

# St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

38 Guinane Avenue, Hoppers Crossing 3029  
Archdiocese of Melbourne  
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**26 February 2017**  
**8th 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

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Is 49:14-15

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

Zion was saying, 'The Lord has abandoned me, the Lord has forgotten me.' Does a woman forget her baby at the breast, or fail to cherish the son of her womb? Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you.

The word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Rest in God alone, my soul.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 1Cor 4:1-5

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

People must think of us as Christ's servants, stewards entrusted with the mysteries of God. What is expected of stewards is that each one should be found worthy of his trust. Not that it makes the slightest difference to me whether you, or indeed any human tribunal, find me worthy or not. I will not even pass judgement on myself. True, my conscience does not reproach me at all, but that does not prove that I am acquitted: the Lord alone is my judge. There must be no passing of premature judgement. Leave that until the Lord comes; he will light up all that is hidden in the dark and reveal the secret intentions of men's hearts. Then will be the time for each one to have whatever praise he deserves, from God.

The word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. **Alleluia!**

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#### OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 9:00am – 3:30pm

#### CONTACT DETAILS

Parish Priest  
**Fr. Pius Kodakkathanath VC**  
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**Josephine Thomas**  
School Principal  
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#### 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 6:24-34

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'No one can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money. 'That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?" It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion I will sing to the Lord who has been  
Antiphon bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name  
of the Lord Most High.

Next Week's **Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19;**  
Readings **Mt 4:1-11**

Feasts for Ash Wednesday Wed, 1 Mar  
the Week

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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 – 5 Mar 17

R. D'Souza / P. Mulquiney / A. Sipiliano / P. Francis
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### Readers – 4/5 Mar 17

6:00pm	Davy Fernandes
8:30am	Josephine Thomas
10:30am	Venus Iuta
5:00pm	Lute Eliepa

### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 4/5 Mar 17

6:00pm	H. Durski / A&J White / M. Maple
8:30am	B Thomas / Karen F / G Sharman / C Coelho
10:30am	S. Sipilliano / N&R Golaw / S. DiBenedetto
5:00pm	E. Behrouzi / C. Skinner / J&D Etiennette

### Music Ministry – 4/5 Mar 17

6:00pm	Filiorum Dei
8:30am	Shirley & Group
10:30am	Samoan Choir
5:00pm	FilOz

## PARISH NEWS

### IMPORTANT LENTEN INFORMATION

- Ash Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March. **Day of fast and abstinence.** Masses at 8:30am and 7:00pm, School Mass at 10:00am.
- Project Compassion commences 1<sup>st</sup> March until 15<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Project Compassion Envelopes and Boxes will be available in the church and hall. Your donations are greatly appreciated.
- Starting 3<sup>rd</sup> March, there will be Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7:00pm followed by Mass.
- The Divine Mercy Novena will start after the Good Friday service.
- Lenten Regulations from the Vicar General have been placed on the noticeboards.

**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.

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:	\$4250.00
ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR:	\$3401.25
LOOSE MONEY:	\$1174.30
PRIESTS:	\$1186.80
CHAPLAINCY:	\$ 61.10

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE PARISH

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 <sup>rd</sup> March.
3-5 Mar 2017	Our Lady of Fatima Centennial Celebrations.
13 Mar 2017	Bible studies commence. Held every 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> 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.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE SCHOOL

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

## SUGGESTION BOX

Parishioners are requested to please provide a contact name and number for any suggestions placed in the Suggestion Box. This enables the parish to provide a response to the query/suggestion placed in the box.

## THEOLOGY AT THE PUB: YOUTH, VOCATION AND THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH

Monday 6 March. Dinner and drinks from 6.30pm. Talk commences at 7.30pm. European Bier Cafe, Level 1, 120 Exhibition Street, Melbourne Australia's youngest bishop will reflect on the challenges and opportunities facing the young Church in Australia. Bishop Richard Umbers was born in New Zealand in 1971, studied in Rome and Spain, and was ordained an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Sydney in 2016. Audience: 18 to 35-year-olds; priests and religious of all ages welcome.

Details: [www.facebook.com/tapmelb/](http://www.facebook.com/tapmelb/)

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA – CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS 3<sup>RD</sup> TO 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017

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.

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, preferably long stemmed on the last day (Sun 5th March) for the Rose Ceremony (placing roses at Our Lady's feet). On all other days, you may bring flowers of your choice and place them in the vases provided.

For more information on the full program, please check the noticeboards in the hall and foyer.

## SPANISH MASS

Please note that there will be no Spanish Mass on the first Sunday in March (5<sup>th</sup> March) because of our celebrations for the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

## 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 it this weekend, 25/26 February.

## CHILDREN SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM –SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes have begun and are held on Sundays from 9:15am to 10:25am. Enquiries to Bernice on 9749-2812.

## CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL: 50 YEARS COME CELEBRATE!

**Mass St Patrick's Cathedral 26 February 2017 at 2:00pm:** Archbishop Denis Hart will celebrate Mass at 2:00pm and launch the Jubilee Cross on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> February to begin its journey over Victoria. ***To celebrate the great gift of the Holy Spirit the Cross will be carried to 40 parishes in 40 weeks to show God's love for ALL people.***

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for Leli Zahra, Fr. Don Giovanni Tiralosi, Monica Soriano, Titus DeSilva and all who died recently.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** We pray for the Anthony Azzopardi, Nazzareno Fortuna, Derrick Gowe, Cutajar family, Ferlazzo family, Ervin Pitigala, Emmanuel Fernando, Vincent Fernando, Maria Carreon, Mariter Granada, Veronica Evans, P A Varghese, Rosario Adolfo Rosas 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, Fillipo Amore, Mary McMinn, Kristian Romios, Greg O'Keeffe, Anthony Cooray, Janet Gill, Frank Fazio, Cheryl Bergola, Francis Lesoy, Dorothy Martin, Trevor Rush, Morris Pritchard and all who are ill in our Parish.