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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 Dcn Royden Dsouza
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ST JAMES PARISH BULLETIN

336 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing North, 3029
Under the Pastoral Care of the Paulist Missionaries

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 01 August 2021

ST JAMES PARISH AND A COVID UPDATE—UPDATED 31 JUL/01 AUG

Following the recent easing of restrictions, Masses at St James allow for a limit of 100 people.

Attending Mass at St James: On Mondays we will have a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 9am and on Tuesdays-Saturdays we will have Daily Mass at 9am. No bookings for these are necessary. Weekend Masses will be on: Saturday 5:00pm, 6:30pm; Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 5:00pm and 6:30pm. (Please note added Mass times.)

Attendance at Weekend Masses is strictly by booking to book please go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/BJPOT>.

We understand the frustrations experienced by so many people who were unable to attend Mass in person this weekend. Parishioners are encouraged to keep checking the Trybooking site as extra seats become available either through cancellations or if the government increases the cap on the number of people allowed to attend religious services. People who have a booking but cannot attend for whatever reason are requested to let the office know so the booking can be freed up for someone else.

Following Mass from Your Home: You can also follow our Masses on the Parish Facebook and YouTube channels. Weekday Masses will continue to be live streamed at 9:00am and Sunday Mass at 6:30pm on Saturday.

Next Update: The current set of restrictions will next be updated after the 07/08 weekend. Our booking system and capacity numbers will be updated based on any updated restriction announcements during that week.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

CATHOLIC CARE APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend (07/08 Aug) is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, support for separating families, homelessness support and pastoral care. Your support and generosity will help the vulnerable and marginalised in our community and empower everyone to reach their full potential.

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. Thank you to Parishioners who together this week donated \$970 to the Church Extensions. Special thanks to the family who donated \$800.

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]

YR 7 2023 TCC ENROLMENTS

Year 7, 2023 Enrolments now open at Thomas Carr College. Applications available from the Fr Ray Administration Centre, calling 8734 2444 or email registrar@thomascarr.vic.edu.au. Applications close Fri 20 Aug 2021.

ALTAR SERVERS

The updated meeting date for all interested in joining this ministry is on Sat 04 Sept at 10:30am. This will be an Information/Training Session. Parents/Guardians are welcome to join us. All in Year 4 and above invited.

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

This year the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, fall on Sundays (Sun 08 Aug and Sun 15 Aug respectively). These Feast Days and their corresponding liturgies will be celebrated over those weekends instead of the regular Ordinary Time liturgies. No additional Feast Day Masses will be organised for this year.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL—NOW 14/15 AUG

Everyday at Vinnies, we see that ordinary people can make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We are inspired by the joy of the Gospel and our Catholic social teachings to do the things that matter.

The new date for the Vinnies Winter Appeal will be on the weekend of 14/15 Aug. A collection will be taken up on the day or alternatively, you may deliver your donation in an envelope to the Parish Office if more convenient.

CROSS PROMOTION

We are on a mission to promote our fundamental Christian Symbol – the Cross – through a variety of gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, or for your home.

Please visit our Piety Stall after Mass, or our Pop-Up Stall at First Holy Communion and Confirmation Events.

Proceeds from CROSS PROMOTION sales will go towards our Church Extensions Fund.

PAULIST MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIP

For \$5 per month, you can help with the wellbeing and education of children in Pakistan, Peru, Cuba and the Philippines through the Paulist Missionary Sponsorship program. Brochures available after Mass.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING CONTRIBUTION

We would like to thank you all for your moral and financial support especially due to the large loan we have taken for our church renovation. We do appreciate the generous donations of parishioners who have asked how they may contribute. There are three methods – Envelopes, Credit Card Deductions or Direct Debit from a nominated bank account. Simply fill in a pledge card for envelopes and credit card, if you wish to do online payment method, Direct Debit Forms are available at the Church Narthex. You can drop this Form at the Parish Office during business hours: Mon–Fri 9:30am-2:30pm. Alternatively, you can drop it off at the After-Hours Drop Off Chute outside, next to the Parish Office Entrance under the window.

CHURCH CLEANING COORDINATOR

The Parish is seeking someone who feels called to the service of Church Cleaning Coordinator. This role involves making sure that cleaning materials are available, rostering and communicating with our volunteer team in the Cleaning Ministry.

Anna, the previous Coordinator, is making herself available to train her replacement for a smooth change over. We value and appreciate all that Anna has done in this ministry and look forward to welcoming the new coordinator in her stead. We thank all those on the Church Cleaning Roster for their invaluable service of providing a clean environment to worship in.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—FRI 06 AUG

First Friday Adoration begins with Mass on Fri 06 Aug at 7:30pm followed by Holy Hour of Adoration from 8pm to 9 pm. Come and spend some quiet time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Holy Hour consists of scripture reading, reflection, silent adoration, songs and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

HOPPERS CROSSING ALPHA

An ALPHA pilot program is currently underway being run by the joint parishes of St James & St Peters. An ALPHA program available to all will be commencing in September 2021. Please keep the program in your prayers. Enquiries email: hopperscrossingalpha@gmail.com.

