To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the parish of St James the Apostle, Hoppers Crossing North, we are offering a series of seminars which invites you to journey into the heart of Christian theology. This seminar series offers you the opportunity to explore and deepen your own spirituality and find relationship with other people similarly curious about faith and life. In the spirit of St James the Apostle, we invite you to join us for these free seminars which we trust will inspire you with a renewed sense of God’s presence in your daily life.

WEDNESDAY 23rd JULY

WHO IS JESUS? : Fr Anthony Kelly CSsR

In this seminar, Anthony Kelly will help us explore the nature and person of Jesus as recorded in Scripture. By considering the details of Jesus’ ministry, his acts and teachings, we hope to arrive at a clearer understanding of who Jesus is and his role in salvation history. As we delve into the heart of Jesus, we are invited to consider: who is Jesus for us today?

THURSDAY 24th JULY

THE EUCHARIST – LIFE AND HEART OF OUR FAITH: Fr Elio Capra sdb

Elio Capra will present how the celebration of the mass is central to the expression of our faith. Through story, history and his characteristic humour, he will open up for us the treasures of the mass and offer an insight into the heart of this ritual that is both ancient and new.

FRIDAY 25th JULY

GOING FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL – Denise Arnell

In his first papal document, Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis reminds us of the relationship between the joy of receiving the Christian faith and the joy of missionary activity. As a Church, we are encouraged to rediscover the original source of evangelization and to proclaim the Gospel to the contemporary world. Inspired by the charism of Joseph De Piro, and the Missionary Society of St Paul, at St James the Apostle Parish we embrace the call to evangelise the poor and the marginalised. In our encounter with Jesus Christ and nourished by the Eucharist, we joyfully share this experience of love with others.

In this final seminar, Denise invites us to reflect on the life of our parish over the past few years and the ways in which we might use this papal document as a map and guide to our pastoral mission in the future.
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Saturday 19 July—
25th Anniversary Dinner Dance

We start with the St James Silver Jubilee Dinner Dance on Sat 19 Jul at Grand Star Receptions, cnr Grieve Parade and Doherty’s Road, Altona North. Tickets will be available on sale after all Masses at St James (336 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing) commencing from the weekend of 14/15 June. Adults at $65 which includes pre-dinner drinks, nibbles, antipasto platter, 3 course meal, beer, wine and soft drinks, live band and a ‘surprise’. Children under 10 years old are only $20 each. Get in fast! Tickets will go quickly as our Parish celebrates this major milestone.

Sunday 27 July, 2:00pm at St James—
25th Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass

In our 25 years, we have journeyed together in so many ways. Come, remember and embrace the past 25 years in a Mass of Thanksgiving and celebration. For the pioneers, we thank you for your foresight, vision and sacrifice. For those who were present in the early years, thank you for building up, nurturing and striving to grow our Church. And for those of us here today, thank you for your enthusiasm, passion and sense of community. Let us celebrate together as one family. For catering purposes for the Afternoon Tea, please inform the Parish via email on parish@stjamesapostlehc.com.au or phone on 9748 6800, if you are attending by Thurs 24 Jul.