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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

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ST JAMES PARISH BULLETIN

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MSSP GENERAL CHAPTER 2018—PERU

The MSSP will hold its General Chapter with the theme: "Religious Life as Radical Prophecy" from 20 May to 17 June in Peru.

A General Chapter is a significant moment in the life of the Society as we discern the ways we are asked to respond to God's call at this moment in our history. We will also be focusing on the role of the laity in sharing our charism as lay missionaries and discern the way God is calling us now to live our mission for the emerging future.

The Paulist Missionaries have invited Geralyn McCarthy to participate in the General Chapter and we thank her for accepting to represent us in Peru. Please show your solidarity with us by praying the prayer found in the Magazine Rack entitled Radical Prophecy GC18.

YOUNG PAULISTS HOT CROSS BUNS FUNDRAISER

The YPs are holding their annual Hot Cross Bun Fundraising drive for 2018! To order your buns, please use the preorder form (located in the magazine rack in the Narthex). You can choose from 3 delicious flavours: plain (no fruit), traditional (with fruit) and chocolate chip (\$5 per bag). Orders will be available for pick up at the conclusion of the following masses: Sat Mar 24th (6pm) and all Palm Sunday masses, Sun 25th Mar. All profits raised will go towards the mssp Mission projects and the ongoing work of the Young Paulists. **Orders close Wed 14th Mar.** So hop to it and order yours today!

THANK YOU—YP STATIONARY DRIVE

Dear Fr Jude, Parishioners of St James and the Young Paulists

I write to sincerely thank the Parish of St James the Apostle and the Young Paulists for the very generous donation of school stationery items.

We have a number of families within the Thomas Carr College community that will benefit from the YP Stationary Drive. These families have been nominated for varying reasons. Please rest assured that the Parish of St James and the YPs are helping a wide variety of families within our community.

Your help with these students and their education is very welcomed and appreciated greatly. Each of these students are worthy recipients of the YP Stationary Drive. Our students come from a range of backgrounds and will all benefit from your kind generosity

There is no doubt that Thomas Carr College belongs to a wonderfully caring community and I congratulate each member of the St James Parish and YPs for your care and concern.

Wishing you all a very blessed Easter. Yours sincerely,

Andrew Watson, Principal of Thomas Carr College

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus' mysterious statement at the beginning of today's Gospel that the Son of Man must be "lifted up" alludes to an episode during the Exodus wandering of Israel (Num 21:4-9). Finding themselves in the wilderness without food or water, the Israelites grumble against the Lord and against Moses. As a result they are punished with a plague of poisonous snakes.

But God who sent the punishment has also provided a remedy: the erection of a bronze figure of the snake in question. Looking upon this figure acts for the Israelites as a life-giving antidote to the poison.

The Gospel finds here a pointer to the coming "lifting up" of the Son of Man upon the cross. As the Israelites found salvation and life by directly confronting what was afflicting them, so those who "look upon" the Crucified One with faith, seeing him as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (1:29), will find eternal life.

The following sentence (3:16) wonderfully discloses the extremity of God's love. While desirous that we appreciate the evil and destructiveness of sin by confronting it in the cross, God's whole intent in regard to the world is not to condemn but to save and communicate life.

Judgment, then, is not so much something to be executed in the future. Judgment is something that believers already undergo when they expose their lives to the searching but saving light that Christ, as "true Light", brings into the world. It is to this kind of "judgment" that Lent invites us each year.

Fr Brendan Byrne SJ

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for support with a volunteer to assist with ordering stock and volunteers for the Piety Stall Ministry which provides religious items for sale in the Narthex for the following Masses: 8:30am Mass—1 person, 10:30am Mass—2 people and Sun 6pm Mass—1 person. Please call the Parish Office if you are able to help.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

Thanksgiving:	\$ 5859.75
Presbytery:	\$ 1046.30
Flowers:	\$ 43.00
Youth:	\$ 10.40

Thank you

KEEP WATCH WITH ME

Keep Watch With Me is an overnight vigil with the Lord in Adoration from 9:30pm on Holy Thursday until 7:30am on Good Friday. If you belong to a Parish Ministry, please wait for your Coordinator to organize a time for your group. Individuals not part of ministries are able to mark down their availabilities on the sheet provided in the Narthex.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Deacons Giovanni and Alex mssp as they approach their Ordination to the Priesthood on Fri 06 Apr. A card is available in the Narthex for Parishioners to write their thoughts and well wishes, which will be sent to Deacons Giovanni and Alex.

FETE MEETING

The first meeting for the 2018 Fete Committee will be on Thurs 15 March in the Parish Office Foyer at 7:30pm. New members welcome

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY MEETING

Fr Jude invites all Hospitality Ministry volunteers (ushers and car park attendants) to a meeting in the Parish office foyer at 7:30pm on Tuesday 13 March. This will be an opportunity for members to learn more about their role and to discuss how to improve the service they provide at St James .

ST JAMES CLEANING MINISTRY

We thank Mary Del Rosario who has served our Parish in coordinating the Church Cleaners. Your service has allowed so many people to give of their gifts to the Parish in providing a space that is conducive to prayer.

Mary is stepping down from her role as coordinator of the Church Cleaning Ministry. We are looking for someone who will be able to take on this role which includes services such as rostering the volunteers, communicating with volunteers about their availability and helping new cleaners to understand their role. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office on 9748 6800.

