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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

Sacrament of Baptism:
Contact John Fisher
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By appointment only
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ST JAMES PARISH BULLETIN

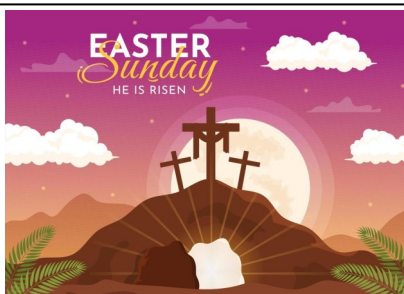
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We acknowledge the living culture of the Bunurong people, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, upon which we celebrate our Eucharist and live out our faith.

St James Parish is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

Easter Sunday 05 April 2026

FR JUDE'S EASTER MESSAGE



In the stillness of early morning, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb carrying grief and confusion. What she found instead was something she never expected. The stone had been rolled away. The tomb was empty. In that moment, everything changed.

John captures the beginning of the greatest hope we know. At first, it does not look like hope. It looks like absence. It feels like uncertainty. Yet this is exactly where God begins something new. The resurrection is already unfolding, even before it is fully understood.

For our families and parish and School Communities this speaks into the heart of everyday life. We all experience moments that feel unclear or heavy. We carry worries for those we love. We face situations that do not resolve as quickly as we would like. Like Mary, we can find ourselves searching, wondering, and waiting.

Easter reminds us that God is always at work, even in the moments that seem empty. The risen Christ meets us not only in celebration, but also in our questions and uncertainties. The empty tomb is a promise that love is stronger than fear, and life is stronger than death.

In our homes and parish we are called to live this hope. It is found in simple acts of kindness, in forgiveness freely given, in time spent together, and in faith shared across generations. These everyday moments become places where resurrection life is made visible.

This Easter season, let us be people who carry and share this hope. Let us trust that God is bringing new life in ways we may not yet see. The stone has been rolled away. Christ is risen. And hope has already begun. Alleluia

On behalf of Frs John, Brendan, the Parish Leadership Team and myself a Blessed and Holy Easter to all.

In the Risen Lord Alleluia

Fr Jude Pirotta mssp
Parish Priest

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 have been extended to mid April**

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

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY—MON 27 APR

The Online Bible Study Group will be on a Break until Mon 27 Apr.

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.

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

Passcode: lectio

Please bring the Gospel of the following weekend with you.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

Thank you to the Parishioners who together donated \$1432 this week towards the Church Extensions. Thank you all for your generosity!

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE

Collect your free copy of the Australia Catholics Magazine from the Bookshelves in the Narthex.

EASTER THANK YOU

May I take this opportunity to thank Father John, Fr Brendan, the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Staff. Thank you to our many parishioners, including our young parishioners, who have so generously given of their time and talent to assist us to celebrate our holy week and Easter liturgies prayerfully and enabling us to be immersed in the beauty of these great liturgies.

Thank you also to Kevin Lloyd and our Ushers who have enabled us to worship in an organized and dignified manner. Thank you the Altar Servers, Environment Helpers (for outside and inside the Church and the Paulist Centre), those involved in Music Ministry, Liturgical Ministers, Counters, the RCIA Team, the Cleaning Ministry, Michael Lapina and family, the Young Paulists, the Youth Ministry members, donor of Easter water containers and those who donated palm and olive branches, people working behind the scenes and all who have been involved.

As we look to the future, let us hold onto the promise of Easter: that even in the darkest of times, there is always hope, always new life, and always the possibility of redemption and forgiveness. May this Easter season bring you and your loved ones joy, peace, and a deeper sense of connection to the love of Christ.

Yours, in the Risen Lord,
Fr Jude Pirota mssp

YOUNG PAULISTS FUNDRAISER—THANKS

The Young Paulists, wish to extend our gratitude to the Parish family of St James, St Clare Primary, St Francis Primary and Routley's Bakery for supporting our Easter Fundraising Event through your generous purchase of the Hot Cross Buns on the Palm Sunday weekend. A total of \$2390 profit was raised. Our gratitude goes back to you all again and we hope you continue supporting us through our works. May God bless you all and have a wonderful and safe Eastertide.

