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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.

4th Sunday of Lent 14 March 2021

FR JUDE'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners and friends,

Last weekend we gathered at last in our beautifully renovated and expanded Parish Church Building. For many people, not to be able to enter our church building over the last year, has been a serious deprivation. Re-entry felt like a joyful homecoming, a long awaited return from exile, with an opportunity to celebrate the presence of the risen Christ in our midst. New challenges and opportunities continue to emerge as a result of the pandemic including new ways of being Church and of worshipping together.

Though we are in the middle of the penitential season of Lent, it is surely a day of thanksgiving to God, gratitude and joy. It is no small thing for a Parish to spend a great deal of money on a renovation and indeed the expansion of its church building, especially at a time when finance is tight and social distancing, because of the pandemic, is still in force. Yet our Parish community had chosen to do so because the church is significant for the people's hope and faith. St Paul reminds us that we are the Body of Christ. Now God dwells among his people, the Church, the early Christians were so convinced of this that they called the building constructed for worship 'the house for the Church' Domus Ecclesiae, or, as we are often reminded, it is the people who are the church and not the building. The building simply houses the Church. It was very pleasing to hear many of our Parishioners affirming the newly refurbished sacred space, with messages of gratitude through emails and text messages.

Once again I express my gratitude to the architects from Smith and Tracey, Raysett the builders, the Parish Council, the Building Committee, St James the Apostle Primary School, Thomas Carr College, and the many volunteers and donors who generously offered their time, energy and financial support to see this project through.

THE SEASON OF LENT

To make this Lent a more meaningful time, consider taking part in any of the following available at our Parish:

THE WAY OF THE CROSS: During Lent, time to reflect on the Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 7:30pm in the Paulist Centre.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT: Next session on Tues 16 Mar at 7pm-8pm.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Project Compassion Box and/or envelopes are available to assist some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

PAULIST MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIP: For \$5 per month, you can help with the wellbeing and education of children in Pakistan, Peru, Cuba and the Philippines. Brochures available after Mass.

Weekend Mass: Sat 6pm, Sun 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 5pm + Online

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 especially the Parishioners who together donated \$700 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]

BIBLE STUDY—MON 15 MAR

The combined Parishes of St Peter's and St James are hosting a Bible Study Ministry. This year, the meetings will be held at St James at the Ray Centre.

Meetings will be held every 1st, 3rd & 5th Mondays of each month, 7pm-9pm. Next meeting this Mon 15 Mar on the Gospel of John. For more information contact Clive on 0490 814 452 or Francis on 0401 787 372.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Maribel Maniquiz who responded to our recent appeal for a Sacramental Program Helper and to all our volunteers.

PALM SUNDAY & EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Every year, our Easter celebrations get larger and more meaningful. This year we are seeking help to ensure that our celebrations continue to engage and move everyone who attends.

Palms and Olive Branches: In preparation for Palm Sunday, we would welcome all donations of Palm, Pine and Olive branches to be left under the After Hours Chute of the Parish Office between Wed 17 Mar Apr— Sun 21 Mar.

Easter Triduum Rehearsals: For those involved in the Liturgies during the Triduum (including Readers, Special Ministers of Communion, those to be commissioned, etc) there is a Rehearsal on **Tues 30 Mar** in the Church. **Holy Thursday** Rehearsal from **6:30pm-7:30pm**, **Good Friday** Rehearsal from **7:30pm-8:00pm** and **Easter Vigil** Rehearsal from **8:00pm-9:00pm**. Please arrive 5 mins before your scheduled start.

Reconciliation: 1st Rite of Reconciliation available on Mon 29 Mar in the Church at 7pm-8pm. Last opportunity before Easter.

Project Compassion: Project Compassion Boxes can be returned between Palm Sunday (27/28 Mar) & Holy Thursday (Thurs 01 Apr).

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.

OFFICIAL BLESSING OF ST JAMES CHURCH

Please note the new and updated time for this event.

There will be a special Mass on **Sunday 18 April at 3pm** for the Official Blessing of our newly renovated church. Due to COVID restrictions limiting the number of people allowed in the church, a Ballot will be drawn to determine who can attend within the church. Successful parties will still need to find their own seats within the church according to their group size on a first come first served basis like any other Sunday Mass.

People unsuccessful in the Ballot and those who did not register will be able to book places for either:

- Standing room outside on the northern side of the church; or
- seating in the Paulist Centre where Mass will be livestreamed onto the big screens

Ballot Registration

To register for the Ballot, book through the regular weekly link for Masses (preferred method) or alternatively, leave your details on the Ballot Registration Sheet after Mass. You must provide the name of each person requiring a seat. Details from your Ballot Registration will also be used as a record for COVID contact tracing purposes.

Parishioners can only register once either on the Registration Sheet or online. Please do not register on both systems.

Any person allocated a seat in the Ballot who cannot attend is requested to notify the Parish Office so their seat(s) can be redrawn and allocated to someone else who registered.

Ballot closes 8:00pm Sunday 4 April (Easter Sunday).

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

The next Special Ministers of Communion Training Session will be on Thurs 18 Mar at 7pm in the Church. If you are interested in serving the community as a Special Minister of Communion, please contact the Parish Office by Mon 15 Mar or let Fr Jude or Fr Silvio know.

EASTER FUNDRAISER—HOT CROSS BUNS

The Young Paulists are holding their annual Easter Fundraiser, with the sale of Hot Cross Buns. The Buns will be available for purchase for \$5 each and on Palm Sunday Weekend (27/28 Mar) at all Masses. All profits raised will go towards supporting the ongoing work of the Young Paulists. Stock is limited, so get in fast to avoid missing out!

