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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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 06 September 2026

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives. Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others find it challenging. We ask for Your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways—both big and small—they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; step fathers and foster fathers, grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, priests and coaches and the women of our families. For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You. In union with St Joseph, whom you entrusted with Your Son, we ask your generous blessing today and every day. Amen

The Parish Pastoral Council, Frs Jude, John and Brendan wish all our fathers a happy and blessed Father's Day.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

The Parish of St James the Apostle and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community.

This weekend we start National Child Protection Week and we will conclude this next weekend with Safeguarding Sunday. This year's theme of National Child Protection Week is:

"Every Conversation Matters: Shifting Conversation to Action."

VOLUNTEERING AT ST JAMES PARISH—WED 23 SEPT

Volunteering at St James is a life-giving and enriching experience. At the same time, volunteers are the life blood and heartbeat of our Parish! If you would like to explore becoming a volunteer at St James, take the first step & attend the next **Volunteer Induction Session on Wed 23 Sept, 7pm-8:30pm**. By attending this session, you will be on your way towards making a difference at St James as a volunteer!

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 on 9401 6367 to register.

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.

YP ANNUAL FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT—FRI 18 SEPT

YP Movie Night is back! Grab your popcorn or let us grab it for you, because the YPs are running our annual Movie Night, We'll be screening GOAT, the film you picked through the votes at Mass! **Fri 18 Sept. Doors open 6:30pm**, the movie kicks off 7:00pm and runs through to 9:30pm, down at the Paulist Centre. Tickets are just \$5, and that gets you fairy floss, ice cream, popcorn and drinks; snacks are well and truly sorted. There's an optional costume theme too: come as your favourite animal character! We'll be handing out prizes for best dressed child, best dressed adult, and best dressed family. Grab tickets after Mass or book online at trybooking.com/DPIBU. Bookings close on 14th September, so don't leave it too late. One thing to keep in mind: Kids need to be with an adult the whole night.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY—MON 07 SEPT

The Bible Study Group invites you to join us as we explore the Bible this Mon 07 Sept, 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 \$1700 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.

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. **Thank you to Frank and Joe who have already put their hand up. We are still seeking one more person to share the work.** 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.

CONNECT TEAM LEADERS (FOR PREP-YR 6)

We're looking for parishioners to join our St James Children's Connect Team of catechists! No experience is needed—just a love for Jesus and a heart to share our Catholic faith with children. If you feel a little nudge in your heart to get involved, we'd love to hear from you. Please reach out to Julia through the Parish Office on 9401 6367, Mon-Fri, 9:30am-2:30pm. Thanks.

CONFIRMATION—CONGRATULATIONS

We keep in our prayers the Confirmation Candidates from the Parish who received their Confirmation over this weekend. May they continue to use their gifts to bear fruits that will sustain those around them.

We extend a special thanks to the Sacramental Program Team led by Maribel for guiding the youth of our Parish along their Sacramental Journey throughout this year.

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FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE & STALL

Our Father's Day Raffle and Stall fundraiser is closing this weekend after the Sun 10:30am Mass with all proceeds going towards the church extensions.

Raffle:

- Three great prizes – total value over \$900.
- Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20.
- Prizes are on display in the 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 Narthex until after the Sun 10:30am Mass this weekend.

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.

WORTHY WOMEN BAKE SALE

Indulge your appetite and support a worthy cause!

Come along and experience Fun & Fellowship with our Ministry on Sun 04 Oct after the 8:30am & 10:30am Masses. You can choose from an assortment of homemade baked treats, hot food snacks and the famous Aussie sausage sizzle.

All proceeds will go directly towards supporting the Paulist missionaries around the world. Your generous support, whether through donations or purchasing treats, will make a profound impact. Thank you.

MSSP PUBLICATION—THE LINK

Collect your copy of the Link, an mssp publication on their works around the world.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all Faith in Action volunteers and parish helpers who served at our Tarneit Bunnings BBQ last Saturday.

Thanks to your support we raised \$1,148.18 net profit for this ministry which maintains our parish grounds and buildings.

ALTAR SERVERS—NEW & CURRENT

Thank you to all the people who serve our Parish as Altar Servers.

For our current Altar Servers and for those who would like to become an Altar Server, we are having a Training/Refresher Session next weekend on Sat 12 Sept from 1pm-3pm in the Church.

To help us prepare, please register your attendance using the QR Code:



PARISH SYNOD CORNER



Synodality and the Holy Spirit.

At the heart of synodality is trust in the Holy Spirit. Without prayer, synodality becomes mere strategy.

With prayer, it becomes a path of grace.

FESTA OF THE BAMBINA OUR LADY OF VICTORIES

The Festa of the Bambina Our Lady of Victories for the Maltese Community will be celebrated on Sun 13 Sept at 3:00pm. St Mary's, West Melbourne.

YP'S—MONTHLY FAITH SHARING—16 SEPT

The Young Paulists would like to invite young adults (18-35) to gather for our Monthly Faith Sharing Evening on **Wed 16 Sept 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 14 Sept** to Laura on 0412 556 733.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE

Collect your free copy of the Australian Catholics Magazine from the Bookshelves in the Narthex.

PRAYER LIST

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

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for our loved ones whom we remember especially Dana Awhand, Ellen Burnside and Clare Falloon who died recently, Joseph Formosa, Martin Gomez, John de Rozario, Cecilia Olanday, Larcy O. Salapate, Melchor Inocencio, Leslie D'Cruz, Roland Dyer, Tom Cobb, Emy Saffarese, Natu Portelli, Wayne Muller, Michael Scavo, Maggie Gomez, Natividad Vilar, Antonio Vilar, Briton Fernando, Charlot Borjiya, Cashmier Elizebeth, Victor Thamel, Joseph Schembri, Antonio Micallef, Paolino Valletta, Benito Presentacion Snr, Enrique Tabanquero, Joelito Evangelista, Pio Manalo, Gianna Micallef, Aldo Sagona, Anthony Baldacchino, Frank Said, Nauma Faamausili, Peter Muscat and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time.

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