

# St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

38 Guinane Avenue, Hoppers Crossing 3029  
Archdiocese of Melbourne  
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12 February 2017  
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A



## DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY

### Prayer for Life

Heavenly Father, through the intercession of Our Lady, instil in us an ever greater respect for every human life.

Guide health care professionals, policy makers and scientists so that progress contributes to the well-being of humanity and justice and equality for all.

We pray that our whole community will always seek to uphold the dignity of every human person regardless of age, sickness or disability.

We pray that we will be witnesses to the Gospel of life and transform the world with love.

Amen.

Entrance  
Antiphon

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Ecc 15:15-20

***A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.***

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.  
The word of the Lord.

Responsorial  
Psalm

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
1Cor 2:6-10

***A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians***

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: *the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.* These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.  
The word of the Lord.

Gospel  
Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.  
**Alleluia!**

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### OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 9:00am – 3:30pm

### CONTACT DETAILS

Parish Priest  
**Fr. Pius Kodakkathanath VC**  
Parish Deacon  
**Charles English**  
Parish Secretary  
**Josephine Thomas**  
School Principal  
**Karen Wilson**  
(9749-1055)

### WEEKEND MASSES

Sat: 6:00pm  
Sun: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm  
*Filipino* – 4<sup>th</sup> Sun: 12:00pm  
*Polish* – 1<sup>st</sup> Sun: 3:30pm  
*Spanish* – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun: 12:00pm

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 8:30am  
Wed: 8:30am & 7:00pm  
Sat: 9:15am

### CONFESSIONS

Wed: After 7:00pm Mass  
Sat: After 9:15am Mass

### DEVOTIONS

**Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction**  
Fri & Sat morning after Mass & Sat afternoon at 2.30pm  
**First Friday:** 7:00pm to 10:00pm  
**Morning Prayer & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Mon to Fri: 8:00am  
Sat: 8:30am  
**Next Healing Mass**  
4<sup>th</sup> March 17, 2:00 to 4:30pm  
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help**  
Wed after 7:00pm Mass  
**Rosary**  
Mon to Fri after Mass  
Sat before Mass and at 2.00pm

### BAPTISMS

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
10:30am or 2:15pm  
Baptism Formation Meeting  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, 7:00pm

### WEDDINGS

By Appointment

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call Parish Office on 9749 4300

### HOUSE BLESSINGS & VISITS

Call Parish Office on 9749 4300

### ALL QUERIES

Parish Office 9749 4300

Gospel  
Mt 5:17-37

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not kill*; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny. 'You have learnt how it was said: *You must not commit adultery*. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. 'It has also been said: *Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal*. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord*. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion  
Antiphon

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Next Week's  
Readings

**Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23;  
Mt 5:38-48**

Feasts for  
the Week

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Tue, 14 Feb

## ROSTERS

### Money Counters – 19 Feb 17

L. Vasquez / T. Grisancich / S. D'Silva / L. De la Cruz
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### Readers – 18/19 Feb 17

6:00pm	S. D'Silva
8:30am	G. Sharman
10:30am	S. Anthony
5:00pm	C. Skinner

### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 18/19 Feb 17

6:00pm	Josie T. / Bernadette F. / Davy F. / Praful A.
8:30am	G. Siccita / C. Coelho / Karen F. / Volunteer
10:30am	S Delos Reyos/L Ortega/E Mills / Vanina IDA
5:00pm	E. Behrouzi / A. Etiennette / 2 X Volunteers

### Music Ministry – 11/12 Feb 17

6:00pm	Mater Dolorosa
8:30am	Shirley & Group
10:30am	FilOz
5:00pm	AHFI

## PARISH NEWS

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Pope Francis has declared 8 Feb 2017 to be the World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action against human trafficking. He chose this day because it is the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of Sudan and victims of slavery. Josephine Bakhita was kidnapped as a child from Africa and sold into slavery in the Sudan and Italy before being freed and becoming a Canossian Sister. The United Nations estimates that today one in every three victims of trafficking is a child. Find out more about the campaign at <http://acrath.org.au/world-day-of-prayer/>

**ROSTERS for PIETY STORE and COMMUNION TO THE SICK** for March, April and May 2017 are now available in the Hall for collection.

