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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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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.

4th Sunday of Easter—Good Shepherd Sunday 26 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 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 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
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- 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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Leo tells us:

Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use (cf. Mt 25:14-30) and to unite your limitations and weaknesses with the glorious cross of Christ.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT HOSTED BY MSSPS

The Paulist Missionaries are organising a Prayerful Spiritual Retreat at St Paul's Retreat Centre in Wantirna South, starting with dinner on **Friday 26 June** ending after lunch on **Sunday 28 June**. Price: \$356.00 for a single room and \$310.00 for a shared room. To book please write to missions@mssp.org.au or call 0455 912.

ST JAMES YOUTH—HIGH SCHOOL AGED



St James Youth is the Parish Youth Ministry, connecting those in **yrs 7-12** with other teenagers in our Parish and helping us experience more; more friends, more faith, more activities, more fun and more of God in action in our lives!

Experience St James Youth by coming to Youth Mass on Sundays at 5pm, with activities until 8pm! For more info call 0409 184 299 or email HoppersCrossingNorth.Youth@cam.org.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.

CATHOLICCARE APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August).

CatholicCare Victoria is the Church's mission in action - empowering communities and building strength and resilience, to enable everyone to reach their full potential and live life to the full.

Your kindness and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community.

YOUNG PAULISTS—ACTIVITIES POLL

The Young Paulists (YPs) 2026 Core Team will be available at all weekend Masses this weekend, 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.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Join us for the monthly First Friday Adoration on Friday 01 May. Mass at 7:30pm in the church followed by Adoration until 9:00pm.

ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT

The first four weekends of May (starting from next weekend) have been selected for the Annual Parish Mass Count, where we will be counting all attendees at all weekend Masses.

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Eucharistic Congresses began in the 1880s to promote reverence for Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, uniting Catholics in prayer and worship. They serve as vibrant, revitalising, faith-filled expressions of love for Jesus in the Eucharist, and the congress will be coming to Sydney in 2028. Stay tuned for more information of how you can prepare with St James Parish!

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 \$1120.50 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



Synodality and bishops

Bishops remain shepherds and teachers of the faith. Synodality does not weaken their authority; rather, it enriches their ministry by grounding leadership in prayerful listening and communal discernment. A bishop who listens walks more closely with his people, as Christ the Good Shepherd does.

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 Bible Study Group invites you to join us as we explore the Letter to the Hebrews Chapter 13 on this Mon 27 Apr, 7pm-8:15pm.

Zoom ID: 826 5359 2389, Password: Bible

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 and all who are ill.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for our loved ones whom we remember especially Annie Muscat, Elisabeth Zbroja, Rizalino Estoesta and Anil Arahana who died recently, Rama Devi, Patrick Ryall, Esmeralda D'Monte, Adorable Olanday, Frank and Margaret Calleja, Frank and Mary Dimech, James, Reno and Rosie Cutajar, Fr John O'Ryan, Benito Snr, Presentacion and Enrique Tabanquero, Santana Vaz, Nauma Faamausili, Flavia Nazareth, Anusha Lakmali, Paul Mattei, Kevin Mattei, Fred Dearing, Catherina and Paul Portelli, Vincent and Josephine Attard, Louis, Grace, Mary, Carmen, Mario, Barbara, John, Michael and Tony Spiteri, Nina and Joseph Farrugia, Antonio Trocio Snr, Jose Waje, Lucille Dejana, Connie Micallef, Emy Saffarese, Natu Portelli, Wayne Muller, Michael Scavo, Salvatore Arena, Peter Muscat, Joseph Formosa, Mary Grace Formosa and Anthony Baldacchino and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time.

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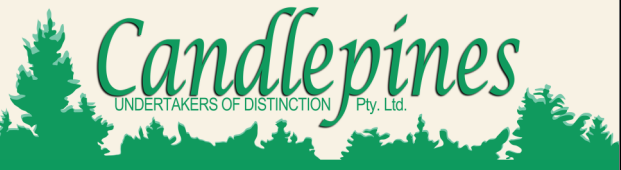


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