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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 Gilbert Menezes
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By appointment only
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PARISH BULLETIN**
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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.

Exaltation of the Cross 14 September 2025

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

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WE ARE A SAFE, HOPE-FILLED AND WELCOMING CHURCH



Today we are gathered on Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church.

In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER INDUCTION

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 Volunteer Induction on either of these two sessions (they are repeat sessions):

Wed 01 Oct, 7pm-8:30pm

Sat 04 Oct, 1:30pm-3pm

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.

Serving in a ministry at St James will require you to attend this meeting for induction and all current volunteers are expected to have attend a Volunteer Induction. Contact the Parish Office if you would like to check if you have attended one previously.

Please call the Parish Office to register for one of these sessions on 9401 6367 during Office Hours (Mon-Fri, 9:30am-2:30pm) so we are able to prepare for these meetings.

Weekend Masses: Sat 6:00pm, Sun 8:30am, 10:30am and 5:00pm

PARISH FETE—SAT 18 OCT

Join us for the **Parish Fete**, a key fundraising event and a wonderful community gathering. Your participation and support play a vital role in making it a success!

Volunteer Signup: Helpers are essential! Volunteer to assist with setting up, packing up, car parking, or helping at one of the stalls. Please complete the **Helpers Form**, available after Mass on 20/21 and 27/28 September. Your early commitment will greatly assist our planning.

Donations: Donations of plants, toys and your 2nd hand treasures for the White Elephant Stall can be dropped off behind the church from 27 September. Please note, we **cannot accept** mattresses, electrical items, clothing, or large furniture. Like last year, there will be no book stall this year.

FAMILY'S FIRST COMMUNION REFLECTION

St Teresa Primary celebrated their First Communions recently and one family reflects:

When our family moved to Bundaberg for work opportunities, one of our promises to our daughter Claire was that she would celebrate her First Holy Communion at St James the Apostle Church in Hoppers Crossing, if her school, St Teresa of Kolkata Primary, would still allow it. We were so happy and thankful that the school let her come back and be part of this special day.

Our journey with St James began when we first arrived in Melbourne in September 2023. While searching for a Catholic community, enrolling Claire at St Teresa led us to St James. From the very first Mass we attended, we were drawn in by the warmth of the parish and inspired by Father Jude's homilies. We knew we had found a church full of faith, joy, and love.

For Claire, this parish and her school hold a very special place in her heart. As one of the foundation students at St Teresa, she experienced first-hand the warmth of her teachers and the care of a nurturing community. Returning for her First Communion felt not just like honoring a promise, but like coming home.

It's rare to find a church that truly feels like family, and we are so blessed that Claire's First Communion, one of the most important moments in her Christian life, was celebrated at St James. Though we now live in Bundaberg, St James will always be a spiritual home we look forward to visiting whenever we are in Melbourne.

With hearts full of gratitude, we thank St James, St Teresa of Kolkata Primary School, and everyone who made this celebration possible. May God continue to bless this wonderful community.

ALPHA PROGRAM

We're excited to announce that Alpha is starting again—and this time we're running three streams:

English Alpha
Chinese Alpha
Young Adult Alpha

Starting: Sunday, 21st September
Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Location: Camino Centre

Alpha is an 11-week program designed to help people explore and deepen their faith through friendly gatherings. Each week, we share a meal, watch an inspiring video, and have open conversations in a welcoming environment.

Registration is free — just contact Felix or scan the QR code. And don't forget to bring a friend!

See you there!



ST JAMES VINTAGE GROUP

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

Sun 21 Sept 12:00pm: Monthly Lunch after the 10:30am Mass. **This month we will be at Hotel 520 (520 Sayers Road, Tarneit).** Senior's Lunch Menu is available.

For bookings or further information please contact Beatrice Cobb on 0403 683 374.

YOUNG PAULISTS EVENT

Hope & Seek

A Scavenger Hunt with the Young Paulists

The Young Paulists invite all young adults to join us on Sunday 21 Sept at St James from 1pm–3:30pm for **Hope & Seek—A Scavenger Hunt Event**. Together, as Pilgrims of Hope, we'll spend the afternoon exploring hidden corners, uncovering clues and taking on fun challenges that test both teamwork and creativity.

