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Weekday Masses:
 Tues—Sat 9:00am

1st Friday Monthly:
 Mass at 7:30pm
 Adoration at 8:00-9:00pm

Reconciliation (Confession):
 Saturday: 9:30am-10:00am
 5:00-5:30pm

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 Contact John Fisher
 0438 793 630
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ST JAMES PARISH BULLETIN

336 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing North, 3029
 Under the Pastoral Care of the Paulist Missionaries
www.melbcatholic.org/s/hopperscrossingnorth

We acknowledge the living culture of the Bunurong people, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, upon which we celebrate our Eucharist and live out our faith.
 St James Parish is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

5th Sunday of Lent 22 March 2026



HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2026

St James the Apostle Church
 336 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing North



DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday 26 Mar	6:00pm-8:00pm	First Rite of Reconciliation in the Church
Tuesday 31 Mar	6:30pm 7:30pm 8:30pm	Rehearsal—Holy Thursday in the Paulist Centre (Gym) Rehearsal—Good Friday in the Paulist Centre (Gym) Rehearsal—Easter Vigil in the Paulist Centre (Gym) <i>Rehearsals are for everyone involved in the liturgies for the Triduum.</i>
Holy Thursday 02 Apr	9:00am 7:30pm 10:30pm	<i>(No Morning Mass)</i> Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>and Washing of the Feet</i> in the Paulist Centre Keep Watch With Me <i>Overnight Adoration in the Church until 7:30am</i>
Good Friday 03 Apr	9:00am 10:00am 3:00pm	<i>(No Morning Mass)</i> Stations of the Cross <i>at St James Church and Grounds</i> Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion <i>in the Paulist Centre—with an overflow into the church</i>
Easter Saturday 04 Apr	9:00am 9:00am 7:30pm	<i>(No Morning Mass)</i> Holy Saturday Rite <i>RCIA Commissioning and Anointing of Candidates and Catechumens. All welcome.</i> Easter Vigil in the Paulist Centre
Easter Sunday 05 Apr	5:30am 7:00am 8:30am 10:30am	Dawn Mass in the Church Mass in the Church Mass in the Paulist Centre Mass in the Paulist Centre <i>(No evening Mass on Easter Sunday)</i>

Weekend Masses: Sat 6:00pm, Sun 8:30am, 10:30am and 5:00pm

MSSP MISSION EXPERIENCE

Mission Experience—Philippines



Departing Melbourne on **Sat 02 Jan 2027** and back in Melbourne on Sun 17 Jan 2027. The program includes a wide range of experiences with Paulist Missionaries and other ministries carried out by the Church in the Philippines. For 2027, this experience will be for those **aged 18-35**. First time applicants will be given first preference.

Hosted by the Paulist Missionaries, for more information and to express interest, please email missions@mssp.org.au or call 0431 984 689. Projected costs (ticket, food and lodging) is approximately \$2650. **Applications close 31 March.**

Flyer invitations with details can be found in the Magazine Rack in the Narthex of the Church.

KEEP WATCH WITH ME

Keep Watch With Me is an overnight vigil with the Lord in Adoration from 10:30pm on Holy Thursday (Thurs 02 Apr) until 7:30am on Good Friday (Fri 03 Apr).

If you have not yet signed up a time, since we now have the minimum numbers needed at all time slots, simply turn up on the night instead and spend an hour with the Lord.

THOMAS CARR COLLEGE—OPEN DAY

Thomas Carr College is excited to welcome prospective students and families to Open Day on Sunday 3 May 2026. Get a feel of the College Community with fun activities, student-led tours, and information sessions to guide you through your child's transition into secondary school. Explore state-of-the-art facilities, meet skilled and dedicated teachers, and discover the value of Catholic education through exceptional programs at the College.

Attendance is free! Register now at <https://www.trybooking.com/DIYGM> or for more info, visit www.thomascarr.vic.edu.au.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who are supporting the Church through the Tap and Go machine beside the Piety Stall. Your support is truly valued.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY—MON 23 MAR

The Bible Study Group invites you to join us as we explore the Letter to the Hebrews on this Mon 23 Mar, 7pm-8:15pm.

Zoom ID: 826 5359 2389, Password: Bible

YOUNG PAULISTS FUNDRAISER

Medieval monks Christianised the recipe of baking buns with distinct crosses to represent the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and using different spices to symbolise his burial.

The Young Paulists have their Annual Hot Cross Bun sale after all Masses **next weekend on Palm Sunday Weekend (28/29 Mar)**. The buns will be available at \$7 for a pack of 6 buns or \$20 for 3 packs. Proceeds will go towards supporting the ongoing works of the Young Paulists. Stock is limited, so get in fast to avoid missing out! Thank you for your ongoing support.

COMMUNION FROM THE CHALICE

As parishes across Australia contemplate the introduction or reintroduction of Communion from the chalice, the ACU Centre for Liturgy in collaboration with the Archdiocesan Proclaim: Office for Mission Renewal is presenting a Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at St James on Fri 17 Apr from 6:00pm-9:00pm. The workshop

- Explores the significance of the Eucharist, hospitality and liturgical ministry.

- Provides a brief overview of the Mass, with a focus on the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

- Includes practical demonstrations relating to ministering the Chalice and the Host, vessels and movement.

- Concludes with a discussion on key considerations of Communion ministry

For further information on registration (which requires Parish Priest's authorisation), please email Maryanne Hemsley (Program Coordinator) centreforliturgy@acu.edu.au or ph: 9701 4751.

