



St James
The Apostle

Testimonial by the Are Family:

There is a beautiful song that the choir sings. "I say Yes, My Lord." It reminds us to listen and hear the call.

In 2016 my Dad passed away from cancer, his faith was inspirational and he was an active Lector for St James. During this difficult time we had immense spiritual support from our parish and that's when we heard the call.

Over the years, as a family, we wanted to do more and give back to St James. What we received was even more blessings.

I am Mike, a Lector and Commentator, personally it is a privilege for me to be part of this ministry and bring God's word to life for the community.

My wife Anj is a Special Minister of Communion. Anj grew up in a strict Catholic upbringing and when she experienced the welcoming atmosphere of the Parish she felt freedom in worshipping and became closer to God.

Our eldest son, Rhys is part of the youth group where he explores faith with others his age every Sunday and actively participates in key events like Good Friday and the Fete.

Our youngest son, Vaiden is an Altar server and has become more confident in helping others in need.

We are blessed to be part of the St James Parish community. We thank Fr Jude, Fr Silvio and the Parish Office team, all the volunteers and the parishioners of St James Hoppers Crossing North for creating a lovely, vibrant and faith filled family.

If you can, I invite you to volunteer your skills and time. The blessings you receive will be tenfold and you will feel a greater sense of belonging and gratitude.

In all the good times and all the bad times. I say, Yes My Lord.

God Bless, from the Are family.