
*One Family in Faith | One Family in Mission*

**World Mission**  
*May Rosary Prayers*

Mon - Fri  
Time: 2pm Brisbane / Melbourne time  
12pm Perth time  
Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>  
Meeting ID:  
893 8798 2280  
Password:  
876574

**GO AND INVITE EVERYONE**  
*to the banquet*

Join **Catholic Mission online** to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the World Mission rosary... to "embrace the world in prayer" and especially pray for those living in poverty.

*The Parish of St James acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country upon which it lies and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.*

## Prayers

### Please pray for recently

**deceased:** Allen Rodrigues; Jane

Selman; Keith Druery; Lenore Girard; Valmai Williams; Brad Tennant; Troy Tinslay; John Richardson; Alison Shand; Bill Davidson; Krystal Aranas.

**And these anniversaries:** Quintin Olave; P S Mathappan; Miguel Velasco; Antony Fernando; Luciano Elicano; Renata Lokic; Antony Kally; Troy Jude; Brilla Santos Acosta; Arline Nosovich; Maroun & Marian Sukkar.

**Please pray for these unwell:** Thushan Perera; Michael Barton; Alex Hastings; Robert Bajar; Pons Yap; Bobby Romero; Narelle Ford; David Hawke; Tony Ting; Paul Hogan; Edwin Monterde; Florencia Francisco; Ty De Paoli; Lenice McKenzie; David + Kerry See; John Canavan; Darshika Uluwita; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan; Heshala Wapuluwa; Maricris Luong.

**Please pray for these Baptismal children:**

Maya McKenzie; Ruben Bremner; Amelia Garcia.



## APRIL

27 / 28 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; 5th Sunday Easter; (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); Baptisms.

29 Monday Adult Faith EB 3<sup>rd</sup> session 7-9pm in the priory

29 Monday First Holy Communion home session 2 6pm

## MAY

1 Alpha 6.45pm in parish hall

4 / 5 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation; 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter; (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am); Baptismal preparation session; Children's Liturgy 1st and 3rd Sundays @ 9am mass.

5 May morning tea after 9am mass (community and hospitality team)

6 Monday First Holy Communion home session 3 6pm

Labour Day Monday 6 May

## Module 3 of the Catholic Formation Course:

### Adult Faith Formation

Being Sacramental *continues on* Mondays

7-9pm at St James Parish priory. Concludes in early June.

Chat to Andreina

[adultfaithformation.stjames@gmail.com](mailto:adultfaithformation.stjames@gmail.com)

[andreina\\_godoy@yahoo.com.au](mailto:andreina_godoy@yahoo.com.au)



### Sacramental Program - First Holy Communion ...

**Home sessions have begun.** The main resource

for this Sacramental Program is "Growing Up Catholic: Eucharist" from the Pastoral Center.

Some of our children have their photos on the noticeboard. Parishioners, please pray for them.



**Amici (FOSA) newsletter available at side entrance.**



**Kerala Community mass** will be held at **12pm midday**

on the last Sunday of each month. (28th April 2024)

Contact Fr Anson Kalathiparambil OSA

[kalathiparambila@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kalathiparambila@bne.catholic.net.au)



**MASS COUNT** throughout the weekends of May 2024.



Our usual multicultural mass will not be held on Pentecost Sunday due to the celebration of St Stephen's Cathedral 150 years 2nd June 2024. Our multicultural mass is later in the year. More details of Corpus Christi to come.



**Please take note of our yellow lines on the bitumen in our parish carpark driveway. There is to be NO Parking on these yellow lines for our safety.**



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## Try Alpha



[Alpha.org.au/try](http://Alpha.org.au/try)

**Alpha has begun; you can still be part of this and come.**

Alpha at St James on

Wednesdays @ 6.45pm (in our parish hall).



9th-23rd May Fr Francis away on annual leave.

11th May—3rd June Trish away on annual leave.