LENTEN TALKS BY FR SILVIO MSSP

Lent grants us the opportunity to stop, pray and reflect upon some realities of life that have a bearing upon our faith journey. St Bernadette's Church, Sunshine North presents Lenten Mission Talks led by Fr Silvio mssp from 7pm-8pm daily from Tues 24 Mar—Fri 27 Mar. All are welcome.

ST JAMES VINTAGE GROUP

A social group for all Parishioners over 55 and Young at Heart.

Sun 22 Mar 12:00pm: Monthly Lunch after the 10:30am Mass. **This month we will be at the Hoppers Club.**

For bookings or further information please contact Beatrice Cobb on 0403 683 374.

PALM SUNDAY—PALM & OLIVE BRANCHES

In preparation for Palm Sunday (28/29 Mar), we would welcome all donations of Palm, Pine and Olive branches to be left along the large wall behind the Church from this weekend (21/22 Mar) until Wed 25 Mar. These will be used in the morning of Sat 28 Mar to prepare our liturgical spaces.

EASTER ASSISTANCE

Thank you to all those who have responded to assist as Special Ministers of Communion over the Easter period. We are now complete for the Triduum. **We are still looking for Special Ministers of Communion for Easter Sunday.** We invite those who are **currently trained as Special Ministers of Communion**, to indicate in the Form provided in the Narthex of the church, their availability to assist as Special Ministers of Communion for Easter Sunday. You will be notified closer to the date which date/liturgy you have been allocated to.

Anybody willing to help with **Ushering or Carparking during the Easter celebrations** is also invited to fill in the Form.

WORKING BEE—SAT 28 MAR

Join St Joseph's Faith in Action for a Working Bee to help prepare the church and its surroundings for Holy Week! We'll be gathering on Sat 28 Mar, starting with breakfast at 7:30am to tackle a variety of tasks, including:

- Setting up the Palm Sunday environment
- Arranging chairs in the Paulist Centre
- Preparing the overflow car park
- General maintenance and tidying

Your help is greatly appreciated! Please come along if you're able to assist.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the volunteers that attended the Special Ministers of Communion Training Session on Wed 18 Mar. Your willingness to step up and serve our community is inspiring.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

Thank you to the Parishioners who together donated \$2512 this week towards the Church Extensions. Thank you also to the Parish Family who donated \$5000 towards the Church Extensions. Thank you all for your generosity!

A heartfelt thank you to all parishioners who donated to the MSSP mission in Arequipa, Peru, after the devastating floods and landslides. Your generosity and support are bringing hope to our missionaries and the affected communities. Thanks, St James, for your untiring care and compassion. Your kindness is making a real difference! Together St James raised \$7397.20.

PARISH SYNOD CORNER



Where does the word "Synod" come from?

The word Synod comes from the Greek syn-hodos, meaning "walking together on the road." This reminds us that the Christian life is never meant to be lived alone. Faith is a shared journey, where we support one another, listen to one another, and discern together how best to follow Christ.

NEXT ALPHA SEASON—SAVE THE DATE

Faith, Food, and Friends!

Join us for ALPHA, starting April 13!

Come explore, discover, or deepen your faith in a welcoming community. Share a meal, watch a thought-provoking video, and connect with others.

10 weeks, 2 hours, endless possibilities. All welcome! Register via this QR Code to learn more.



LECTIO DIVINA

Experience the Word of God through Lectio Divina. Fr Mario is offering an online zoom meeting on Mondays at 7pm-8pm:

ID: 923 5286 3013

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Please bring the Gospel of the following weekend with you.

PRAYER LIST

Let us pray and support those in our community who are sick. We especially pray for Kenny Zitu, Nimala and Anna, Idonus Akudbillah, Anna, Mario Nestor Uy, Mmengbun Akudbillah, John Kwesi Marfoh, Charles, Zed Bayani, Ashunta Noronha and all who are ill.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for our loved ones whom we remember especially Alex Marangoni, Mi Tsing Lay and Moisas Soares who died recently, Kauthi Waas, Felix Alphonse, Jack Alphonso, Seby Periera, Dilip Maben, Felisa Libo-on, Lagrimas Libo-on, Wanda Bednarek, Marie O'Brien, Darrel D'Monte, Mark Duggan, Joseph Manadili, Salvatore Caruana, Camena Caruana, Ruperto Baladad Hidalgo, Abraham Perilllo, Raju D'Costa, Cyril Michael, Audrey Michael, Rita Sudhir, Filomena Pinto, Francisco Jose Snr, Francisco Jose Jnr, Aurora Jose, Maria Jose, Maria Vivona, Giuseppe Vivona, Roberto Maniquiz, Emy Saffarese, Natu Portelli, Wayne Muller, Michael Scavo, Salvatore Arena, John Cassar, Maria Cassar, Kelin, Grioli, Joseph Grioli, Anthony Baldacchino and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time.

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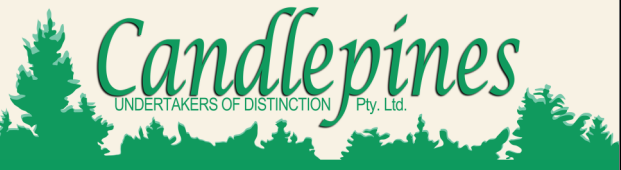


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