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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
9401 6367



ST JAMES PARISH BULLETIN

336 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing North, 3029
Under the Pastoral Care of the Paulist Missionaries
www.stjamesapostlehcn.com.au

We acknowledge the living culture of the Wurundjeri people, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to the unique role they play in the life of this region.
St James Parish is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

Christ the King 22 November 2020

RESUMPTION OF WEEKEND MASSES AT ST JAMES

With the expected easing of restrictions, we will be resuming all 4 weekend Masses in the Paulist Centre beginning 5 & 6 December under the following government COVID conditions:

- Only 100 people will be able to attend. Anyone wishing to come must pre-book.
- Keep 1.5 m physical distance from others.
- Sanitise hands as you enter
- Wear face masks throughout the celebration
- Provide names and contact details of all those attending.

How to make a Booking

Before coming to Mass you must pre-book online using the Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BJPOT> (Link is available on the parish Facebook and website)

Bookings will open at 2:00pm on Sunday 29/11/20. If unable to book online you can book through the parish office from Monday 30/11/20. Bookings close on the Friday before each weekend at 12:30pm.

To give others an opportunity of attending, you will only be able to attend one Mass every two weekends. If your plans change and you need to cancel your booking, please contact the Parish Office so we can release your seats.

Arrival Process

Arrive early to allow time to sign in and take your seat. Doors will open 20 minutes before Mass commences. If arriving earlier, please wait in your car. The sign-in table will be located under the school Play Plaza.

Maintaining Safe Distance

You are requested to follow the directions of volunteers and adhere to designated seating areas, group size limits and physical distancing requirements. Only members of the same household may sit in a row together. Parishioners are not to congregate around the entrance before or after Mass

Receiving Holy Communion

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne has provided guidance on receiving Holy Communion as follows:

- Continue to wear your mask while maintaining 1.5m gap in the queue
- Receive the Host in the hand while wearing the mask – hands to be flat and outstretched away from your body
- Step several metres to the side away from the Priest (or Minister)
- Remove one side of the of the mask and place the Host in your mouth
- Reposition the mask and return to your seat.

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Weekend Mass: Online on Sun 8:30am (www.stjamesapostlehcn.com.au)

SUPPORTING ST JAMES PARISH



We encourage you to continue supporting our parish through online payment. Thanksgiving contributions or Church Extension donations can be made directly to the Parish Bank Account through an Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT).

Account Name: St James the Apostle Parish
BSB: 083-347 Account Number: 646 205 822

For Thanksgiving please use your Thanksgiving Envelope number and your surname so we can attribute your donation correctly. Eg: If your Thanksgiving number is 123, and your surname is Smith, then use the reference "123-Smith".

For Church Extension, please use as reference your surname and -ChExt. Eg: Smith-ChExt.

For Credit Card / Direct Debit contributions, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Thank you for your continuous support and may you be blessed abundantly for your generosity.

Yours in mission,

Fr Jude Pirotta mssp
Parish Priest

Angel Hartanto
Parish Bookkeeper

CHURCH EXTENSION DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the Church Extensions. Thank you to the Parishioners who together donated \$940 including a donor who donated \$400 this week.

MASS INTENTIONS & 2ND COLLECTION

For those who would like to offer a Mass Intention during this time, you can submit the name and intention to the Parish Office via email (hopperscrossingnorth@cam.org.au) or via phone (9401 6367). In answer to a common query, Mass Intention donations can be made to:

Account Name: Missionary Society of St Paul
BSB: 083-153
Account number: 869470113
Reference: M.Int-[Surname of intention]

For Presbytery Collection (2nd collection) contributions, please use the account above and use the Reference: Presby-[Your Surname]

BAPTISMS AT ST JAMES

Baptisms at St James have recommenced and we have tried to accommodate most pending requests. As such under the current restrictions, we are fully booked for 2020. We are taking bookings for 2021 starting from January 17th. If you would like to have your child baptised please call the Baptism Coordinator on 0438 793 630. We have called most parishioners who registered for baptism, but if you have not received a call please call us and we can book you in. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this difficult time.

RCIA CANDIDATES

Anna Vo, Alize Zhang and Nancy Chohan will be initiated in the Sacraments and Morteza Babaei and Ronald Main will be brought to full communion in the Catholic Church, setting the example for all to appreciate the grace we share. Long have they awaited this time, with the delay for this celebration from Easter this year due to COVID. Let us journey with them in prayer as they prepare themselves to join us fully at the beginning of December.