**Friends Of St Augustine gathering at 3.30pm on Saturday 18th May 2024 in the church hall, until 6pm.**



### Support our Augustinian Students

SPONSOR an Augustinian Seminarian as they complete a 2km or 5km walk in Sydney. See details on church doors. AFA Supports the training/formation of Augustinian Priests in the Australian province through prayer, community and fundraising for all their expenses.

SPONSORSHIP monies to be paid into the AFA Account Name: Augustinian Formation Association BSB:032190 Account No:105386 Ref: AFA Walk



## Worship

Request for altar servers. Contact Amor (remember bluecard required)

[Worshipandliturgy.stjames@gmail.com](mailto:Worshipandliturgy.stjames@gmail.com)

Request for powerpoint preparing people – anyone with skills in this area that can volunteer some time for our parish? Contact Lorie [rivalalorelei@yahoo.com](mailto:rivalalorelei@yahoo.com)

Request for Adorers—especially for Tuesday evening and early morning Wednesday. Contact Vicky [vicky.bulaong@yahoo.com.au](mailto:vicky.bulaong@yahoo.com.au)



Brisbane East Deanery will begin the Unlocking the Mystery of the **Bible study** by Jeff Cavins **Friday evenings** at St James Priory, will run for 8 weeks: this foundational study traces Salvation History from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. **Begins Friday 7th June.** Register + contact: Louise S on 0456 700 040.



### Planned Giving for the Week of 21 April, 2024

Collection Account numbers	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Total
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian Priory</b> BSB: 064 786 Account #: <b>100019791</b>	<b>\$836.95</b>	<b>\$135</b>	<b>\$410</b>	<b>\$180</b>	<b>\$1,561.95</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection St James Parish</b> BSB: 064 786 Account #: <b>100018086</b>	<b>\$767.10</b>	<b>\$115</b>	<b>\$465</b>	<b>\$180</b>	<b>\$1,527.10</b>

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## Administration

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## Ministry Teams—get involved...

We offer many opportunities to get involved and participate in our vibrant multi-cultural community... Send your enquiries to the email below...	
Children & Families (Brent)	<a href="mailto:Families.stjames@gmail.com">Families.stjames@gmail.com</a>
Worship (Amor)	<a href="mailto:Worshipandliturgy.stjames@gmail.com">Worshipandliturgy.stjames@gmail.com</a>
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## Counters

April 27 / 28 Lorie & Lea

May 4 / 5 Romy & Christy

Next week	6th Sunday Easter May 5	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR		Rex U	n/a	Dan F
COMMENTATOR		Ron S	Leslie S	Christine U-M
LECTORS		Frank F	Don T	Sean H
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		Helen D Paul D Anne S	Jan L Barbara DeP Romy U	Cathy M Priya John W
ALTAR SERVER/S		Joe R	Brendon or Jane	Lea / Alejandra / Leo
POWERPOINT		Paul D	Gilbert or helper	Matthew A
WELCOMERS		Karen +		Roland, Loida, Darren, Leslie

## Masses & Services

### WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.

Sunday 7am, 9am.

**MASS SERVICES:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am.

**MASS SERVICE:** Friday 9am.

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 4.30—5.30pm.

**PERPETUAL ADORATION:** (Tuesdays 8.30am till Wednesday 8am) Vicky [brisbane.adoration@gmail.com](mailto:brisbane.adoration@gmail.com)

**HEALING + ANOINTING MASS:** Friday 3 May @ 9am.

**FIRST FRIDAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL:** Friday 3 May 2024.

**KERALA COMMUNITY MASS:** last Sunday each month—Sunday 28 April 2024.

**PRAYER MEETING:** Every Friday (Except 1st Friday of the month) @ 7.10 pm (Rosary), 7.30 pm (Praise & Worship followed by Message)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** continues 1st and 3rd Sundays @ 9am mass. Kids

Bulletin available at side



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New Parishioners  
Please register  
using this QR code



## Next Sunday's Readings

6th Sunday Easter (Year B May 5)

First Reading *Acts 10: 25,26, 34, 35, 44-48* The gift of the

Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

Second Reading *1 John 4: 7-10* God is love.

Gospel Reading *John 15: 9-17* No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

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

