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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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ST JAMES PARISH BULLETIN

336 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing North, 3029
Under the Pastoral Care of the Paulist Missionaries
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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.

2nd Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday 12 April 2026

EASTER VIGIL 2026: A NIGHT OF NEW BEGINNINGS

St James the Apostle Catholic Church in Hoppers Crossing North was alive with joy and anticipation as the community gathered for Palm Sunday marking the beginning of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Saturday morning led us into the Easter Vigil, a beautiful ceremony where 17 catechumens and candidates were received and celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, welcoming them into the Catholic Church.

This was a truly special night, filled with grace and wonder. Our new brothers and sisters have embarked on a lifelong journey of growing in faith, and we're honored to walk alongside them.

The parish celebrated with overwhelming enthusiasm, touched by the candidates' courage and openness. Their journey has inspired us all. We're reminded that this is just the beginning – a journey of discovery, faith, and community.

The Easter Vigil drew large crowds, showcasing the parish's vibrant spirit. As the community welcomes their newest members, they're reminded: You are not alone, you belong here, and we journey with you. The parish looks forward to continuing this journey together, guided by the light of Christ's resurrection.

In a world where many people no longer practice religion, this stands out. It shows that even in a culture that is becoming more secular, people are still searching for truth, meaning, and a real relationship with God. Each person who entered the Church made a personal decision. Some came from no faith. Others came from different Christian backgrounds. Many had doubts, struggles, or questions along the way. But they still chose to move forward.

The Church has always taught that God calls each person personally. Conversions like this remind us that grace is still at work, even when it is not always visible.

The Lord is Risen Alleluia.



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.



OPEN DAY

Sunday 3 May 2026
10.30am to 2.00pm



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EASTER THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped bring the Easter Triduum to life!

A heartfelt thank you to all who made Holy Week possible: Fr John, Fr Brendan, Parish Pastoral Council, Leadership Team, Parish Staff, and countless volunteers who gave their time and talent. Special thanks to Kevin Lloyd, Ushers, Altar Servers, Environment Helpers, Music Ministry, Samoan dancers, Liturgical Ministers, Counters, RCIA Team, Cleaning Ministry, Michael Lapina and family, Young Paulists, Youth Ministry and all our young people involved in the Stations of the Cross, St Joseph's Faith in Action Team, Paul Hughes, Vi Vo, Sacristans, Joe Vivona and those who donated Easter water containers and palm branches.

We are also so grateful to our Parish Community for welcoming the many visitors who joined us – this was one of the largest Easter turnouts we have seen.

Your dedication and service have helped us celebrate these sacred days with beauty and reverence. As we look to the future, let's hold onto Easter's promise: hope, new life, and redemption.

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

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our parishioners for their generous support toward the church extension. Through your collective contributions, a total of \$2055 has been raised this week.

We are also deeply grateful to the families who made individual donations of \$500, \$1175, \$1200 and \$2000.

Your kindness, faith, and generosity are a true blessing to our parish community. May God bless you abundantly for your continued support.

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.

NEXT ALPHA SEASON—STARTS MONDAY

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.



YP'S—MONTHLY FAITH SHARING—15 APR

The Young Paulists would like to invite young adults (18-35) to gather for our Monthly Faith Sharing Evening on **Wed 15 Apr at 7pm**.

We'll gather for dinner in the Paulist Centre, have the space to socialise with other young adults open to exploring what our faith journey holds.

Please RSVP by **Mon 13 Apr** to Russell on 0420 383 689.

ST JAMES PARISH FETE 2026

This year's **Parish Fete** will be held on **Sat 17 Oct**. Please mark the date in your diary.

Planning is now underway and the first Fete Committee meeting will be held on **Thurs 16 April** at 7:30 pm in the Paulist Centre foyer. If you would like to be involved in organising this special parish event, please come along to the meeting—we would love to have you join us.

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 by this Mon 13 Apr, Noon.

PARISH SYNOD CORNER



Why listening matters in the Church

Listening is not a sign of weakness. In the Christian tradition, listening is an act of humility and faith. We believe that God can speak through the experiences, joys, and struggles of His people. Synodality reminds us that listening is a form of love and a path to wisdom.

