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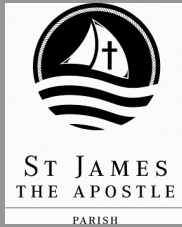
Weekday Masses:
Tues—Sat 9:00am

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:
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**ST JAMES
PARISH BULLETIN**
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Under the Pastoral Care of the Paulist Missionaries
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2nd Sunday of Advent 08 December 2019

ST JAMES GIVING TREE



Your donations of **non-perishable food, toiletries and new toys** can be left in the Narthex underneath the St James Giving Tree. You will be able to find suggestions on the tree to donate. For toys, please indicate what age they are for.

Please note, ideally your donations will need to be received by next weekend on **SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER** as our Vinnie's Conference plan to make up the bulk of the hampers that week. Kindly place bagged items underneath the St James Giving Tree for collection.

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSIONS APPEAL

This weekend we have the annual Melbourne Overseas Missions (MOM) Appeal. MOM continues to assist the disadvantaged and marginalized in Papua New Guinea, Pakistan, Botswana, Peru and Jerusalem. The work puts a key focus on the education of young people in socially and economically disadvantaged communities. Thousands of children and young people will have access to safe and engaging learning environments thanks to the generosity of the clergy and parishioners of the Melbourne Archdiocese. Melbourne Overseas Missions very much appreciates your generosity in facilitating this work and very much hopes it will continue.

MARY'S ADVENT ANGELS



Due to the large numbers requesting Mary's Advent Angels, they are available again this weekend.

These hand-crafted decorations make ideal gifts or tree ornaments and will be on sale for \$3 each after Mass **this weekend** (07/08 Dec). Proceeds will be donated to the MSSP Missions. Please support this initiative and help make a difference through your donations.

LIFE GIVING GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS

MSSP Christmas Gift Cards are available from the table in the Narthex. My monetary gift will support the education of the young adults in the Jose De Piro Orchestra or the education of the MSSP Seminarians in the Philippines. Please see Fr Jude or Fr Silvio for further clarification. These donations are tax deductible. Please provide your contact details to receive a receipt.



Weekend Masses: Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am and 5:00pm

GOSPEL REFLECTION

A striking feature of Luke's presentation of the message of John the Baptist is the care with which he pins it down historically by mentioning the rulers of his time: from the emperor in Rome to the high priests in Jerusalem. The salvation that John heralds and that Jesus will bring is not something confined to a purely spiritual realm detached from ordinary, everyday life and history. It comes at a particular time, into a particular culture. As it works itself out—beyond the time of Jesus into that of the Church—it will interact with all the cultures that it meets, challenging and transforming them as it seeks to bring the human race as a whole back to its true home in God.

Beyond Baruch's vision (in the First Reading) of the return of the dispersed Israelites, John sees the "way of the Lord". At the head of the new humanity, restoring it to freedom, will be Jesus. Those whom he gathers and leads will be "returned ones", not so much in the physical sense of returnees from exile but in a biblical sense of "return" where it denotes conversion of heart.

Once again, this Advent, John summons us to the change of heart whereby the Church becomes ever more deeply the vanguard of the human race making its homecoming to God and its own true humanity. The vocation of the Church is to be the "light of the nations", through which all humankind may see a foretaste of "the salvation of God".

Fr Brendan Byrne SJ

MSSP CALENDAR

Collect your free copy of the Paulist Calendar from the Narthex. One copy per family. Thank you to all who support the ongoing ministry of the Paulist Missionaries. Thank you to the MSSP Lay Committee and Fr Mario who organised the calendar. Special thanks also to Annie Lam from St Clare's Primary School for the cover design.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEW PARISH MINISTRY

With Church Extensions starting Jan 2020, a new Parish Ministry for the Set Up of the Paulist Centre (chairs, altar etc) for our weekend Masses next year, is being formed. If you are interested in more info please contact the Parish Office on 9748 6800 this week.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

Thanksgiving:	\$ 4698.40
Presbytery:	\$ 959.90
Flowers:	\$ 22.20
Youth:	\$ 20.20

Thankyou

CHARASMATIC HEALING MASS

Come and experience 2019's final CHARISMATIC MASS with HEALING PRAYERS by the Vincentian Congregation Melbourne's Fr Rojan George at St James Church commencing 6.30pm with Rosary, Praise and Worship, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, laying of hands and fellowship. All are welcome especially the sick of our parish. If you require or know of anyone who requires a lift to and/or from the Church please call the office on 9748 6800 or leave your details at the Welcome Desk during weekend masses.

CHRISTMAS USHERS AND CAR PARK ATTENDANTS

Ushers and Car Park Attendants are needed to help with the smooth running of our Christmas Masses.

If you are available to help out please leave your name on the volunteer sheets in the Church Narthex. New volunteers are welcome.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the various Parishioners who donated \$200 and \$500 towards the Church Extensions this past week. Your gift is truly valued.

Thank you to the Sri Lankan Cultural Foundation of Werribee for donating \$300 towards the Church Extensions.

Thank you to Lito for the donation of chocolates for our Christmas Masses.