PRAYER LIST

Let us pray and support those in our community who are sick. We especially pray for Jenny Jenz, Peter McGlade, Eric Timajo, Clemintino Schirripa, Judith Leslie, Gabriella Leslie, Miguella Manalo, Philip Apap, Jan Keogh and all those who are ill.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEKEND 17/18 MAR

MASS TIMES	SAT 6:00 PM	SUN 8:30 AM	SUN 10:30 AM	SUN 6:00 PM
LECTOR	Alexandro Francisco	Irma De Guzman	Savita D'Souza	Johan Fernando
COMMENTATOR	Gemma Francisco	Irene O'Shannassy	Chris Daria	Stasha D'Souza
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Allan Francisco Cheryl Cabral Cris Cabral Marie D'Silva Bianca Gomez	Glenn Goodfellow Kenny Soosai Jacinta Fisher John Fisher Malinda Bosiljevac	Alice D'Cruz Trish Porter Angela Vivona Dominic Vivona Angela Are	Tristan White Dave Rubite Luke Gleeson Chloe Adriano Jess Gleeson
PIETY STALL	Janine Warwick	Margaret Mangani	S Annrose Brown	-
VACUUMER	Marcial Aninon	ALTAR LINEN	Angel Hartanto	 ST JAMES THE APOSTLE <small>PARISH</small>
CLEANERS	Roy Legaspino Simon Lay	SOUP KITCHEN	Julie Morgan Kevin Morgan	
COUNTERS	Mira Rempillo Frenzel Andrion Peter Evans	CHILDREN'S LOTW	Connie Pinto	
		FLOWERS	Cheryl and Fab	

WYNDHAM CWL MEETING

Wyndham Catholic Women's League invites you to join them at their next meeting on Wed 14 Mar to be held at Di Caprio's Restaurant, Derrimut Road, starting at 12:30pm. Enquiries contact Karen on 0411 120 674.

SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

Sr Cheribena has requested that as part of the ministry's compliance, **all volunteers** that attend the Soup Kitchen must bring with them a Photocopy of either their "Working with Children" certificate or their Police Check for submission. If you are unable to or have any questions, please contact Vini Beraldo 0414418242. If you do not have either of these, then the "Working With Children" certificate is preferred and the Parish office will assist.

VINTAGE GROUP

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

No joining fee, just come when you can.

Sun 11 Mar: Monthly lunch after 10:30am Mass. Westside Hotel, Cnr Fitzgerald & Leakes Rd, Lvaerton.

For bookings and details please contact Serita on 0410 599 323.

PRISON FELLOWSHIP COOKIES

As we approach Easter, Prison Fellowship are once more asking for home-made cookies to be donated for their ministry to prisoners. Please see noticeboard for more details, with cookies to be dropped off by Fri 16 Mar at St James.

READINGS FOR 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading: *Jer 31:31-34*

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 50:3-4, 12-15*

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

2nd Reading: *Heb 5:7-9*

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel: *Jn 12:20-33*

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

ROOF RACK

A Roof Rack is available from the Corazon Centre. For more information, contact the Parish Office on 9748 6800.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for our loved ones whom we remember especially Filomena Pinto, Lola Galea, Branko Hegedich, Christopher Michael Zahra, Jesse Salientes and Tomy Muscat who passed away recently, Antonio Mobilio, Briton Fernando, Emy Saffarese, Gloria and Mathew Montebello, Jake Shaw, Pauline Lane, Mary and Michael Irwin, Freda and John Mongey, Mario Spiteri, Joseph and Carmen Buttigieg and sisters, Vincent and Victoria Attard, Attard and Apap Familiy, Carmen Barbara, George and Carmena Azzopardi, Joe, Rekela, Peter and Gina Muscat and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

ST JAMES 2018 EASTER TIMETABLE

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday 19 March	6:30pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	Rehearsal – Holy Thursday in the Paulist Centre (Gym) Rehearsal – Good Friday in the Paulist Centre (Gym) Rehearsal – Easter Vigil in the Paulist Centre (Gym) <i>Rehearsals are for everyone involved in the liturgies for the Triduum</i>
Saturday 24 March	6:00pm	Palm Sunday Vigil Mass
Palm Sunday 25 March	8:30am 10:30am 6:00pm	Mass Blessing of the Palms in the play plaza followed by Mass in the Paulist Centre (Gym) Mass
Monday 26 March	6:30pm- 8:00pm	First Rite of Reconciliation
Tuesday 27 March	7:00pm	Combined St James and St Peter's Second Rite of Reconciliation <i>Liturgy followed by individual confession at St Peter's (38 Guinane Ave, Hoppers Crossing)</i>
Wednesday 28 March	9:00am	Mass
Holy Thursday 29 March	7:30pm 10:30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>Washing of the Feet</i> in the Paulist Centre (Gym) Keep Watch With Me <i>Overnight Adoration in Church until 7:30am</i>
Good Friday 30 March	10:00am 3:00pm	Stations of the Cross <i>at St James Church and Grounds</i> Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion <i>at the Paulist Centre (Gym)</i>
Easter Saturday 31 March	9:00am 7:30pm	Holy Saturday Rite <i>RCIA Commissioning and Anointing of Candidates and Catechumens. All welcome.</i> Easter Vigil in the Paulist Centre (Gym)
Easter Sunday 01 April	6:00am 8:30am 10:30am	Dawn Mass Mass Mass <i>(No evening Mass on Easter Sunday)</i>

