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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.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 27 September 2026

112TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

World Day of
Migrants and
Refugees
27-IX-2026

"Even just one of these children"



Even just one
of these children.

*"Whoever welcomes one
such child in my name
welcomes me"*
(Mt 18:5)

Sunday,
27 September 2026



This weekend we celebrate the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

The theme for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Even Just One of These Children."

To help celebrate this special day, the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO), an agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, has developed online resources including liturgies for primary and secondary schools, homily notes, prayers of intercession, stories, and interviews.

Resources available at:
<https://acmro.catholic.org.au/wdmr/2026>.

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.

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 \$2331.30 has been raised this week.

Special thanks to the Parish Family who donated \$3000 towards the Church Extensions.

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

The Bible Study Group will be on a break over the School Holidays. The next session will be on Mon 12 Oct.

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.

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.



SMARTLOVING ONLINE SESSIONS

When did you last spend time really investing in your relationship?

The Online Accompanied Marriage Kit from Smart Loving is a six-week relationship enrichment program that combines five self-paced sessions with six intentional date nights, helping couples connect, learn, and grow together.



This Online Course starts on Wed 07 Oct. Register via QR Code. Registrations close Tues 06 Oct.

NEW CENTRE BASED RESPITE PROGRAM

Australia Multicultural Community Service in partnership with the Maltese Community Council of Victoria, are excited to offer opportunities for all people aged 65+ to join their new Centre Based Respite Program. Sessions will be based out of Parkville on Fridays at \$15 per session, available to those who hold a valid Home or Community Centre Based Respite referral code. For more information contact 9689 9170.

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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

Acct Number: 646205822

Reference: WWBS_*[your surname]*

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.

ST LEO THE GREAT PARISH—NOVENA

St Leo the Great Parish (Altona North) invites all parishioners to join the Day Eight of the Novena to Saint John Paul II as they commemorate the 40th Anniversary of his visit to their parish in 1986. This Novena Mass will be led by Fr Paul Tru.

Date: Monday, 28 September 2026

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

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.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL—THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Parishioners of St James for your donation of \$2790.50 to our Winter Appeal. Your ongoing support enables us to continue assisting the less fortunate in our area.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Join us for the monthly First Friday Adoration on Friday 02 Oct. Mass at 7:30pm in the church followed by Adoration until 9:00pm.

PARISH SYNOD CORNER



Synodality is not uniformity.

Different cultures, communities, and parishes will live synodality in different ways. Unity does not require sameness.

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

IGNITE CONFERENCE LIVE—ONLINE

Shalom World Australia are offering free online access to Ignite Conference 2026! That's access to all the recorded talks, rallies and study guides. Ignite Conference is an annual event for teens and young adults featuring dynamic speakers, engaging music and invigorating prayers. Register at: <https://shalomworld.org/ignite-talks>.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS—SUN 04 OCT

Next weekend Daylight Savings begins. To avoid being late for Mass in the morning, please adjust your clocks one hour forward during the night between Sat 03 Oct and Sun 04 Oct.

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 Remani Thankachen, Efren Timajo, Beatuo Vella and Jordan Vella who died recently, Fred de Guzman, Tony Farrugia, Frances Farrugia, Trish Farrugia, Angus Vella, Elesea, Melroy Nash, Jay Papilla, Sabas San Buenaventura, Quintina Lobo, Pedro Cham, Mary Lay Mi Tsing, Noreen Mullen, Natividad Bautista, Emy Saffarese, Natu Portelli, Wayne Muller, Michael Scavo, Anthony Baldacchino, Nauma Faamausili, Salvatore Arena, Peter Muscat, Joseph Formosa, Mary Grace Formosa and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time.

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