BAPTISM MINISTRY UPDATE

After several years as the Coordinator for the Baptism Ministry, John and Jacinta Fisher are stepping down from the role. On behalf of the St James Community and the Parish Council, I would like to personally thank them for their marvellous contribution towards the Baptism Ministry which has been growing substantially under their guidance. John and Jacinta will still be very much involved in the Baptism Ministry where their invaluable assistance is very much needed. In the interim Deacon Royden is training a group of Parishioners to take over the role which will be advised soon.

Chris Innocenzi has also advised us that she would like to spend more time with her family and so is stepping back from her role of Candle Designer for the Parish. Chris has been decorating candles for all occasions and will be very much missed. We wish her all the best and thank her for her great service to our Parish.

TCC OPEN DAY—SUN 21 MAR

Thomas Carr College (our Regional High School) is hosting their Open Day on Sun 21 Mar at 10:00am-2:00pm. To register your interest, please call 8734 2444 or email registrar@thomascarr.vic.edu.au.

1ST RECONCILIATIONS & 1ST EUCHARISTS

Congratulations to the children from St Francis of Assisi, Tarneit who celebrated their First Reconciliation on Thursday and the children from Other Schools who celebrated their 1st Eucharist on Saturday.

PRAYER LIST

Let us pray and support those in our community who are sick. We especially pray for Justa Reyes, Anne and Don Campbell, Donald and Perla Brubeck, Fe Uytico, Roy, Lourdes, Jane, Ping and Raul Pagar, Teresita Ocampo and all those who are ill.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for our loved ones whom we remember especially Anna Maria Prats, Katrina Buttigieg, Baby Leo Perara, Herbert Sy and Tessa Manzano who died recently, Michael, Mary, Michael Jnr, John and Martha Irwin, John, Freda, Sean and Thomas Mongey, Bob, Jack, Richard and Freda Bolton, Carmen Muscat, Vicky Borg, Leopoldo Rosiello, Eduardo De Crescenzo, Branko Hegedich, Francis Hili, Charlie Vassallo, Jan Keogh, Edith Coutinho, Pio Manalo, Emma Dizon, Francisco and Froilan Santos, Antoine Mbong, Emy Saffarese, Natu Portelli, Ron Gamble, Jeff Ruthburn and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

ST JAMES 2021 EASTER TIMETABLE

Mon 29 Mar, 7:00pm-8:00pm

Reconciliation:

1st Rite of Reconciliation in the Church. Last opportunity before Easter. Pre-booking not required, sign in with QR Code on site.

Thurs 01 Apr, 7:30pm

Holy Thursday:

Mass of the Lord's Supper. Pre-booking required at <https://trybooking.com/BJPOT>

Thurs 01 Apr, 10:30pm-Fri 02 Apr 7:30am

Keep Watch With Me:

Overnight Adoration in the Church. Pre-booking required at <https://trybooking.com/BJPOT>

Fri 02 Apr, 10:00am

Stations of the Cross:

Live Stations enacted by St James Youth. Pre-booking required at <https://trybooking.com/BJPOT>

Fri 02 Apr, 3:00pm

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion:

Good Friday Liturgy. Pre-booking required at <https://trybooking.com/BJPOT>

Sat 03 Apr 9:00am

Holy Saturday Rite:

RCIA Commissioning and Anointing of Catechumen. All welcome. Pre-booking not required, sign in with QR Code on site.

Sat 03 Apr 7:30pm

Easter Vigil:

Easter Vigil Liturgy. Pre-booking required at <https://trybooking.com/BJPOT>

Sun 04 Apr, 6am, 7:30am, 9am & 10:30am

Easter Sunday Mass:

Easter Sunday Masses, no evening Mass this day. Pre-booking required at <https://trybooking.com/BJPOT>

THOMAS CARR COLLEGE ENROLEMENTS

To enrol for Year 7 2023 at Thomas Carr College, just follow these three easy steps:

1. Book a School Tour. Refer to details at www.thomascarr.vic.edu.au or email registrar@thomascarr.vic.edu.au.
2. Submit an Enrolment Application. Applications are available from the Fr Ray Administration Centre or via email. Applications close Fri 20 Aug 2021.
3. Attend an Interview. You will be contacted with details to be communicated after applications close.

KSC AGM—THURS 18 MAR

The Hoppers Crossing North Branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross will have their Annual General Meeting in the Ray Centre at 7.30 pm on Thursday 18 March.

This is our parish branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross.

Our branch supports our parish priests and provides assistance to a number of our parish ministries.

We meet every third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm from February to November.

New members are welcome and we would be very pleased to hear from any man interested in joining the KSC. 'Many hands make light work.'

For enquiries, please ring Branch Secretary, Jared Revell 0429 770 239 or Branch Chairman, Peter O'Toole 0410 330 864

PIETY STALL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

As we return to a sense of normalcy, the Piety Stall ministry I seeking to increase the number of volunteers assisting with them. They are particularly seeking volunteers for the Sun 10:30am and the Sun 5:00pm Masses.

Without volunteers for these two Masses, they are unable to open the Piety Stall after those Masses and items you wish to purchase will have be ordered, paid for and picked up at the Parish Office during the week.

CARING FOR OUR NEW CHURCH

Let us all do our best to maintain and respect the cleanliness and the furniture of our Church and grounds. Please report any issues to the Parish.

MARY MACKILLOP FREE PRAYER BOOK

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop, we invite you to order your free copy of "Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer".

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to "take fresh courage..." as Mary did so often.

These prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world.

To order your exclusive copy please go to: www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book or call us on Ph: 02 8912 2777