Use the QR code to register — either in pairs or individually (we'll match you up if you like!). Come ready for joy, curiosity, and community as we journey together!



DONATIONS RECEIVED

Thank you to the Parishioners who together donated \$1699 this past week towards the Church Extensions. Thank you to the Samoan Choir for their donation of \$400 towards the Church Extensions. Thank you also to the Parish Family who donated \$1175 towards the Church Extensions. Thank you all for your generosity!

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

Children Feel Safe and be Safe at Church.

*You have rights. You are valued and respected.
We will protect. We will listen and believe.
We will respond.*

St James Parish is assisting the Archdiocese of Melbourne in continuing to develop, sustain and improve a safe and nurturing environment where all people can come to encounter and journey with Christ.

St James is one of the Parishes participating in an Archdiocesan wide audit of our practices and culture.

Our Parish Priests, Parish Council and Safeguarding Committee are dedicated to listening and acting on concerns you may observe or encounter at St James, at one of our ministries or events. We invite you to check out this and more at our Safeguarding Corner in the Narthex of the Church.

Over the next few weeks, you may encounter new processes and follow ups to these. Please assist us in these endeavours and together we can continue to develop, sustain and improve our spaces and ministries, for all people to experience.

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.

WORTHY WOMEN FUNDRAISER

Save the Date! Sun 05 Oct after the Sun 8:30am and Sun 10:30am Masses the Worthy Women are hosting a Fundraiser featuring a Sausage Sizzle, Bake Sale, Ice Cream and more! Come and assist our Worthy Women Ministry!

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY—MON 15 SEPT

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

Zoom ID: 826 5359 2389, Password: Bible

SAFEGUARDING REMINDER

Please remember that children need to be accompanied by an adult when using the church toilets.

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE RESULTS

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



1st Prize
Hendricks
Gayen



2nd Prize
Mary Anne
Hili



3rd Prize
Judy
Debono

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 \$4129 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.

PRAYER LIST

Let us pray and support those in our community who are sick. We especially pray for Jasmin Laysico, Rosario Cabang Maranan, Paul Doolan, Joan Carvalho, Heather Gower, Geraldine Phelan, Macy Caldejon and all who are ill.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for our loved ones whom we remember especially Manuel Buhagiar, Doris Buhagiar, Antida Pisani, Shirley Gerard, Giuseppe Del Re, Elsie Sykes and Raymond Hemsworth who died recently, Moises Soares, Florence Bracken, Allan Downie, Nelson Tana, Annmma Sebastian, Paul Falzon, Michael Falzon, Rosaria Falzon, Connie Farrugia, Joseph Farrugia, Anna-Maria Crisera, Joe Galea, Emmanuel Formosa, Gorga Formosa, Peter Debrincat, Bruno Perria, Alberto Torre, Josephine and Vincent Attard, Louis, Grace, Michael, John, Mario, Barbara, Carmen and Mary Spiteri, Mr. K. M. Mathew, Antono Mobilo, Roko Koprivanac, Florante 'Dante' Delos Reyes, Paul John 'Pipo' Pateno, Maryanne and Grezju Azzopardi, Aurora Jose, Francisco Jose Snr, Francisco Jose Jnr, Maria Jose, Lucia Zulueta, Teresita Cruz, Cristilita McLivena, M.T. Thomas, Lionel Egbert D'Monte, Esmeralda D'Monte, Natu Portelli, Emy Saffarese, Wayne Muller, Brian Gamble, Anthony Baldacchino and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time.

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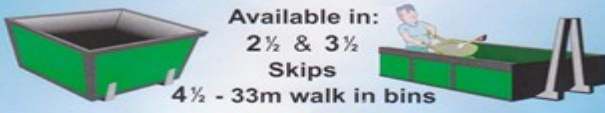
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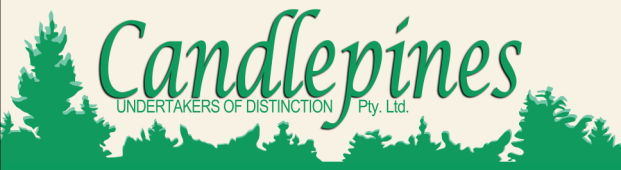
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