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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

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.

Pentecost 24 May 2026

PENTECOST MESSAGE FROM FR JUDE



Dear Parish Family,

Christ is risen! He is truly risen!

We have just celebrated the Ascension of the Lord – that moment when Jesus returned to the Father, not to leave us alone, but to prepare a place for us and to send us His Spirit. And now, we stand on the threshold of Pentecost, the day the Church was born in fire and wind and courage.

The disciples were locked behind closed doors, afraid and uncertain. Then the Holy Spirit came. He gave them boldness to speak, unity across languages and nations, and a fire that could not be put out. What began in that upper room in Jerusalem has come down through the ages to us, here at St James.

Pentecost reminds us that we are not left to live the Christian life on our own strength. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us. He is the one who:

Renews our hearts:

If you feel weary, stuck, or dry in your faith, the Spirit is the one who makes all things new. He stirs up the gifts you received at Baptism and Confirmation and calls them into action again.

Unites us as one body:

At Pentecost, people from every nation heard the Gospel in their own language. In our parish, we are a diverse family with different backgrounds and stories. The Spirit breaks down the walls between us and makes us one in Christ. He calls us to listen to each other, to welcome the stranger, and to build community together.

Sends us out:

The Spirit does not keep us locked in the upper room. He sends us out to be witnesses – in our homes, workplaces, schools, and streets. Whether it's a kind word to a neighbor, service in one of our ministries, or simply living with patience and joy, we are called to let the fire of God's love burn through us.

May the Spirit of Pentecost give you courage, peace, and joy. May He make St James a place where all feel at home and where Christ is alive and active.

Happy Pentecost to you and your families!

Fr Jude Pirotta mssp



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

INVITATION TO RCIA SEASON 2026/2027

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for any adult interested in becoming a Catholic, receiving the Sacraments or exploring the Catholic faith. The next season of RCIA will begin with an information session on Friday 24th Jul 2025 at 7.00pm in the church. If you or anyone you know is interested, please come along to the meeting. The invitation is also extended to any Catholics who may want to become more informed about the various aspects of our Faith.

RCIA in Chinese is now also available. Please contact Felix using the information below.

Please register at <https://bit.ly/sj-rcia> or scan the QR Code below.

For any queries, please contact Felix on mobile 0431 008 563.



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.

PARISH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Confirmation Candidates from our four Parish Primary Schools; St James Primary, St Francis Primary, St Clare's Primary and St Teresa Primary, will be **presented to the Parish Community** over the weekends of **23/24 May and 30/31 May**.

We ask Parishioners to keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for this next milestone in their faith journey.

VOLUNTEERING AT ST JAMES PARISH

As we continue through this Easter season, you may wish to explore becoming a volunteer at St James. Take the first step and attend the next Volunteer Induction Session:

Tues 26 May
7pm-8:30pm

All new volunteers at St James need to attend a **Volunteer Induction Meeting** to prepare themselves in maintaining a meaningful and safe environment for all to encounter Christ.

Please call the Parish Office to register for this session on 9401 6367 during Office Hours (Mon-Fri, 9:30am-2:30pm) so we are able to prepare for this meeting.

2026 ST JAMES PARISH FETE

The 2026 St James Parish Fete will be held on Sat 17 Oct.

We warmly invite the different cultures within our Parish Community to showcase their unique traditions through cultural dances and performances at the Fete. If you would like to participate, please contact Kevin on 0439 314 572.

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 \$1708 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.

YOUNG PAULIST'S WINTER WARMER DRIVE

The Young Paulists invite all parishioners to support our Winter Appeal in collaboration with 300 Blankets, an organisation assisting those experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Victoria. **From this weekend to Sun 31 May**, we warmly encourage donations of the following items:

- Women's socks (sizes 5–9)
- Men's socks (sizes 8–11, darker colours preferred, not long business socks)
- Men's track pants (sizes small - large)
- Men's hoodies (sizes medium - XL)

Donations can be placed in the Parish Office Foyer during Weekday Office Hours (Mon-Fri, 9:30am-2:30pm) or in the Church Narthex after Weekend Masses.

All are warmly invited to join us on Sun 31 May from 2:30pm—4pm at the Parish Office Foyer to help sort and organise donations for delivery to 300 Blankets. For inquiries or RSVP for sorting, text the Young Paulists at 0490 865 789.

Your kindness can bring warmth and comfort this winter.

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 912 750 and confirm by Fri 19 June.

PENTECOST CONCERT THIS WEEKEND

The Catholic Parishes of Yarraville & Kingsville warmly invite you to join them for a free Concert of Sacred music celebrating the presence of the Holy Spirit amongst us, with refreshments after the concert.

Sun 24 May at 3pm at St Augustine's Church, 71 Somerville Road, Yarraville.

INVITATION FROM ST LEO THE GREAT

St Leo the Great Parish warmly invites clergy and parishioners from neighbouring parishes to join them for Day Four of the Novena to St John Paul II, as they commemorate the 40th Anniversary of his visit to their parish in 1986.

Date: Thursday, 28 May

Time: 7:00pm Mass, followed by Novena Prayers, Benediction, and fellowship

The Novena Mass will be led by Fr Victor Farrugia. All are welcome.

PARISH SYNOD CORNER



What synodality is NOT

Synodality is not about changing doctrine according to popular opinion. The faith handed down through the centuries is not negotiable.

What synodality seeks to renew is how we live, communicate, and embody that faith in changing times.

BLESSING OF THE BRICKS

St James Parish warmly invites all Parishioners, friends, and supporters to a special **Blessing of the Bricks for the new Parish Community Centre**.

As we begin this exciting new chapter in the life of our Parish, we gather in prayer and thanksgiving to Bless the Bricks that will become a place of welcome, fellowship, faith, and community for generations to come.

This celebration replaces the traditional "Turning of the Sod" Ceremony in a meaningful and symbolic way. It will be held on **Sunday, 7 June, at the 10:30am Mass**.

All are welcome to join us for this important occasion in the life of our Parish Community.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY—MON 25 MAY

The Bible Study Group invites you to join us as we explore the Bible with Romans Chapter 1 on this Mon 18 May, 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 Francisco Mercado, Manolito Adriano, Fabian Koprivanac, Ashunta Noronha, Victoria Roman, Nery Avillano, Susie and all who are ill.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for our loved ones whom we remember especially April Atton, Antonia Casaretto, Antonia Custodio and Wenny Saliman Hartanto who died recently, George Olanday, Norma De Vera, Laurie Fenech, John Cusmano, Concetta Costa, Fernando Mercado, Carmena Caruana, Flavia Nazareth, Michael Papavero, Aurora Jose, Francisco Jose Snr, Francisco Jose Jnr, Maria Jose, Julian Yap Snr, Asterio Yap, Emy Saffarese, Natu Portelli, Wayne Muller, Michael Scavo, Nauma Faamausili, Connie Micallef, Salvatore Arena, Peter Muscat, Joseph Formosa, Mary Grace Formosa and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time.

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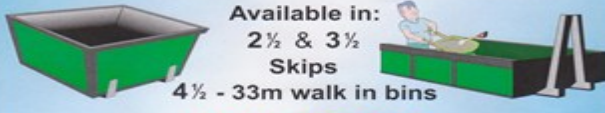
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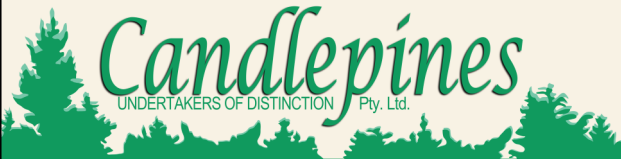
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