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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
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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20 September 2026

COMMEMORATING JOSEPH DE PIRO



This week we commemorate the Death Anniversary of the Founder of the Missionary Society of St Paul (MSSP), Servant of God Joseph De Piro.

Fr Martin Galea, Superior General of the MSSP, reflects on this occasion and writes a special message for all of us to reflect on. You can find your free copy of this message in the Magazine Rack in the Church Narthex.

ST JAMES PARISH FETE—SAT 17 OCT

Join us for the Parish Fete, a key fundraising event and a wonderful community gathering. Your participation and support are vital to its success!

Volunteer Signup: Helpers are essential! Volunteer to assist with setting up, packing up, car parking, or helping at various stalls. Baristas are required to operate the coffee machine. If you can help, please leave your details on a Volunteer's Form available in the Narthex.

Donations: Donations of plants, toys and good quality household items for the White Elephant Stall can be dropped off behind the church from Saturday 26 September. Please note, we cannot accept mattresses, books, clothing, or large furniture.

Donations of hand made items for the craft stall can be dropped off at the fete desk in the Narthex.

ST JAMES PARISH RAFFLE

Tickets for the annual Parish Raffle are available to take home to sell amongst family and friends or to buy on the spot after Mass.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. With 10 great prizes to be won. Don't miss your chance! The Parish Raffle will be drawn during the Parish Fete.

VOLUNTEERING AT ST JAMES PARISH—THIS 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 this 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.

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 \$1791.70 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.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY—MON 21 SEPT

The Bible Study Group invites you to join us as we explore the Bible this Mon 21 Sept, 7pm-8:15pm.

Zoom ID: 826 5359 2389, Password: Bible

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.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES

Come and show your support and march for the babies on Sat 10 Oct at 1:00pm at Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring St and Wellington Pde, Melbourne.

Wear pink and blue for the Babies!

This is the 17th annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008.

FR JUDE AWAY

This week, Fr Jude will be travelling interstate to spend time with his family. He will return again by the end of the week.

We welcome Fr Silvio who will be supplying for him until then.

PROCLAIM OFFICE NEWSLETTER

The Archdiocesan Proclaim Office for Mission and Renewal offers opportunities to support Parish Communities with strategies and resources. If you are a leader of a ministry or interested in evangelization, follow the link below and subscribe.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Live Your Best Life in Love! A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple and priest. Every married couple deserves to experience this very special weekend. Time-out to focus on your most precious relationships. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep it alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. 06-08 Nov, St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm. For more Info or Bookings, call Mercy & James on 0409 183 676.

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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.

BSB: 083-347

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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.

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.

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.**

PARISH SYNOD CORNER



Why participation matters.

Participation helps people move from being passive recipients to active disciples. This deepens faith and strengthens mission.

ST THERESA'S PARISH—ALBION

St Theresa's Parish, Albion celebrates their 75th year anniversary with a special Anniversary Mass on Sun 04 Oct at 10:30am followed by refreshments and celebration. This celebration will be a wonderful opportunity for past parishioners, students, families, and friends to reconnect with their history and rekindle special memories of St Theresa's School and Church. For catering purposes, please register by this Sun 20 Sept at trybooking.com/DOMMI

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE

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

MSSP PUBLICATION—THE LINK

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

PRAYER LIST

Let us pray and support those in our community who are sick. We especially pray for Helen O'Toole, Marilou Kho, Jordan Vella, Daniel, Jome Augustine, Alfredo Gasmena Jnr, Anna, Mercedes Alejandro, Chinnamma George, Amanda Pittari and all who are ill.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for our loved ones whom we remember especially Edgardo Atienza Snr, Jordan Vella, Dominic Esposito and Tyran D'Coutho who died recently, Richard Fernando, Mariyamadalena Thamel, Srimathi Maddappuli, Aurora Jose, Maria Jose, Francisco Jose Jnr, Francisco Jose Snr, Felisa Libo-on, Giuseppa Mangani, Martina Serrao, Vincent Attard, Josephine Attard, Louise Spiteri, Grace Spiteri, Michael Spiteri, John Spiteri, Mario Spiteri, Barbara Spiteri, Brenda Morgan, Colleen Ford, Anna Maria Risera, Frank Dimech, Mary Dimech, Frank Calleja, Margaret Calleja, James Cutajar, Rosie Cutajar, Reno Cutajar, Fr John O'Ryan, Leonardo Torio, Joseph Grioli, Victoria Cauchi, Robert Maniquiz, Catherina Portelli, Paul Portelli, Natividad Bautista, 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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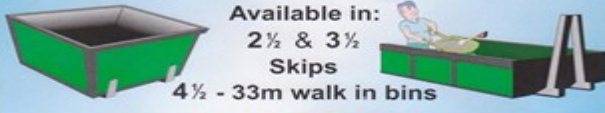
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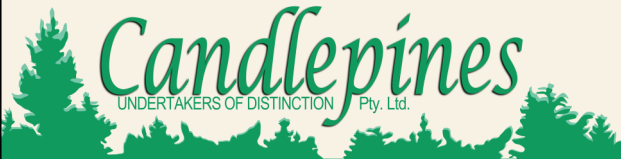
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