ADVENT ANGELS

Small change can make a big difference. Your \$3 will help to support the victims of the recent typhoon disaster in the Philippines through the mssp missions.

Advent Angels will be on sale at St James (church car park/play plaza) on the first weekend of Advent - Saturday 28th Nov and Sunday 29th Nov between 1:00pm and 3:00 pm

Please support this initiative by buying an Advent Angel. Thank you.

BIBLE STUDY SESSION—MON 23 NOV

The combined Parishes of St James and St Peters is hosting their next Bible Study session on Mon 23 Nov from 7pm-8pm via ZOOM:

Meeting ID: 919 8422 0776
Password: 899140

This session will be on the Gospel of John, Chapter 16. For more information please email gonsalvesclive@hotmail.com.

WEEKEND MASSES—CONTINUED FROM P1

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to ensure we meet our regulatory requirements and help maintain a COVID safe environment for everyone. Training for volunteers will be provided at 7:00pm on this Wednesday 25 November. Please let the Parish Office know if you are willing to volunteer in order to manage the number of people attending.

Dispensation

People feeling unwell are to stay home and not attend.

Mass will continue to be available on parish Facebook and website.

WEEKDAY MASSES AT THOMAS CARR

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, daily liturgy has been conducted and live-streamed from Thomas Carr College chapel, with thanks to the principal and admin at the same college.

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion is held on Monday, and Mass on Tuesday to Friday. Saturday morning mass will continue to be live-streamed from the presbytery.

With further easing of restrictions, Thomas Carr College will be able to accommodate a congregation of up to 25 people. **It is very important that those wishing to attend pre-book their attendance by contacting the Parish Office** by calling 9401 6367 or e-mailing hopperscrossingnorth@cam.org.au. Bookings close at 2:30pm the day before, and on Friday for Monday.

NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

During the month of November we remember our departed relatives and friends. Each Mass intention will be individually celebrated and the stipends used to support our missions. You can write names of your departed loved ones using the link on the Parish web page (stjamesapostlehcn.com.au) or on the Facebook page. These will then be listed on our Book of the Living. The names will also be printed on the back of our Parish Bulletin.

MEET THE PRIESTS—SUN 22 NOV

Our next Meet the Priests is on **Sun 22 Nov from 3:00pm-4:00pm**. A good opportunity to meet our priests (Fr Jude, Fr Silvio & Fr Mario) and get an update of what's happening in our Parish. We look forward to meeting you over the ZOOM platform.

ZOOM Meeting ID: 919 4821 1939
Password: mass

VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Christmas is approaching and our Parish would normally be putting up our **St James Giving Tree** and asking for donations to provide Christmas Hampers to our Community.

This year, because of COVID-19, we are asking for Parishioners and our four schools to assist us with monetary donations. The money will be given to our vulnerable families in the form of a Coles Gift Voucher(s). We are requesting that this be **done by the 11th December** so we can deliver in time for families to shop before Christmas.

You can deliver your donation in an envelope and place into the Parish Letterbox.

Please note, for this year only, donations towards the St James Giving Tree and the Vinnie's Christmas Hamper Appeal is via monetary donation only and **not through gifts of food, clothes or toys.**

Special thanks to those who have already contributed which has raised \$587 so far. Let us continue to pray for the families in our Parish.

JDP ORCHESTRA CONCERT

The Jose De Piro String Chamber Orchestra which visited us in June 2019 from the Philippines, are hosting an online concert on Sun 29 Nov. Stay tuned for more details and how to view their concert.

KEEPING OUR PRAYER LIST CURRENT

To keep our Prayer List for the Sick current, kindly contact the Parish Office with the names of people you would like on it and they will be on the list for 8 weeks. Simply contact the Parish to renew for another 8 weeks.

PRAYER LIST

Let us pray and support those in our community who are sick. We especially pray for Valerie Weakly, Esther, Paul Cutajar, Graciano Licup, Anne Campbell and all those who are ill.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for our loved ones whom we remember especially Angelo Patelmo who passed away recently, Bernard Evans, the deceased members of the Xuereb Family, Alphonse Massako, Berthe Besseke, Marie Ebelle, Marie Therese Ngongah, Henri Yepmout, Alexandre Djoki, Bruno Tonye, Michel Edouka, Zita Raymonde No, Leonard Ebaha, Antoine Mbong, Adolphe Stephane Ebongo, Charlotte Singui Diah, Norbert Ulrich Moukoko Djoki, Etienne Ewandje, Germaine Zita Tadonki Kana, Marie Ngo Nguiten, Emy Saffarese, Natu Portelli, Geff Ruthburn and Ron Gamble and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

ADVENT—SEASON OF PREPARATION

Dear parishioners, visitors and friends,

The Church liturgical year does not run from January to December, as our civil year does, but starts with the first Sunday of Advent next weekend, four Sundays before Christmas.