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.**

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 Ashunta Noronha, Victoria Roman, Nery Avillano, Susie, 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 Anne Laven, Josefina Gomes, Jose Dosreis, Moises Soares, Santina Gomes, Albindo Soares, Aderito Soares who died recently, Joelito Evangelista, Leodegaria M. Pahang, Mary Jacquelin, Noel Soares, Harris Soares, Antonio Trocio Snr, Jose Waje, Lucille Dejana, Walter Cini, Rosa Sorrino, Michael Sorrino, Castor Estomo, Zosima Estomo, Alex Estomo, Venanuo Bumaat, Rosita Bumaat, Venorse Bumaat, Alexis Bumaat, Zenai Tan, Pedro Estomo, Leonga Estomo, Wilfred Dalagan, Hilario Estomo, Sofia Estomo, Bui Thi Thao, Epifania, Mary Pruscino, Albina Rosiello, Connie Micallef, Emy Saffarese, Natu Portelli, Wayne Muller, Michael Scavo, Anthony Baldacchino and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time.

BUILDING THE SYNODAL WAY TOGETHER

As we enter the Easter season, we are invited to continue growing as a Church that listens, learns, and walks together. The Synodal Way calls each of us—clergy, religious, and lay—to participate actively in discernment and dialogue, guided by the Holy Spirit.



In the coming weeks, we will focus on deepening our commitment to:

- Listening with an open heart to the experiences, hopes, and concerns of others.
- Engaging in meaningful conversation, grounded in respect, humility, and prayer.
- Strengthening our sense of communion, recognising Christ at the centre of our shared mission.
- Discerning pathways forward, so that our parish and wider Church can respond more faithfully to the needs of our time.

Reflection question: How can we deepen our understanding of synodality in our parish life?

If you would like to become involved in the preparation toward the Melbourne Synod please email: Synod2026@cam.org.au.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE AND STALL

Our Mother's Day Raffle and Stall fundraisers are back again this year with all proceeds going towards the church extensions.

Mother's Day Raffle:

- Three great prizes – total value over \$1000.
- Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20 available from next weekend, 18/19 Apr after all weekend masses.
- Tickets will also be on sale at the Parish Office during Office Hours, Mon-Fri 9:30am–2:30pm.
- Prizes will be displayed in the Church Narthex.
- Winners will be drawn on Mother's Day (Sun 10 May) after 10:30am Mass.

Mother's Day Stall:

The Mother's Day Stall will be held in the Church Narthex after each weekend mass from 25/26 Apr until Sun 10 May 10:30am Mass.

A vast variety of gifts will be available for mums of all ages. Come and buy mum a gift and please support this fundraiser.

MOTHER'S DAY PHOTO COLLAGE

Mother's Day

The Parish wishes to honour the great work mothers do in their families and community with a Photo Collage to be shown at all masses on Mother's Day Weekend (09/10 May).

We encourage you to send a picture of Mothers or Grandmothers, living or who have passed away, near or far. Only 1 picture/family please.

We will take the first 60 pictures received via email (hopperscrossingnorth@cam.org.au) and include them in our Photo Collage. **Last date for submission is Sun 03 May or once all spots are filled, whichever is first.** All pictures received will be deleted after inclusion into the Photo Collage.

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.

PARISH VAN PICK UP

For April there will be no pick ups on Sun 19 Apr. There will be pick ups on Sun 12 and 26 Apr.

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).

STAGE 3 CONSTRUCTION

We are excited to see the construction for the Stage 3 of the Master Plan for the Parish Buildings, well underway. It is due to be completed by October this year! Be aware of the construction next to the church and support us in making our repayments on the loans for our new Community Centre!



South West Corner View

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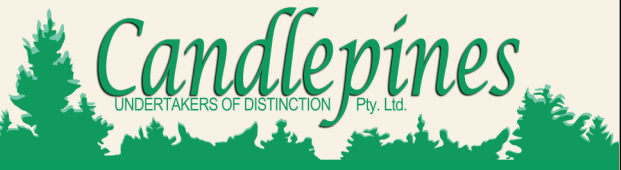
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