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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
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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.

1st Sunday of Advent 29 November 2020

RESUMPTION OF WEEKEND MASSES AT ST JAMES—START 5/6 DEC

Masses will resume in the Paulist Centre for all 4 weekend Masses (Sat 6pm, Sun 8:30am, Sun 10:30am and Sun 5pm) beginning 5 & 6 December. 150 people will be able to attend each Mass. Anyone **wishing to attend must pre-book**. Bookings open 2pm Sunday 29/11/20. **No one will be allowed entry without a booking**. To give others an opportunity of attending, you will only be able to attend one Mass over the first 2 weekends. Weekend Mass will continue to be available online from the Parish website.

COVID Safe Practices:

Attendees must adhere to the following government COVID conditions:

- Keep 1.5m physical distance from others.
- Sanitize hands as you enter
- Wear face masks while checking in and while inside the Paulist Centre
- Provide names and contact details of all those attending.
- People feeling unwell are to stay home

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)

If unable to book online you can book through the Parish Office. Bookings close on the Friday before each weekend at 12.30pm. If your plans change and you need to cancel your booking, use the link on your booking confirmation or contact the Parish Office so we can release your seats .

Arrival Process

Arrive early to allow time to check in and take your seat. Doors will open 20 minutes before Mass commences. If arriving earlier, please wait in your car. The check-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 arrangements 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:

- Wear your mask while maintaining 1.5m distance 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

Weekend Mass: Sat 6pm, Sun 8:30am, 10:30am, 5pm and online from Sun

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 \$355 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 next week on Sun 06 Dec at 5pm.

ADVENT ANGELS—THIS WEEKEND

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 30 NOV

The combined Parishes of St James and St Peters is hosting their next Bible Study session on Mon 30 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.

JDP ORCHESTRA CONCERT—THIS SUNDAY

The Jose De Piro String Chamber Orchestra which visited us in June 2019 from the Philippines, are hosting an online concert on this Sun 29 Nov at 2:00pm. It will be streamed via their Facebook Page called 'Jose De Piro String Chamber Orchestra'. Come view and support these wonderful people.

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 Paulist Centre from Sat 05 Dec.

With further easing of restrictions, Thomas Carr College will be able to accommodate a congregation of up to 24 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.

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY—TUES 01 DEC

St James Grief Support Ministry has been initiated to assist Parishioners who are facing difficult times on account of bereavement, loneliness, loss of employment, adverse impact of COVID, etc. Our next meeting is on Tuesday **December 1 at 7pm** in the Office Narthex. The Ministry is led by Deacon Royden aiming to offer a comfortable space to share our grief, believing that Christ is the focal point in our support for those experiencing grief and loss. Meetings will consist of prayer, sharing, friendship, support and information. Registration is required. Kindly email hopperscrossingnorth@cam.org.au to register or if you require further information please call Deacon Royden on 0426 071 375.

FIRST FRIDAY ZOOM SERVICE—FRI 04 DEC

First Friday service over the Zoom platform on Fri 04 Dec from 7pm-8pm. Let us come and spend some quiet time with the Blessed Sacrament and thank the Lord for all the blessings we have received during the year and preparing ourselves for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Service consists of prayers, hymns, adoration, scripture readings, talks and silent adoration.

Zoom Meeting ID: 835 0838 9756
Password: FRIDAY

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 \$947 so far. Let us continue to pray for the families in our Parish.

MEET THE PRIESTS—SUSPENDED

With the easing of restrictions allowing for the resumption of weekend Masses, the fortnightly Meet the Priests meetings will now be suspended. Thank you to all who've attended.

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 Rogelio Diamante and Loreta Sotelo who passed away recently, John Castricum, Carmela and Salvo Vella, Froilan Santos, Henley D'Cruz, Viniamor Dela Pena, 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 Dih, Norbert Ulrich Moukoko Djoki, Etienne Ewandje, Germaine Zita Tadonki Kana, Marie Ngo Nguiten, Emy Saffarese, Natu Portelli, Geff Ruthburn, Ron Gamble and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: GOD COMES TO MEET US

Today we celebrate the first of the four Sundays of Advent. It marks the beginning of a new liturgical year after its conclusion last Sunday with the feast of Christ the King. Advent is a season which sees us looking forward to the coming of the Lord. It is a double expectation.

We look forward to the celebration of Christmas, the greatest event in human history... the incarnation of God himself, who chose to be born in the little town of Bethlehem in Judea, showing himself to the poor and the outcast.

We also look forward to the second coming of Jesus. Reflecting upon His first coming, his teachings, and his commendations, we prepare ourselves to encounter him when He comes again.

The Jews looked forward to the coming of the Messiah. We believe that the Messiah has come. The death and resurrection of Jesus reconciled the human race with God. But, salvation is not yet completed for there is still a lot more to accomplish, as is evidenced by many people's rejection of God, and by the fact that many people still live a life that is far from being decent or humane.

Today's scripture readings give voice to our own experience and our longing for a Saviour. The prophet Isaiah addresses God as Redeemer and Father, and asks Him the question that resonates in our mind: Why do you let us go astray? He calls upon God: Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down! Come down and see what is happening in the world around us. In Jesus, God does come down, and he invites us to respond to His presence.

He invites us to be on guard and to stay awake, to be alert to his promptings, to use our time well, and thus be able to welcome Him when He comes to encounter us. As faithful disciples we need to commit our lives, here and now, to the great work God has begun in this world.

A happy advent season to all parishioners and friends.

Fr Silvio Bezzina

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES DURING COVID TIMES

Christmas is an important time for us all to celebrate, especially after this challenging year. With restrictions still in place, each Christmas Mass will have limits to the numbers who can attend. This year we are able to offer 11 Christmas Masses over 4 days, with attendance at any of these Masses over these days fulfilling our Christmas obligation. Booking details for Christmas will be advertised in a future Bulletin and on the Parish Website and Facebook page. The last opportunity for Reconciliation before Christmas will be on Tues 22 Dec at 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Paulist Centre.

Thurs 24 Dec Christmas Eve

6:30pm
9:00pm
Midnight

Fri 25 Dec Christmas Day

7:30am
9:00am
10:30am

Sat 26 Dec Christmas Masses

5:00pm
6:30pm

Sun 27 Dec Christmas Masses

8:30am
10:30am
5:00pm

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.

PAULIST CALENDARS

Special thanks to the Paulist Lay Missionaries. Enter info from previous years.

Special thanks to the front and back cover design by Annie Lam, Learning Support Officer/ Designer, St Clare's Primary School, Truganina. Planning and layout prepared by Paulist Lay Missionaries.

These free calendars will be available from the 05/06 December from the Play Plaza.

ST JAMES YOUTH—FACE TO FACE AGAIN!

St James Youth is trading in the Online Zoom Youth Group for our regular face-to-face Youth Groups on Sun 06 Dec. Join us for our last Sunday night Youth Group for the year!



St James Youth is the Parish Youth Ministry, connecting those in yrs 7-12 with other young people in our Parish and helping us discover God in action in our lives.

If you would like to experience our youth group on Sunday 06 Dec, simply contact us via email on HoppersCrossingNorth.Youth@cam.org.au or call on 0409 184 299 for registration details. Sun 06 Dec, 5pm-8pm. Stay tuned for our Holiday Events over December!