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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.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 13 September 2026

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY—LOVE PROTECTS

Catholics around Australia will mark Safeguarding Sunday on September 13.

The 2026 theme "Love Protects" recognises that safeguarding is a practical expression of Christian love. When communities prioritise the safety, dignity, and wellbeing of children, young people and vulnerable adults, they embody the love and care that is at the heart of the Gospel.

"'Love Protects' reminds us that genuine love is demonstrated through action," said chair of the Bishops Commission for Professional Standards and Safeguarding, Bishop Greg Bennet.

"Safeguarding is an essential part of our mission and ministry. It calls each of us to be attentive, accountable and committed to ensuring that every person can participate in the life of the Church safely and with confidence."

Safeguarding Sunday also provides an opportunity to acknowledge the work of clergy, staff, volunteers and safeguarding leaders who work to foster cultures of safety and trust throughout church communities.

Their dedication strengthens the Church's commitment to preventing harm, responding appropriately to concerns and promoting the dignity of every person.

We are encouraged to reflect on the example of Jesus, who welcomed and protected the vulnerable and marginalised. His ministry inspires the Church's commitment to care, respect, and justice.

"Love protects when we listen. Love protects when we act. Love protects when we place the wellbeing of others at the centre of our decisions and our ministry," Bishop Bennet said.

"Together, we can build communities where every person is valued, respected and safe."

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—THIS FRI

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.

MSSP PUBLICATION—THE LINK

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

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 \$1819 has been raised this week.

Thank you especially to the Samoan Choir who donated \$650 towards the Church Extension.

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

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE & STALL

Congratulations to the following winners of the Father's Day Raffle:

1st Prize Andrea Mansour
2nd Prize Larc Sarabosing
3rd Prize Trevor

We appreciate those who generously supported this fundraiser by buying raffle tickets or purchasing items from the Father's Day Stall.



The total amount raised is \$4761 with all proceeds going towards the Church Extension Fund. Thanks also to all who supported us in many practical ways – donating stall items and helping out on the stall.

We especially thank Judy for organising the Raffle and Stall and staffing these over the past few weeks.

KEEP THE CHURCH TIDY

A gentle reminder—please help us respect the sacredness of our church.

Please try and avoid eating in the Church and remove any papers, or crumbs from the pews and carpet. Be mindful of those around you and allow them time and quiet for prayer.

Thank you for helping us keep our church clean, prayerful, and welcoming for all.

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CELEBRATING 70 YEARS—ST BERNADETTE

St. Bernadette's Parish; 59C Westmoreland Rd, Sunshine North is celebrating a Special Mass to Commemorate their **70th Anniversary** of the Parish, on **Sun 27 Sept 10:30am**, presided by Bishop Martin Ashe, with refreshments to follow.

Like St James Parish, St Bernadette's is an MSSP Parish. All are invited to come and celebrate.

For catering purposes, please register your attendance via this QR Code. For more information contact St Bernadette's on 9311 2977.



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.

Parishioners who are unable to attend are warmly invited to support this worthy cause by making an online donation to the following account:

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

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All proceeds will go directly towards supporting the Paulist missionaries around the world along with the Holy Spirit of Freedom Community in Cebu, Philippines. Your generous support, whether through donations or purchasing treats, will make a profound impact. Thank you.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY—MON 14 SEPT

The Bible Study Group invites you to join us as we explore the Bible this Mon 14 Sept, 7pm-8:15pm.

Zoom ID: 826 5359 2389, Password: Bible

ST JAMES VINTAGE GROUP

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

Sun 20 Sept 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



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From Abraham's journey to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Scripture is full of stories of God walking with His people. Synodality places us within that biblical story.

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 Jome Augustine, Alfredo Gasmena Jnr, Anna, Mercedes Alejandro, Chinnamma George, Amanda Pittari, Joan Carvalho and all who are ill.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for our loved ones whom we remember especially, Adolfo Cruz Aranjuez, Moises Soares, Jose Dosreis, Josefina Gomes, Manutalo, Maria Olobau, Nonita Lumapas Rabor, Rolanda Garvida Barbosa who died recently, Carmela Caruana, Amith Simon Fernandez, Ricardo Nierre, Richard Fernando, Mariyamadalena Thamel, Srimathi Maddappuli, Florence Bracken, Allan Downie, Harald, Masoud, Jared, Charles, Li, Ingrid, Wang, Anna, Esmeralda D'Monte, Lionel Egbert D'Monte, Anita Joseph, Adelina da Costa, Teresa, Saturina, Antoino, Glaremino, Mary Alphonso, Alphonso Family, D'Souza Family, Fernandes Family, Coelho Family, Lobo Family, Joseph Raj Kumar, Natividad Bautista, M. & K. M. Mathew, Harry Jothi John, Harry Vincent John, Eliseus Fondevilla, Aurora Jose, Maria Jose, Francisco Jose Jnr, Francisco Jose Snr, Mary Anne Azzopardi, Grezju Azzopardi, Teresita G. Cruz, Nelson Tana, 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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