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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
0438 793 630
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By appointment only
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ST JAMES PARISH BULLETIN

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

3rd Sunday of Easter 19 April 2026

MSSP MISSION EXPERIENCE



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 and will now close on Thurs 30 Apr.** Flyer invitations with details can be found in the Magazine Rack in the Narthex of the Church.

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

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.

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

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



South East Corner View

SUPPORTING ST JAMES PARISH

We encourage you to continue supporting our parish through online payment. Thanksgiving contributions or Church Extension donations can be made directly to the Parish Bank Account through an Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT).

Account Name: Archdiocese of Melbourne
Catholic Development Fund
- St James the Apostle
Parish

BSB: 083-347

Account Number: 646 205 822

For Thanksgiving, please use your Thanksgiving Envelope number and your surname so we can attribute your donation correctly. Eg: If your Thanksgiving number is 123, and your surname is Smith, then use the reference "123-Smith".

For Church Extension, please use as reference your surname and -ChExt. Eg: Smith-ChExt.

For Credit Card/Direct Debit contributions, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

ANZAC DAY—SAT 25 APR

ANZAC Day is a day of compassion for those who suffer in war, both in the past and the present.

ANZAC Day reminds us of the price that people pay for the wars their leaders join. The present wars remind us of the destruction of peoples and of their culture made possible in war today.

Both call on us to support the work of people who try to make peace.

We celebrate ANZAC Day with a Mass at 9am at St James next weekend on Sat 25 Apr.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

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.

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.

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.

ST JAMES PARISH FETE—SAVE THE DATE

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

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.

YOUNG PAULISTS—POLL NEXT WEEK

The Young Paulists (YPs) 2026 Core Team will be available at all weekend Masses next weekend, 25-26 April, to conduct a poll of Young Adults of the parish aged 18-35 on possible events they would want the YPs to have in the years 2026-2027.

We encourage all young adults to approach our YP core team members after mass and participate in this quick and important poll. We look forward to your valuable contribution in this year's events.

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.**

CAR PARK SAFETY AND COURTESY

Please note that a number of people have expressed concern over traffic exiting the car park from the Entry-Only Gate. Please use the Exit-Only Gate to avoid potential accidents and to allow a quicker flow out of the carpark for all.

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.

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 \$1754.20 has been raised this week.

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

PARISH SYNOD CORNER



Who participates in a Synod?

A Synod involves the whole People of God: bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and lay faithful. Each has a distinct role, but all share responsibility for the Church's mission. Synodality does not blur roles—it helps each vocation flourish in service of the Gospel.

ST JAMES VINTAGE GROUP

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

Sun 26 Apr 12:00pm: Monthly Lunch after the 10:30am Mass. **This month we will be at Hotel 520 on Sayers Road.**

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

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY—MON 27 APR

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

PRAYER LIST

Let us pray and support those in our community who are sick. We especially pray for Fabian Koprivanac, 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 Christine Majella Wall, Jamie McCloud and Sylvie May who died recently, Massimo Salvatore Burrnoe, Marcos Mangahas, Jan, Miecia, Zygyuch, Rita Buhagiar, Yvonne Goubran, Ian Hunt, Gnanamani Ammal, Thomas John, Celestine Balu, Fidelis John, Balappa, Eubold, Benedict Balu, Assunt, Poobal Rajan, Navis Aranha, Aranha Baba, Kamil Aranha, Harry Robert John, Arokia Swamy Lobo, Shamraj, Harry Jyothi John, Harry Vincent John, Premia Benedicta Lobo, Aruna Mary, Christos Mary, Anthraj Appa, Joselyn Leah, Rodjan Dinio, Susai Rajan, Cyril Pinto, Piadada Lobo, Margaret Nirmala Lobo, Steven, Carol Aranha, Thomas Samaratunge, Catherine Hettiarachchi, Kingsley Jayamanne, Jayantha Perera, Elsie Ranaweera, Leonor Dela Pena, Antonio Trocio Snr, Jose Waje, Lucille Dejanio, Connie Micallef, Emy Saffarese, Natu Portelli, Wayne Muller, Michael Scavo, Anthony Baldacchino and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time.

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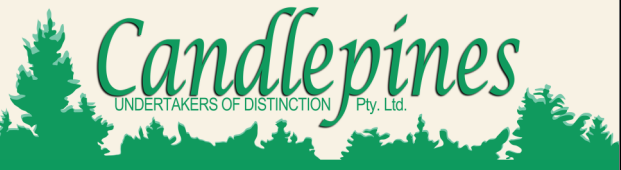


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