ROSARY STATUE

If you would like to have the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima for a week to pray the Rosary as a family, bookings are available from the Narthex. For questions, contact Mario Lobo at mariolobo@gmail.com or 0405 767 846.

ST JAMES VINTAGE GROUP

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

No joining fee, just come when you can.

Sun 08 Dec: Lunch at the Hoppers Club, Panaam Drive. Cost \$20.

Tues 10 Dec: Christmas Morning Melodies. Encore Events Centre. Cost \$12 includes morning tea.

For bookings or further information please contact Beatrice on 0403 683 374 or 8754 1155.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEKEND 14/15 DECEMBER

MASS TIMES	SAT 6:00 PM	SUN 8:30 AM	SUN 10:30 AM	SUN 5:00 PM
LECTOR	Grace Bala	Grace Cini	Chris Daria	Lanichah Vasquez
COMMENTATOR	Florence Korapaty	Margaret Mangani	Jerry Nepomuceno	Red Lusterio
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Beth Walsh Bernadette Hauk Dilani Don Andrew Carabott Marlene Carabott	Colin Bracken Satish Gade Justin Galea Connie Galea Maria San Buenaventura	Lourdes Braganza Anthony Landells Ron Rivera Avis Fernandez TBC	Oliver Menezes Rita Menezes Sonia Ryall Lodson Almeida Erin Kemp
PIETY STALL	Claire Kemp	Kath Godfrey	S Annrose Brown	-
VACUUMER	Ralph Almirante	ALTAR LINEN	Angel Hartanto	 ST JAMES THE APOSTLE <small>PARISH</small>
CLEANERS	Katherine Agas Roselito Agas	SOUP KITCHEN	Pat & Bianca Gomez Heather DCruz	
COUNTERS	Marie D'Silva Bernadette Glowacki Colin Bracken	CHILDREN'S LOTW	<i>On Break Until Further Notice</i>	
		FLOWERS	Maria Bugayong	

THANKSGIVING RECEIPTS & ENVELOPES

We thank you once again for your generous contribution to St James the Apostle Thanksgiving Program.

Receipts and Thanksgiving 2020 Envelopes are now available from the Parish Office Foyer. If you have fallen behind please try to bring your account up to date.

Receipts for Parishioners whose contributing through Credit Card and Direct Debit will be sent via email before the year end. School Families will receive their Envelopes at the start of the School Term next year.

If you are interested in helping to support St James Parish through the Thanksgiving Program, Please see the Welcome Desk for more information and forms."

PRAYER LIST

Let us pray and support those in our community who are sick. We especially pray for Kerrie Boyson, Meleane Ahomana, K. and A. Camilleri, Linda Noronha, Celia Pineda, C. Camilleri, Mario Ranada, Marcelo Arenas, Arn Raj, Sheillamar Cuetera, Dean Kharitou, Zenaida Porciuncula, Azucena Magcalas, Gauri Maskey, Emmanuel Bernardo, Manuel G. Martinez Jnr, Michael Xue, Robert Azzopardi, Corey Cauchi, Teodora Gundayao, Emerita Sagovia, Ann Maree Daly, Connie Micallef, Paul Cutajar, Juanito Osumo, Mary Ulep Guerzon, Tchiapke Joel, Jorge Maranan Jnr, Evelyn Soneja, Maria De Brincat, Elizabeth Magnaye, Mario Ranada, Paula Richards and all those who are ill.

READINGS FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st Reading: *Is 35:1-6, 10*
God himself will come and save us.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 145:6-10*
Lord, come and save us.

2nd Reading: *Jas 5:7-10*
You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

Gospel: *Mt 11:2-11*
Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

PARISH FRIDGE MAGNET CALENDAR

Collect your free Parish Fridge Magnet Calendar from the Narthex. One per family.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for our loved ones whom we remember especially Datu Angolina Menzju Zerafa, Karlu and Vincensa Borg, George Grech,, Robert Del Grosso, Tupou Family, Joseph and Lucy, Benjamine and John, Victor and Annie, Lillah and Jochim, Agues and George, Baptist and Edward, Rod Pineda, Len Barlow, Christopher Zahra, Ernest and Edwin D'Rozario, Doreen Fernadez, Phyllis D'Couliao, Gladys Gonsalves, Alphonse Sultana, Gabriel and Freda Rodericks, Basil Agapis, Lena Antao, Carmen and Joe Camilleri, Edith Coutinho, Norberto Carino Jnr, Emy Saffarese, Natu Portelli, Jeff Ruthburn, Jake Shaw, Gloria and Mathew Montebello and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.



St James the Apostle Parish ***Christmas Program 2019***

Reconciliation:

Thurs 19 Dec 7:00pm 2nd Rite

Mon 23 Dec 7:00pm-8:30pm 1st Rite

Christmas Eve - Tues Dec 24

6:00 pm Carols with Mass at 6:30pm in
Paulist Centre

9:00 pm Vigil Mass in Church

11:30 pm Carols & Midnight Mass in Church

Christmas Day - Wed Dec 25

8:30 am and 10:30 am Mass in Paulist Centre

(No evening Mass on Christmas Day)

New Year's Eve **Tues Dec 31**

6:00 pm Mass

New Year's Day **Wed Jan 1**

10:30 am Mass

