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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.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11 October 2026



ST JAMES PARISH FETE—SAT 17 OCT—NEXT WEEKEND

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

Entertainment Program:

10:00am: St Francis School Choir	1:30pm: The Dance Place Dance Showcase
10:30am: St Clare's School Choir	3:00pm: ABCD Bollywood Indian Cultural Dance
11:00am: Kids for Christ Australia Filipino Cultural Dance	Various Times: Judy Cammilleri
11:45am: Vietnamese Lion Dance	

Wrist Bands: Fete Wrist Bands are available for purchase after all weekend Masses. They offer unlimited rides, a sausage, a drink and a donut. The cost is \$42 if purchased before the Fete (non refundable) and \$55 on the day of the Fete.

Cake Stall: If you can bake a cake to sell, please pick up a cake kit after Mass.

Helpers Needed: We need more helpers to make this event a success! Volunteers are still required to assist with:

- **Setup:** Friday (4pm – 7pm) and Saturday (7am – 10am)
- **Pack-up:** Saturday (4pm – 7pm)
- **Stall Helpers:** during the day.

No special skills are necessary—just a willingness to help! Please sign up in the narthex

Donations: We're accepting donations for the following stalls:

- **Craft Stall:** New or handmade items (drop off at the Paulist Centre foyer during the week)
- **Toys and White Elephant Stall:** Second hand items (drop off behind the church).
- **Plant Stall:** cuttings and other potted plants (drop off behind the church)
- **Fresh Produce:** Fresh Fruit and vegetables (drop off at the Paulist Centre on Friday)
- **Spinning Wheel:** Donate new unopened items as prizes (drop off at the Paulist Centre foyer during the week)

Parish Raffle: Tickets for the Parish Raffle can be purchased after Mass. Tickets are \$5 each of 5 for \$20. For a chance to win one of our 10 fantastic raffle prizes this year.

Mass Times: Please note, there will be no 9am Mass or Reconciliation on the day of the Fete. The evening vigil Mass will proceed as usual at 6pm.

All are welcome. Hope to see you there!.

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 \$2120 has been raised this week.

Thank you to the two Parish Families that donated \$500 and \$600 respectively.

Thank you also to the Samoan Choir for their \$400 donation 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.

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.

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.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY—MON 12 OCT

The Bible Study Group invites you to join us as we explore Romans Chapter 7 this Mon 12 Oct, 7pm-8:15pm.

Zoom ID: 826 5359 2389, Password: Bible

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.



CHURCH CARPET—PLEASE TAKE CARE

Please be aware of rippling in the church carpet. It can be a trip hazard. We are consulting with builders and architects to have it repaired. Please take care. Thank you..

ST JAMES PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE

Connect with St James Parish on our Facebook page to keep in the loop of upcoming events and meetings! Simply scan the QR Code and click 'follow' to connect with St James Parish's Facebook Page.



YP'S—MONTHLY FAITH SHARING—21 OCT

The Young Paulists would like to invite young adults (18-35) to gather for our Monthly Faith Sharing Evening on **Wed 21 Oct 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 19 Oct** to the Parish Office on 9401 6367.

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'ENCOUNTER' FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

St James Parish will host the next instalment of Encounter on Fri 23 Oct at 6:30pm! **Up to 100 High school students from across the Archdiocese** will gather to hang out, have fun and meet Jesus in a real way. Participants will expect: food, games, new friends to make, incredible speakers and time for prayer with Jesus, particularly in Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Check out the posters in the Narthex for more info.

BLESSING OF NEW BUILDING

Save the Date for the Official Blessing of our New Building on Sun 15 Nov during the 10:30am Mass with Bishop Martin Ashe.

FUNERAL—EMMANUEL BUGEJA

The funeral for Emmanuel Bugeja will be at St James this Thurs 15 Oct with 10am Rosary followed by Mass at 10:30am.

THANK YOU—ST JAMES FAITH IN ACTION

Thank you to the St James Faith in Action group who gathered last Saturday to do some works at the church and the church grounds. Your dedication and service are much appreciated.

THANK YOU—TONY

Special thanks to Tony Said for painting the façade of the Parish Office. You have brought years back to the building's appearance!

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION STUDENTS

We keep in our prayers this week the students from St James Primary who will be receiving their First Reconciliation. May they continue to discover how much they are loved by God!

GOD'S WORD 2027 DAILY REFLECTION

The God's Word 2027 Daily Reflection Liturgical Diary is now available for purchase from the Piety Stall. It is an excellent way to journey through next year with daily reflections.

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.

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.

PARISH SYNOD CORNER



Synodality and young people.

Young people long to be heard and taken seriously. Synodality invites the Church to listen attentively to their questions and hopes.

RCIA SPONSORS NEEDED

Our RCIA journey has begun, and we are looking for parishioners to become sponsors for our RCIA candidates.

Sponsors are called to walk alongside a candidate through friendship, prayer, encouragement and sharing their faith.

Could you accompany someone as they discover and grow in their relationship with Christ and the Catholic Church?

If you are interested, please contact Felix via the Parish Office on 9401 6367.

ENGAGING YOUR FAITH: ONLINE SERIES

Catholic Theological College is running Engaging Your Faith: Online Series. It is a series of short, online presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world. View the October 2026 sessions and register using the QR Code.



PRAYER LIST

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

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for our loved ones whom we remember especially Melquiades Ordiales and Emmanuel Bugeja who died recently, Mercedes Burgos, Gino and Galea, Roman Custadio Vaz, Marie Thompson, Teresa Marie Rawlins, Mario Mijares, Silvio Leone-Ganado, Zenaide Leone-Ganado, Victoria Cauchi, Pedro Cham, Mary Lay Mi Tsing, Vincent Attard, Josephine Attard, Aurora Jose, Francisco Jose Snr, Francisco Jose Jnr, Maria Jose, Evelyn Armollo Salarda, Louis Farrugia, Emy Saffarese, Natu Portelli, Wayne Muller, Michael Scavo, Anthony Baldacchino, Norma De Vera, Nauma Faamausili and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time.

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