ST CLARE'S FEAST DAY

Let us remember our St Clare's Primary School Community when we celebrate their Feast Day on Wed 11 Aug.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mark Dooley for works done on the church grounds including garden works and cleaning of gutters.

CATHOLIC MISSION—THANK YOU

Catholic Mission thanks you for your support of this year's Appeal for the Propagation of the Faith enables Church workers in 1047 mission dioceses to offer Good News to their local communities. Thank you for contributing to the amount of \$758.60 which was raised by St James the Apostle community for Catholic Mission. Through your contribution, mothers and babies in Thailand can be confident that they have a safe place to live as they rebuild their future. THANK YOU.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Come and experience a Healing Mass by the Vincentian Congregation's Fr Rojan at St James Church on Thurs 12 Aug at 6:30pm with Rosary, Praise and Worship, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, healing prayers and blessing. All are welcome especially those requiring healing prayers. QR check in at church entry. No booking required, however current capacity is up to 100 people. Enquiries Gilbert Menezes - 0419 482 040.

PRAYER LIST

Let us pray and support those in our community who are sick. We especially pray for Eddie Vassallo, Cecilia Fernando, April Atton, Joan Carvalho, John Francis Santos, Cecilia Mendonca, Wilfredo Cubero Snr and all those who are ill.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for our loved ones whom we remember especially Zenaida Tamin, Daisy D'Souza, Esther Uwase and Fe Aclan who died recently, Angela Nave, Grace Faranda, Grigoris Fernando, Marie Ebelle, Darrel D'Monte, Collinette Dcruz, Madeline and Joe Abela, Doris and Silvio Farrugia, Madeline and Julienne Tanti, Emedio and Joe Bartolo, John Borg, Maria Gatt, Trevor Micallef, Berthe Besseke, Carmen and Joe Camilleri, Mary, Charlie and Joseph Xerri, Angela and Salvatore Sacco, Carmen and Felix Tabone, Roberto Maniquis, Emy Saffarese, Natu Portelli, Jeff Ruthvern, Ron Gamble and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FEAST DAY OF ST JAMES CELEBRATIONS



Last weekend on 24/25 July, our Parish celebrated the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, St James the Greater. Like last year, our celebrations were more subdued than previous years, but were no less meaningful.

Here were some thoughts on the celebration:

A Reflection from those who joined us online:

Covid lockdowns have provided an opportunity for many people of faith to tune in to week-end Mass at a parish other than their own. Today Michael and I decided to attend Mass at St James on YouTube, looking for the comfort of a pastoral leader in Fr Jude and revisiting the western suburbs.

What a treat to find you celebrating your parish feast day of St James. The readings about James and his brother John leaving their fishing business to follow Jesus were so pertinent as I have been doing an Alpha program and thinking so much about discipleship these past few weeks. So I smiled when I heard that St James parish is also embarking on an Alpha program.

But I write mainly to tell you how much we enjoyed and appreciated your presentation on St James the Apostle Parish as a true Christian Community. Some of our old friends from Werribee have been parishioners there for a long time and I know how strongly connected they feel. You expressed so beautifully the importance of looking out for one another, especially in these challenging times, and of everyone pitching in to make things happen. Then you hit on a key point – sometimes conflict arises in large, lively communities and occasionally people brush up against each other but forgiveness leads to new growth and stronger relationships. It is at the heart of the gospel and even amongst Jesus' disciples there needed to be give and take.

You painted a lovely word picture of what would have been taking place at St James this week-end were it not for Covid restrictions – the music, young people, food in the parish centre. You are blessed to live in such a wonderful parish made all the more so by your faithful and energetic leadership of the Parish Council.

Thank you for making our Sunday special,

Judy and Michael Cain

St Clare's Primary School Reflects:

Dear Fr Jude and team,

Thanks for the celebration of Mass being live streamed on Saturday night.

At St Clare's Primary School last Friday we asked students to share what they liked about being a part of the Parish of St James.

Here are some of the students responses:

- The Priests are kind, funny, helpful, understandable, always willing to say hello, really nice;
- We love that we can come to Mass online in lockdown;
- That love and care is shown to all at our parish;
- The church is a wonderful space to be in God's presence;
- We love that the school and parish work together;
- It is great that the priests take the time to visit us at school;

St Clare's is truly blessed to be a part of such a vibrant parish. Have a great week.

Stay awesome!

Beth Walsh
Religious Education Leader.