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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):**

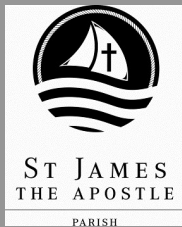
Saturday: 9:30am-10:00am  
5:00-5:30pm

**Sacrament of Baptism:**

Contact Jacinta & John Fisher  
0438 793 630  
hopperscrossingnorth.baptism@cam.org.au

**Weddings:**

By appointment only  
9748 6800



# ST JAMES PARISH BULLETIN

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## Third Sunday of Advent 11 December 2016

### ST JAMES PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Thank you for your contributions which allow us to keep our Parish running, pay our bills, upkeep our buildings, plan for the future Master Plan and church extensions, and most of all to plan and support the many pastoral initiatives that make up our Parish life. Please ensure that all contributions for 2016 are up to date before the end of the year for the balancing of our records.

Just a reminder that those who in previous years were contributing and didn't find their Envelopes, please see Maria Saldana at the **Help Desk** today after Mass to arrange your new Envelopes.

### MESSAGE FROM FR IVAN BURDIAN MSSP ON MISSION 17

Fr Ivan, Congregational Leader and Provincial of the MSSP writes to us this weekend on the occasion of the commissioning of Mission 17:

*Dear Friends,*

*Unfortunately I cannot be with you at the commissioning of our Mission 17 group because I am in Sydney to celebrate the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Missionary Priesthood of one of our Paulist's, Fr Claude.*

*Yet as I reflect on both occasions I am struck that it is the same Spirit that long ago invited Fr Claude to take his journey that has invited you, together with Fr Jude and Taryn, to take this journey of mission-immersion in a few weeks' time. This invitation began with your faith journey in your family and faith community.*

*The invitation was to share some time with our Paulist missionaries in the Philippines and those they share life and faith. It is an invitation to discover and meet the Christ who comes in all cultures and experiences. It is an invitation to walk together in faith with those you will meet during this experience.*

*I am sure that this mission immersion will continue to nourish your own faith and, through sharing your experiences, nourish the faith of the community that sends you. In particular it will be part of the ongoing discovery of your own unique mission that God is inviting you to embrace.*

*I look forward to meeting you in the Philippines and hearing of your adventures! I pray for both you and Fr Claude that the fire of mission burn brightly in your hearts and that the Lord bless you abundantly. May this Christmas be filled with Joy and may you have a safe start to the New Year.*

*Your brother in mission,*

*Fr Ivano Burdian  
MSSP Provincial*

**Weekend Masses: Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am and 6:00pm**

## ST JAMES GIVING TREE

We will be putting together Christmas Hampers for the needy families in our community. We are only able to do this through your generosity. Your donations of **non-perishable food, toiletries and new toys** can be left in the Narthex underneath the St James Giving Tree. You can find suggestions on the tree to donate. For toys, please indicate what age they're for. **Please note**, ideally your donations will need to be received by **this weekend SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** as our Vinnie's Conference plan to make up the bulk of the hampers on **MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DEC.** Any donations received after that date will be gratefully accepted, packed & distributed also. We thank you for generosity in the past & look forward to your generous donations again this year. Kindly place bagged items underneath the St James Giving Tree for collection.

## ADVENT REFLECTION—JOY

In these weeks of activity and worldly preoccupations, the liturgy today asks us to rejoice. The coming of Jesus is a cause of joy to our world and our families and to each one of us. How can I bring some joy in the life of my family and friends this week? *Please pray for more priests & religious who bring joy to the world thorough ministry, presence and service.*

## CARPENTER'S CLUB

The final Carpenter's Club meeting this year will be this **Sat 17 Dec.** The Carpenter's Club is a men's group who gather once a month to offer their services for the upkeep and maintenance of the Church property and grounds. They begin with a free breakfast at 7:00am followed with works on the grounds as per Fr Jude's requests.

## TIME AND TALENT SHEETS

Thank you to all those that responded with the Time and Talent Sheets provided during the Stewardship Program. Fr Jude and the Parish Council will send you a letter of invitation to a Welcoming Eucharist and a Volunteer Induction Session where your role will be defined and our Parish's policies in maintaining a child-safe environment will be covered.

## COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

Thanksgiving:	\$ 5833.32
Presbytery:	\$ 1088.55
Flowers:	\$ 44.50
Youth:	\$ 19.20

## COMMISSIONING OF MISSION 17

This weekend, our MSSP Mission 17 group will be commissioned during all weekend Masses. This will be an opportunity for the congregation to meet and pray for the Mission 17 group; Fr Jude Pirotta, Geralyn McCarthy, Asa Tofete, Anthony Muscatello, Taryn Darlow, Phuong-Thanh Nguyen, Trong-An Nguyen, Rhys Williams, Tom Sia, Diane Sia, Mia Are, Marianne Arriero, Chris Swanney, Rhea D'Souza and Simon Beraldo, who will be leaving in January to embark on this wonderful Mission Immersion.

## MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION

This weekend we will have the annual Melbourne Overseas Mission Appeal. Since its foundation in 1969, Melbourne Parishioners have supported Melbourne's own mission fund to help developing nations. This has marked our Archdiocese for its exceptional generosity. Currently, the major beneficiaries are people in Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, Gambia, Ghana, Pakistan, Botswana, Nigeria, Peru and Jerusalem. Archbishop Denis Hart commends the fund to your continuing support.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Thomas Carr College for their donation of \$300 to the Jose De Piro Music Ministry in Bataan Philippines.

Thank you to the Sri Lankan Community for donating \$300 to the Parish and mission of the Church.

Thank you to the Young Paulists, Wayne Sawyer, Judy de Bono and members of Mission 17 for their service in providing food and drinks for the celebration of the staff of St James Primary, St Francis Primary, St Clare's Primary and the Parish Office.

Thank you to all the Parishioners that continue to give so generously to the 'Loose Change Boxes' in the Narthex next to the Magazine Rack. Your generosity allows us to continue to supply the Church with flowers for our environment and ministry materials for our Youth Ministry.

## SOUP KITCHEN

Thank you to all the volunteers of the Soup Kitchen. The Soup Kitchen will be closed from Tues 20 Dec—Sun 07 Jan. As the year draws to a close, I would like to thank all volunteers who have helped. New rosters will be created by January.

**Vini Beraldo**

## ROSTERS FOR THE WEEKEND 17/18 DECEMBER

MASS TIMES	SAT 6:00 PM	SUN 8:30 AM	SUN 10:30 AM	SUN 6:00 PM
LECTOR	Andrew Watson	Irma De Guzman	Lee Revell	Tristan White
COMMENTATOR	Beth Walsh	Margaret Mangani	Kathy Hudson	Red Lusterio
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Terese Smith Topny Cervini Claire Kemp Mary Vella Geraldyn McCarthy	Maria Apulu Rose Rogers Vicky Cachia Jacinta Fisher John Fisher	Irene Revell Violet Kovac Adrian Porter Trish Porter Anthony Landells	Lucas Mangani Dylan Menezes Dave Rubite Mags Munoz Marianne Arriero
PIETY STALL	Terese Smith	Kath Godfrey	Bev Winchcombe	-
VACUUMER	Marcial Aninon	ALTAR LINEN	Annalise Fernandes	
CLEANERS	Charmaine Joseph Marina Gaitan	SOUP KITCHEN	Paul Itter Lorraine Itter	
COUNTERS	Kevin Lloyd Peter Evans Mark Dooley	CHILDREN'S LOTW	<i>On Break til Feb</i>	
		FLOWERS	Phuong-Tran Nguyen	

### COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

If you or anyone in your family is sick or advanced in age and subsequently unable to attend Mass regularly and would like Holy Communion brought to them at home, please contact the Parish Office on 9748 6800 or email [hopperscrossingnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:hopperscrossingnorth@cam.org.au).

### CHRISTMAS ROSTERS

Special Ministers of Communion and Altar Servers are asked to mark ALL their availability in the sheets provided in the Narthex, so we can make the rosters for Christmas. You will be contacted by Wed 21 Dec to confirm which Christmas Mass(es) you're rostered for.

### RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for our loved ones whom we remember especially George Dadard, Jamilla Alfaoui, Michael Ciurleo, Savina Paiva, John Walsh and Johannas Vanveenandal who all passed away recently, Manek Sidhwa, Shampiyona AimableAngelo and Rosa Caltabiano, Les and Nan Donchi, Alfredo Ontoy, Maria and Donato Cassetta, Carmela Barone, Joe Chircop, Irene Camilleri, Mario Spiteri, Buttigieg Family, Len Barlow, Robert Del Grosso, Elsa Jo and Rodolfo Villanueva, Leonor Dela Pena, Emy, Lilly and Henry Saffarese, Jake Shaw, Gloria and Mathew Montebello, Adelaide, Alan and Collin Gamble and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### READINGS FOR 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

**1st Reading:** *Is 7:10-14*  
The virgin will conceive.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Ps 23:1-6*  
Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

**2nd Reading:** *Rom 1:1-7*  
Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.

**Gospel:** *Mt 1:18-24*  
Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

### PRAYER LIST

Let us pray and support those in our community who are sick. We especially pray for Iva Masterton, Tony Vella, Lily Xuereb, Joseph Zeolla, Mary Hedley, Robert Soulsby, Roger Smith, Boutros Hokayem, Colleen D'Cruz, Mayenne Kristeen Gomez, Zoilo Candelaria, Jeffrey Dino, Michael Nash, John Nguyen, Simon Martanata, Philomena Leslie, Maya Rabot, Preston and Pramitha Lewis, Joan Shearson, Carmencita Dela Pena, Lynne Worsley, Jaime Inigo Silva, Didier Oulai, Malcolm Hughes, Elizabeth Schlemitz, Les Jones, David Ruffles, Rita Baggott, Theresa De Bono, Frank Hili, Eduardo Francisco, Nicholas Zammit, Fr Claude Borg mssp and all those who are ill.

## ST JAMES CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2016

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

2nd Rite of Reconciliation **Tues 20 Dec** 7:30pm—9:00pm

1st Rite of Reconciliation **Wed 21 Dec** 6:00pm—8:00pm

### CHRISTMAS EVE:

**Sat 24 Dec**

*(No morning 9:00am Mass on this day)*

6:00pm Carols in the St James Community Hall

6:30pm Vigil Mass (Family Mass)

9:00pm Mass (some carols pre-liturgy)

11:30pm Carols in the Church

12:00 Midnight Mass in the Church

### CHRISTMAS DAY:

**Sun 25 Dec**

8:30am Mass (some carols pre-liturgy)

10:30am Mass (some carols pre-liturgy)

*(No Evening Mass on this Day)*

### NEW YEARS:

**Sat 31 Dec—New Years Eve**

6:00pm Mass (last for the year)

**Sun 01 Jan—New Years Day**

8:30am Mass (first for the year)

10:30am Mass

6:00pm Mass



## ST JAMES YOUTH—CAMP ENIGMA



St James Parish are excited to present **Camp ENIGMA**, a live-in camp for those in Year 7-12 in 2017. **Camp ENIGMA** will be held at Lady Northcote Recreation Camp, Glenmore, from **Fri 27 Jan—Sun 29 Jan**. A dynamic experience with other youth from our Parish, get ready for 3 days of high energy entertainment, music, huge games, captivating talks and confronting the mystery of our faith.

Check out the flyer in the Narthex for more information or contact us at [youth@stjamesapostlehcn.com.au](mailto:youth@stjamesapostlehcn.com.au). Final registrations close on **Sun 08 Jan 2017!**

St James is a Child Safe Environment. For more info on our 'Safe Communities of Faith' policies, please check our Parish website.

## MSSP CALENDAR

Collect your free copy of the Paulist Calendar from the Narthex today. You may take one copy per family.

## JANUARY NOTICES

With the New Year approaching us, many of our formal Ministries and the Parish Office will be on holidays to allow all people involved to be refreshed and rejuvenated for 2017. With this in mind please take note that:

- ◆ The Parish Office will be closed from Mon 26 Dec to Mon 02 Jan 2017.
- ◆ Children's Liturgy has finished and will resume on Sun 05 Feb 2017.
- ◆ The last Parish Bulletin will be on Christmas Day. It will resume on Sun 05 Feb 2017.
- ◆ There will be no Rosters for the Ministries of Lector, Commentator, Altar Servers or Special Ministers of Communion after Christmas. They will start again on Sun 05 Feb 2017. **Please offer your services for these Ministries during January when you arrive at Mass.** Church Cleaners and Vacuumers, please refer to your copy of your roster for when you are rostered during January.
- ◆ There is no First Friday Adoration in January, and will resume on Fri 03 Feb 2017.
- ◆ Sun Night Youth Group will resume on Sun 05 Feb 2017.