ST PETER'S PARISH HOSTING A RETREAT

St Peter's Parish is hosting a retreat for those aged 14-35 on Sat 11 Apr, 10am-4pm at Penola Hub; 33 Mortimer St, Werribee, on 'How to Make Godly Choices'. Please see poster in Narthex for more details and how to register.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Marriage Encounter is hosting a retreat for married couples on 24-26 Apr at St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. Based on Catholic values, all couples of all faiths are welcome to attend. For info and bookings contact Mercy and James at 0409 183 676.

CAR PARKING AT ST JAMES

The Stage Three Project of our Community Centre has begun. Please be mindful of driving and parking respectfully and carefully. In the Car Park, please **park in designated parking bays** only. **Extra car parking** will be available through the gates that lead to the Oval behind the Church. For the safety of all, please patiently line up and **only use the Exit Gate to leave the Church Grounds. Please do not drive onto the curb and park on nature strips or gardens.**

EXTRA CAR PARKING

In addition to the extra car parking available around the fenceline of the School Oval, Kid's Kingdom Learning Centre, located a few properties down the road at 310 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing, has offered their car park as an overflow parking area for those attending Weekend Masses or Large Scale Events at St James (including the Easter Triduum).

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Thank you to everyone that supported Project Compassion. Please return all Project Compassion boxes to the marked container after each Mass or to the Parish Office this week.

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

To register for this Workshop, please email hopperscrossingnorth@cam.org.au.

PARISH VAN PICK UP

Please note that the Parish Van Pick Up will not operate over the Easter period. For April there will be no pick ups on Sun 05 Apr and Sun 19 Apr. There will be pick ups on Sun 12 Apr and Sun 26 Apr.

PARISH SYNOD CORNER



A Synod is not a parliament

The Church is not a democracy where truth is decided by majority vote. A Synod is not about winning arguments or pushing agendas. Instead, it is a spiritual process of listening deeply—to God, to Scripture, to tradition, and to one another—so that decisions are shaped by faith and mission, not ideology.

NEXT ALPHA SEASON—SAVE THE DATE

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EASTER BLESSED WATER

The newly blessed Holy Water from Easter will be available at the Piety Stall or in the Paulist Centre. Empty Holy Water Bottles are available for purchase which you may then fill with the newly blessed Holy Water from the Font.

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 and all who are ill.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for our loved ones whom we remember especially Maria Zaida Lopez, Myna Bajos and Anisha Nayla who died recently, Ligue Kouakra Emmanuel, Ligue Josué, Ligue Benoît, Ligue Guy Daplé, Meyer Luc Paul, Concetta Costa, Alfred Etter, Ramon Alinea, Seke Thon Pauline, Charlie Debrincat, Tony and Ursula Debrincat, Hayden Fava, Angelo and Teresa Azzopardi, John and Grace Fava, Emy Saffarese, Natu Portelli, Wayne Muller, Michael Scavo, Francina Francis, Ronald Roberts, Jane Roberts, Angelo L. Mamites, Michael Maiquez, Silvio and Zena Leone-Ganado, Grezju Azzopardi, Maryann Azzopardi, Helen Prowd, Andrew Prowd, Raymundo Templora, Lourdes Sequeira, John Cassar, Maria Cassar, Kelina Grioli, Joseph Grioli, Anthony Baldacchino and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time.

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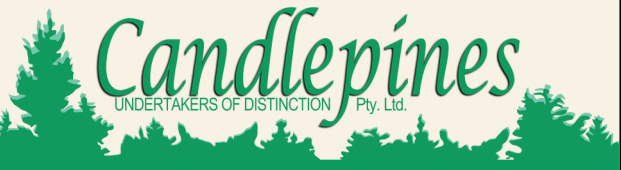
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