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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.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16 August 2026

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Dear friends

Greetings from St Beuno's in North Wales, UK, a peaceful and welcoming place for spiritual retreats situated in the beautiful hills. I finished my first course on Spiritual Conversation on Friday 31 July. There fourteen participants from different backgrounds and ministries, in the group were also five female Anglican priests.

The course taught us to listen to how God is present and works in our lives and through different experiences. We were invited to practice what we heard and saw. I found it very enlightening and I discovered that I often miss God working in my life. The key is to listen!

This course was a good opportunity for us all to get to know each other as we shared what was in our hearts and lives. During our informal gatherings we shared our experiences of ministry. It was touching to see so many people giving time to their relationship with God.

I am truly blessed to have the opportunity to participate in this course. Over the next five weeks I will be taking part in a silent spiritual retreat. Please pray for me and I will be praying for you.

Blessings, Fr John.

ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN—08/09 AUG-22/23 AUG

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Priests Retirement Foundation, the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program, Melbourne Overseas Mission, John Pierce Centre, University of Divinity for the Catholic Theological College as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider your gift. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials.

The Archbishop's Campaign invites us to proclaim the Good News by supporting ministries that serve those in need across our Archdiocese. Your generous gift helps bring this mission to life — not only in word, but in action.
Thank you.



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

ST JAMES PARISH OFFERTORY PROGRAM

Thank you to all who are supporting St James Parish and its priests through the Parish Offertory Program.

Your generosity is more than just financial support—it is an act of faith, trust and gratitude to God. Every gift is a reflection of our relationship with Him and our commitment to His work in our Parish.

If you haven't committed through the Program and would like to do so, St James Parish Pledge Cards are available in the Magazine Rack or Welcome Desk in the Narthex.

FATHER'S DAY TRIBUTE

The Parish wishes to honour the great work fathers do in their families and community with a Photo Collage to be shown at all masses on Father's Day Weekend (05/06 Sept).

We invite you to send a picture of Fathers or Grandfathers, living or who have passed away, near or far. **Limit 1 picture/collage per family.**

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 30 Aug or once all spots are filled, whichever is first. All pictures received will be deleted after inclusion into the Photo Collage.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY—MON 17 AUG

The Bible Study Group invites you to join us as we explore the Bible this Mon 17 Aug, 7pm-8:15pm.

Zoom ID: 826 5359 2389, Password: Bible

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 \$2820 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.

INVITATION TO RCIA SEASON 2026/2027— LAST CHANCE TO JOIN!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, receiving the Sacraments or exploring the Catholic faith. The **meetings are held on Fridays at 7.00pm** in the Paulist Centre foyer. If you or anyone you know is interested, **you are welcome to come along.** 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 note that it **may be difficult to accept any new enquirers after this Fri 21 Aug 2026.**



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

YP'S—MONTHLY FAITH SHARING—19 AUG

The Young Paulists would like to invite young adults (18-35) to gather for our Monthly Faith Sharing Evening on **Wed 19 Aug 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 17 Aug** to Russell on 0420 383 689.

YOUNG PAULISTS EVENT—SAVE THE DATE

The St James Young Paulists invite you to our annual Family Movie Night!

Save the Date: September 18th, 2026.

More details to come in the following weeks!

RECONCILIATION CHANGE THIS WEEK

This **Sat 22 Aug**, due to the First Eucharist Mass, there will be no 9:30am Reconciliation at St James. Reconciliation will be available at 5pm on Sat 22 Aug.

MARRIAGE SURVEY

The Archdiocese is seeking to better understand the experiences, challenges, and support needs of couples in their first decade of marriage.

If you were married in or after 2016, we invite you to take the survey through the QR Code.



Thank you for helping the Archdiocese to gain insights that will contribute to future marriage support and enrichment initiatives.

EXPLORING THE GIFT OF THE ASSUMPTION

Fr Martin Galea, Superior General of the MSSP, has a reflection on the Feast of the Assumption.

These are available in the Magazine Rack in the Narthex of the Church. Please collect your free copy of this inspiring and thought-provoking reflection.

Servant of God Joseph De Piro, founder of the Society, dedicated the MSSP under the patronage of Mary Assumed into Heaven.

FATHER'S DAY —RAFFLE & STALL

Our Father's Day Raffle and Stall fundraiser is back this year with all proceeds going towards the church extensions.

Raffle:

- Three great prizes – total value over \$900.
- 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 are on display at the Church Narthex.
- Winners will be drawn on Father's Day 06 Sept after 10:30am Mass.

Stall:

Our Father's Day Stall will be held in the Church Narthex after each weekend Mass from 22/23 Aug – 05/06 Sept (until the Sun 10:30am Mass)

We have a vast variety of gifts available for dads of all ages. Come and buy dad a gift or just treat yourself to something special and support this fundraiser.

FETE ASSISTANCE NEEDED—ELECTRICIANS

Our Annual Parish Fete will be celebrated on Sat 17 Oct. We are seeking qualified and certified Electricians who can donate their time on the day to assist us in setting up the venue by connecting leads, running power to all the stalls and general troubleshooting during the day. If you are able to assist and would like more information, please contact the Parish Office this week on 9401 6367, Mon-Fri, 9:30am-2:30pm.

ST JAMES VINTAGE GROUP

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

Sun 16 Aug 12:00pm: Monthly Lunch after the 10:30am Mass. **This month we will be at the Hoppers Club.**

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

PARISH SYNOD CORNER



Synodality and leadership.

Leadership in a synodal Church is not about control but about service. Leaders create spaces where gifts can emerge and flourish.

BE PART OF THE SYNOD CONSULTATION

We warmly invite you to participate in the synodal consultation by reading the Synod documents using the link below. After prayerful reflection and attentive listening to the Holy Spirit, please share your response using the QR code included in the document.

Your contribution expressing needs, desires, and opinions helps our Church discern how "journeying together" is happening and what steps the Spirit may be inviting us to take.

For further details please check:

- Guide for Consultation Process
- Young Discipleship (Synod Paper)
- Missionary Leadership (Synod Paper)
- Formation and Participation (Synod Paper)



VOTIVE CANDLE STAND IN CHAPEL

Our Votive Candle Stand is available in the Assumption Chapel (accessed through the Narthex) for your use.

PRAYER LIST

Let us pray and support those in our community who are sick. We especially pray for Amanda Pittari, Joan Carvalho, Daniel and all who are ill.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for our loved ones whom we remember especially Alwin Andrade, Leslea Baker, Marcelina Guerrero Adriano, Onny Soetanto and Ernesto Ricci who died recently, Giovanna Iacono, Fay Barlow, April Atton, Jan Keogh, Carolyn Wockner, Angelina Almeida, Harry Jothi John, Harry Vincent John, Arokia Swamy Lobo, Gianna Panozzo, Jenelle Lawrence, Filippa Giunta, Carmela Panebianco, John Grasso, Vita Grasso, Giuseppe Vivona, Samuel Guerzon, Mary Alunit, Camilo Snr, Carmelo Grech, Loreto Grech, Juliet Ratisai Musakasa, Grezju Azzopardi, Maryanne Azzopardi, James Rajan, Marilou Manibug, Angelita Dela Cruz, John Paes, Carmel Thomas, Geronima Yap, Emy Saffarese, Natu Portelli, Wayne Muller, Michael Scavo, Anthony Baldacchino, Nauma Faamausili and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time.

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