

St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

38 Guinane Avenue, Hoppers Crossing 3029
Archdiocese of Melbourne
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19 February 2017
7th 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

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

1st Reading Lev 19:1-2,17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd Reading 1Cor 3 :16-23

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

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: *The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are;* or again: *God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise.* So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. **Alleluia!**

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 9:00am – 3:30pm

CONTACT DETAILS

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Karen Wilson
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WEEKEND MASSES

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

4th 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

3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday

10:30am or 2:15pm

Baptism Formation Meeting

1st 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 5:38-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: *Eye for eye and tooth for tooth*. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice
Antiphon in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Next Week's **Is 49:14-15; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34**
Readings

Feasts for The Chair of St. Peter Wed 22 Feb
the Week St. Polycarp Thu, 23 Feb

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BIBLE STUDY

We are pleased to announce that Bible Study classes will again commence at St. Peter Apostle Mission Parish. They will be held every second and fourth Monday with the first session on Monday 13th March, 2017 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Community Centre. We will be starting with the Gospel of St. Luke and moving to The Acts. The class will be conducted by Royden D'Souza who is currently forming to be a Permanent Deacon. All are welcome. Bring your Bibles and come to experience an interactive study of the Bible. Queries call Royden on 0426 071 375.

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 26 Feb 17

Bill Coghlan / Kevin McLoughlin / Jeff Leeson / Francis Thomas
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Readers – 25/26 Feb 17

6:00pm	Jennifer Reuter
8:30am	KSC Reader
10:30am	Mario D'Mello
5:00pm	Iris Simangan

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
25/26 Feb 17**

6:00pm	E. Mills / E. Dalton / L&R Wandersmith
8:30am	KSC Minister / Kevin McL / L. Jones / VOL
10:30am	z. d'Mello / Sally DiB / V. Firman / N. Costa
5:00pm	S. Simangan / G Siccita / 2 X VOLUNTEERS

Music Ministry – 25/26 Feb 17

6:00pm	Filiorum Dei
8:30am	Shirley & Group
10:30am	Domini Chorum
5:00pm	VOLUNTEER

PARISH NEWS

CHILDREN SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM –SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes start this Sunday, 19th February from 9:15am to 10:25am. 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.

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

ROSTERS FOR LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS for March, April and May can be collected from the Hall. The roster for Passion Sunday and Easter Ceremonies will be issued at a later date.

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.

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. Masses at 8:30am and 7:00pm, School Mass at 10:00am.
Every Friday in Lent	7:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass, starting 3 rd March.
3-5 Mar 2017	Our Lady of Fatima Centennial Celebrations.
13 Mar 2017	Bible studies commence. Held every 2 nd and 4 th Monday, 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Community Centre
21 March	11:00am Anointing/Healing Mass for the Sick followed by a light luncheon.
25/26 March	Blessing for Pregnant Mothers and their babies all weekend Masses.
6 April	7:30pm Rite II of Reconciliation at St. Peter's Parish.

SPANISH MASS

Please note that there will be no Spanish Mass on the first Sunday in March (5th March) because of our celebrations for the centennial of Our Lady of Fatima.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE SCHOOL

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

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

The Archdiocese has advised that there will be a day of Fasting and Prayer for Refugees and Asylum Seekers. Our Parish will hold this next weekend, 25/26 February.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA – CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS 3RD TO 5TH MARCH 2017

Our Parish is pleased to announce that we will be hosting the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima from Friday the 3rd of March through to Sunday the 5th 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.

A petition box will be available over the three day visit for parishioners to place their petitions. Parishioners are also invited to bring a single rose on the last day (Sun 5th March) for the Rose Ceremony/Presentation after the 10:30am Mass. A flyer detailing the full program for the 3 days will be posted on the noticeboards next weekend.

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

Five Inspiring Sessions at St Andrew's Parish from 27th March to 31st 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.

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:	\$4250.00
ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR:	\$3401.25
LOOSE MONEY:	\$1465.05
PRIESTS:	\$1302.00
CHAPLAINCY:	

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Sandra Nelthropp and all who died recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Gilbert Dayao, Luigi Viterbo, Carmel & Ludgarda Caruana, John Catania, Eardley Beck, Allan Platel 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'Keefe, Anthony Cooray, Janet Gill, Frank Fazio, Cheryl Bergola, Francis Lesoy, Dorothy Martin, Trevor Rush, Morris Pritchard and all who are ill in our Parish.