In many ways the Church year is an image of our life; we start by celebrating the birth of the God-child and we conclude with a reflection about death and the end of times, as we have just done in the past few weeks.

Every birth is preceded by a time of waiting. Every family waits and prepares for the birth of a new child. Within the People of God, the Old Testament is a record of the people's wait for the birth of the Messiah promised by God in the book of Genesis. As we celebrate our own journey through life, we too live in expectation of the moment when we too have to meet the Christ, our God.

Each year the four Sundays of Advent remind us of this time of waiting and for our own need to be alert and wait. The Gospel in next Sunday's Mass tells us of the need to 'stay awake.' The image Jesus uses is that of the householder who goes abroad but expects his door keeper to stay awake to be ready to welcome him on his return.

This year has often felt like a dark, long winter – one that at times has left people feeling flat, fearful and isolated. What a blessing it has been in these last few weeks, for the state of Victoria to move towards a COVID-normal situation, with glimpses of hope as our communities slowly but gradually re-emerge from months of lockdown.

This year's Christmas celebrations in our parishes and homes will look and feel markedly different. Despite this, the invitation from our Lord remains: he invites us to share in the life of faith and to trust in him, in times of uncertainty.

While this has been a tumultuous year, it has also been an opportunity for parishes to reach out in new and innovative ways. Thank you to all in our parish for the courage, innovation and perseverance that you have shown this year leading our people into new ways of praying, reflecting, meeting and working together.

As we conclude our liturgical year, and prepare to welcome Advent next week, may we all continue to support and help each other in our role as missionary disciples.

Fr Jude Pirotta

FR JUDE—AWAY FOR A WEEK

Fr Jude and Fr Mario will be away from Thurs 26 Nov—Fri 04 Dec. Fr Silvio will be available during this time.

NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

Paolino Valletta, Antonio Micallef, Mia Valletta, Carmela Micallef, Rosina Spiteri, Ofelia Taliana, Antonia Valleta, Lucai Micallef, Michele Micallef, Wanda Valletta, Emanuele Micallef, Maria Leonardelli, John & JohnMary Misquitta, Nicholas & Philomena Ferreira, Cassetta Family, August & Berta Kovak, Ljuban & Ema Krpan, Helena & Ernest Cesek, Vlado & Ana Krpan, Joseph Mizzi, John Gleeson, Simone Polidano, Elliot Munro, Herman Josal, Anna Jappi, Samsu Gosal, Hasnah Fong, Arief Rate, Erny Gosal, Hendra Theodoros, Shiane Josal, Raynaldi Theodoros, Winoya Theodoros, Fritz Satyadharna, Satyadharna Family, Soetano Family, Ong Family, Manuel, Mildred, Melroy & Melville Rodriquez, Franklin, Henley & Collinette D'Cruz, Frederick Furtado, All souls

MARIAN COLLEGE

Marian College are hosting Talk and Tours of their College. The next will be on Tues 24 Nov at 9:00am. For further details and bookings visit <http://mariansw.catholic.edu.au/2210>.

LETTUCE SPRING INTO ACTION



The YP event of Lettuce Spring into Action really sprang my COVID restricted mind into action! Such was the intensity of the event. For the first time I came to know that egg shells could be used as calcium supplements for the vegetable plants!

I learnt more about sustainability which could be carried out by recycling all fruit peels such as banana peels and paper, egg trays & cardboard into compost for our own garden! My imagination ran wild, if I could recycle all of these, perhaps I would require the Blue bin only once a month! And if most of us use these simple daily life activities, how much waste will we reduce in our council, state, nation & in the world! This fits perfectly to the call of Pope Francis to care about our environment by adopting sustainability!

Anna Sia and her family is truly a blessing not only to our parish but to the wider society! As Christians we have been asked to share and Anna is the perfect example of sharing her great knowledge about home growing veg garden! Fr. Silvio's demonstration to make our own planter box from pallet wood perhaps will turn for me as a hobby soon! On my way out I collected many saplings to try my luck into homegrown vegies! I hope more such events are held to benefit more parishioners!

Gilbert