

Parish Office Hours:
Mon—Fri 9:30am-2:30pm

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Red Lusterio
Tita Manalo

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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
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.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 15 August 2021

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

As we celebrate Mary's assumption, the patroness of the Paulist Missionaries, we remember God's taking up into Heaven the physical body of Mary at the end of her physical life. We honour Mary and all women of faith who lead us to Christ by their examples of hope, courage and love.

Like Mary, we too may experience uncertainty and fear in our lives, especially when confronted with things over which we have no control, like this pandemic. Mary leaned on God's Word and trusted in God. Mary knew that God would keep his promise. This was the ground of her hope. May our trust in the promises of God be the ground of our hope.

FR MARIO ZAMMIT MSSP



Fr Mario who has been a long time visitor and friend of St James the Apostle, has been assigned to the Philippines after 6 years of serving the community at St John's, Heidelberg. He has been resident in the Parish of St James for over a year supporting the St James community of priests and parishioners and made several contributions to the life of our Parish.

Fr Mario has now been informed that he will be able to enter the Philippines with a 2 week quarantine in Manila. This no doubt is good news for Fr Mario and for those who he will be serving as he joins the MSSP Manila Community in the House of Formation.

We take this opportunity to thank Fr Mario for his initiative, support, missionary discipleship and loving care that he has shown to the community of St James and the Archdiocese of Melbourne. He will be truly missed.

Our prayers, love and gratitude to Fr Mario as he prepares to leave us for his next step of his theological vocation.

ST JAMES PARISH AND A COVID UPDATE—UPDATED 14/15 AUG

During Lockdown, there are no Masses at St James.

Following Mass from Your Home: You can 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 6:00pm on Saturday.

Next Update: The state of the Lockdown and the restrictions that will be in place will next be updated during this week. We will update the Parish Website with information about attending Mass at St James for the weekend of 21/22 Aug, including restrictions on numbers and booking process, once the announcement about the Lockdown have been made. Please check the Parish Website at 7pm on the night of when the announcement is made.

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 \$200 to the Church Extensions.

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]

FATHER'S DAY PHOTO COLLAGE

To honour our fathers and grand fathers, both past and present, near and far, we request our parishioners to send in photos of their fathers and grandfathers which will be included in a Photo Collage and projected after holy communion at masses on Fathers Day (04/05 Sept). Please email your photos to hopperscrossingnorth@cam.org.au. All photos sent in will be deleted after use in the Photo Collage.

The first 50 photos sent will be included in the Collage so please send your photos in early for inclusion.

CHURCH DONATION BOX

The new Church Donation Box has now been installed in the Shelves next to the Piety Stall in the Narthex of the church. Thank you to all those who contribute their loose change via this method prior to the renovations. You may use this new box in the same way.

You can also drop off Mass Intentions and Census Cards in this Box which is emptied daily.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL—POSTPONED

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.

With the uncertainty of the moment, this appeal will be rescheduled to a date to be determined once Lockdown is finished.

YR 7 2023 TCC ENROLMENTS CLOSING

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 this 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.

JAN KEOGH—FOUNDATION PRINCIPAL OF ST FRANCIS PRIMARY, TARNEIT

This Tuesday 17 Aug marks the 1st Death Anniversary of our beloved Jan, parishioner and foundation principal of St Francis of Assisi Primary, Tarneit. We remember Jan with loving and fond hearts for her missionary discipleship within our community. We keep her family and Maureen in our prayers and thoughts at this time. We miss her greatly. Jan will be remembered with a live-streamed Mass at 9am on Tuesday.

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.

MSSP COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Parishioners, from time to time we Paulist Missionaries would like to share information about our missions with you. If you would like to be on our email list, please send an email to: missions@mssp.org.au. In the subject line please write the name of your parish and "PLEASE ADD ME TO YOUR MAILING LIST". Thank you.

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.

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.

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE AND STALL

Join us for a 'Father's Day Raffle and Stall' fundraising event with all proceeds going towards the church extensions.

The Raffle:

- Four great prizes each valued at around \$200.
- Tickets \$5 each available from Sat 07 Aug via <https://www.trybooking.com/BTLMG>
- Tickets will also be available from the Parish Office (9:30am–2:30pm, exact cash preferred).
- Prizes will be on display at the Church Narthex.
- Ticket sales close on Sun 29 Aug at 8:00pm. Raffle prize will be drawn on Tues 31 Aug.