### ST. PETER'S PRAYER GROUP

Please note that there will be no prayer meeting on 18th Feb as it is the CCR Renewal day at Our Lady Help of Christians, 49 Nicholson St, East Brunswick. All are invited to attend the same from 9:30am to 4pm. Mass at 11:00am.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you can help with serving on the Piety Store once a month after your regular Mass, please contact Bev Jones on 9749-2388. Thank you.

**CHILDREN SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM –SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Enrolment times and dates for our Sacramental and Religious Education classes for Children attending Non Catholic Schools, are: Sunday **5th and 12th February, 9:30am to 11:00am. Classes start on 19th February from 9:15am to 10:25am.**

If you have Children or Grandchildren whom you wish to receive Sacraments, please come and see us. You will find us by following the arrows on the walls of the school buildings near the undercover car park. Enquiries to Bernice on 9749-2812.

**READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

Availability Forms for Easter Ceremonies are in the Hall. Please pick your copy and return the completed form at the earliest. Ash Wednesday is on the 1<sup>st</sup> March.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE PARISH**

Every Sunday	Youth & Young Adults Group 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Come and join the Brothers & Sisters of Two Hearts as they help you grow in your faith journey with prayer, fun, games, music and pizza.
1 Mar 2017	Ash Wednesday
3-5 Mar 2017	Our Lady of Fatima Centennial Celebrations. More information to come.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE SCHOOL**

15 Feb 18 22 Feb 17	No School for Prep and Year 1 Students only.
28 Feb 17	Family Pancake Night (5:30pm – 7:30pm)
31 Mar 17	Last Day Term 1. School finishes 1:00pm
18 Apr 17	Term 2 commences 8:45am

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA – CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS**

Our Parish is pleased to announce that we will be hosting the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima from Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March through to Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March to mark the **100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady in Portugal.** This Statue is one of six which has been blessed by Pope Francis to travel the six continents. Please keep these dates free. Further information regarding special events planned in our Parish will be released in the coming weeks.

**MACKILLOP COLLEGE ENROLMENTS FOR 2018** will close on 17th February 2017

**THE CATHOLIC GUY AT ST ANDREW'S PARISH 27-31 MARCH 2017**

Five Inspiring Sessions at St Andrew's Parish from 27<sup>th</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> March, please check flyer in the hall for details.

**PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS**

Very soon the students for the priesthood will recommence their studies at Corpus Christi College, our seminary in Carlton. It is anticipated that there will be eleven new students for the Melbourne Archdiocese this year. Please keep them in your prayers, and pray for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps God is calling somebody from our parish or family.

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2017**

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

**TWEET FROM POPE FRANCIS**

Nothing is impossible if we turn to God in prayer. We can all be builders of peace.

<b>PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$4250.00</b>
<b>ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR:</b>	<b>\$3401.25</b>
<b>LOOSE MONEY:</b>	<b>\$1080.05</b>
<b>PRIESTS:</b>	<b>\$1177.20</b>
<b>CHAPLAINCY:</b>	<b>\$ 192.30</b>

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for Elenterio Buni and all who died recently.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** We pray for Betty Roberts, Jack & John Hartshorn, Kathleen & Chris McCormick, Brian Golding, Doris, Stanley & Pauline Harlow, Katalin Frank, Dennis Blythe, Pedro Angeles, Peter Cross, Gilbert Williams, John Vella Sr., Albert Gil Estrada, Max Fernandez and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We pray for Leo Linehan, Angela O'Brien, Lydia (Aleida) Van Susteren, Peter McGlade, Molly Wilson, Gary Spotswood, Stan Walkden, Diane Cameron, Sean Donaldson, Aiden Catherall, Vera Fernandez, Vic Pagunsan, Edith Street, Georgette Maalouf, Carmen Mifsud, Bob Meehan, Dominic D'Lima, Cynthia Middleton, Milton Roberts, Elizabeth Slee, Liam Parr, Veronica Gomes, Lynne Worsley, Luis Farrugia, Lisa Hassan, Filippo Amore, Mary MCMinn, Kristian Romios, Greg O'Keeffe, Anthony Cooray, Janet Gill, Frank Fazio, Cheryl Bergola, Sandra Nelthropp, Francis Lesoy and all who are ill in our Parish.