The Stall:

Restrictions allowing, our Father's Day stall will be held on two consecutive weekends in the Church Narthex on 21/22 Aug and 28/29 Aug after all Masses.

We have a variety of gifts available for Fathers, Grandfathers and Father-figures of all ages. Come and buy a gift or just treat yourself to something special and support this fundraiser. Mums, we're counting on you too for this one! (Cash preferred).

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.

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 Eddie Vassallo, Cecilia Fernando, April Atton, Joan Carvalho, John Francis Santos, Cecilia Mendonca and all those who are ill.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for our loved ones whom we remember especially Anthony Mizzi, Anne Blake, Eva Lim Balayo and Edgardo Quizon who died recently, Jan Keogh, Do Litjens, Ted Kean, Fay Barlow, Connie Carabott, Maria Cuschieri, Trevor Micallef, Marie Ebelle, Elpidio Capicoy Jnr, Emy Saffarese, Natu Portelli, Jeff Ruthvern, Ron Gamble and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

THE FUTURE OF CATHOLICISM IN AUSTRALIA

Gathering of Catholics—Outcomes and actions for the Plenary Council.

Thurs 26 Aug, 7:30pm-9:00pm

The second Convocation on The Future of Catholicism in Australia will bring together diverse but complementary perspectives on the current state and future prospects for our Church in Australia. As we look forward to the first assembly of the Plenary Council, 3-10 October 2021, we focus more closely on the outcomes to be expected. Pope Francis has stressed the engagement of all Catholics, beginning with local communities, as integral to plenary councils and to the universal Synod on Synodality in 2023.

This Convocation will build on the momentum generated by Joan Chittister's powerful call to action in our first Convocation. The speakers at this Convocation will set down markers for a Synodal Way, speaking to the deep desires among Australian Catholics for a fresh vision and new directions.

Registration is free and can be done via <https://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/blog/post/convocation-2-august-26/>

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH?

If so, you may be interested in the Engaging Your Faith series which are very affordable (just \$20 per session) and available online which means you can learn in the comfort of your own home!

Engaging Your Faith is a series of online short sessions offering an opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics including: "Meditation and Compassion", "The Bible as the Great War Story to End All War Stories", and "Can a Scientist Believe in God?" These various sessions run between 21 Aug—16 Sept.

All topics are presented by lecturers of Catholic Theological College. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

YOUNG PAULISTS PRESENT: DISCERNING LIFE'S CHOICES

Join the Young Paulists and guest speaker Fr Brendan Byrne SJ for a talk and QandA on Discerning Life's Decisions using the Ignatian Discernment Process.

When: Wednesday 25th August 7pm – 9:15pm

Where: Ray Centre at St James Parish

Who: Everyone aged 18+

Please RSVP before Sun 22 Aug by emailing hopperscrossingnorth.paulists@cam.org.au.

ACU PROJECT PROPOSAL DESIGN

Dear St James Parishioners,

Thank you for the warm welcome the project proposal has received. The link to access the survey can be found on the St James Facebook page as well as the St James website. Hard copies of the survey are also in the church narthex and can be submitted to the parish office. You can also enter the following into your web browser to access the survey:

<https://forms.gle/vF2zYNXf5yAG5jVHA>

We invite you to reflect on the strengths and capacities as well as the needs and concerns of our community. Please submit your answers by Sunday August 29 (please note new date) so we can collate your responses.

For questions and further enquiries please contact Diane Sia via email at diane.sia@myacu.edu.au. Thank you for your time and we look forward to your responses.

PERMANENT DIACONATE

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate on Sat 04 Sept, 10:00am-11.45am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

For further information contact Deacon Kevin Pattison: Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

REFLECTION DAY: EPHPHATHA? BE THOU OPEN?

This reflection event using a journal/creative materials offers you time and sacred space to be set apart and companioned to explore new ways of attuning and responding to your experiences. You are invited to participate in a self-paced personal journey of sensitively and privately opening your heart to your inner feelings on Saturday 28 Aug, 10am-4pm via Zoom. You will be supported in using various forms of expression to unfold layers of meaning. As a means of valuing and holding your insights, you will be encouraged to capture experiences and reflections in a creative journal of your making. Participants will use their own simple art or creative materials and journal. A suggestion list will be provided to help you choose a few play elements. Led by Margaret Trainor, qualified in spiritual direction and art therapy, for Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$60.

Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.