

St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

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Archdiocese of Melbourne
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12 March 2017 2nd Sunday of Lent Year A



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR MARCH

Prayer for Lent

Merciful God, you called us forth from the dust of the earth; you claimed us for Christ in the waters of Baptism.

Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days bearing the mark of ashes, and bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth.

May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.

All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus, for in his Cross we proclaim your love forever.

Amen

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

1st Reading Gen 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.
The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

2nd Reading 2 Tim 1 :8-10

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Responsorial Psalm

Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. **Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!**

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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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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

1st April 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 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion This is my beloved Son, with whom I am
Antiphon well pleased; listen to him.

Next Week's **Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42**
Readings

Feasts of the **St. Patrick** **Fri, 17 Mar**
Week

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WELCOMING GROUP

The Welcoming Group is pleased to announce that they will have a welcome cuppa for Parishioners

- After the 8:30am Mass every 2nd and 3rd Sunday
- After the 10:30am Mass every 3rd Sunday

They are looking for volunteers to join them so they can cover the morning Masses every Sunday. If you would like to join the group, please contact the Parish Office on 9749 4300.

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.

ROSTERS FOR LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS for the Lenten/Easter period will be available shortly.

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 19 Mar 17

L. Vasquez/T. Grisancich/S. D'Silva/L. Dela Cruz/
G Sharman

Readers – 18/19 Mar 17

6:00pm	Matthew Reuter
8:30am	Grace Sharman
10:30am	Elenoa Eliepa
5:00pm	Melanie Etiennette

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
18/19 Mar 17**

6:00pm	Davy F. / M. Nelthropp / S. Martis / Sharon A.
8:30am	K. Fernandes / C. Coelho / K. English / VOL
10:30am	S. Delos Reyos / L. Ortega / A&A Cortez
5:00pm	D. Behrouzi / J&D Etiennette / VOLUNTEER

Music Ministry – 18/19 Mar 17

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

PARISH NEWS

IMPORTANT LENTEN INFORMATION

- Project Compassion goes until 15th April 2017. Envelopes and Boxes are available in the church and hall. Your donations are greatly appreciated.
- 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.

BIBLE STUDY

A reminder that Bible Study classes will commence at St. Peter Apostle Mission Parish from this Monday 13th March 2017, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Community Centre. Classes will be held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. 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.

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT: \$4250.00
ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR: \$3401.25
LOOSE MONEY: \$1797.95
PRIESTS: \$1491.65
CHAPLAINCY: \$ 77.50

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE PARISH

Every Friday in Lent	7:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass, starting 3 rd March.
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 Reconciliation at St. Peter's Parish.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE SCHOOL

27 Mar 17	2018 Prep Enrolment Information Session, 7:00pm in School
31 Mar 17	Last Day Term 1. School finishes 1:00pm
18 Apr 17	Term 2 commences 8:45am

ST. PETER APOSTLE SCHOOL – 2018 PREP ENROLMENTS

An Information Session will be held at St. Peter Apostle School at 7:00pm on Monday, 27th March 2017 for parents interested in enrolling their children at St. Peter Apostle School in 2018. It would be appreciated if children do not attend this meeting due to limited space. During the meeting, parents will have the opportunity to make an appointment for their Enrolment Interview in Term 2.

FATIMA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: ALL NATIONS MARIAN CENTRE, BACCHUS MARSH

Monday 13 March, 10am–6pm

Ta' Pinu Shrine, 15 Flanagans Drive, Bacchus Marsh
Celebrating the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima, and with the Pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima from Portugal present, this day will pay honour to Mary with a Rosary procession at 10am, confessions and Mass (of the Immaculate Heart) at 11am, prayers, talks and reflections from midday until 4pm, a via doloris walk at 4pm and a concluding Mass (of Mary at the Foot of the Cross) at 5pm.

Details: 5367 7006 or infotapinu@optusnet.com.au

Web: <http://www.tapinu-australia.org/>

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

Pope Francis said that “every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act.”

Are you buying Slavery-free Easter Chocolate?

The International Labour Rights Forum (ILRF) estimates that there are 1.5 million children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa. Many of these children have been enslaved, or forced to work in exploitative conditions.

If you buy chocolate featuring one of these three certification symbols you will know that production of the chocolate is okay.



ACTION: Tell at least 5 other people about slavery-free chocolate this week.

THE CATHOLIC GUY COMES TO WERRIBEE

Monday 27 – Friday 31 March, at 9.45am and 7.30pm St Andrew's Church, 105 Greaves Street North, Werribee This is an all-ages mission event to inspire you in your faith journey through stories, scripture, music, prayer and reflection, to be presented in morning and evening sessions by 'The Catholic Guy', renowned for his deeply powerful and often profoundly funny sessions. There are five evening sessions at 7.30, the first four repeated the following morning at 9.45

Cost: Free. Donations to defray costs welcome.

Details: Birgit on 9741 4144

HELPING YOUNG MEN OF MELBOURNE TO DISCERN THEIR VOCATION

There will be third collection next weekend (March 18/19) at all masses to support Catholic Vocations Melbourne who are sponsoring 12 youth of Melbourne the opportunity to walk the ancient pilgrimage route of the Camino de Santiago to the tomb of St James the Apostle to step out of their ordinary lives and to dedicate some time to discern their vocation whilst undergoing this pilgrimage. We are asked to donate generously to this worthy cause that can result in increased vocations to the priesthood in Melbourne. *Thank you in advance for your co-operation.*

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Fr. Thomas Sheeran, Audrey Michael and Morris Pritchard who died recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for the Raymond Linning, Vincent D'Souza, Victor Pereira, Josephine Catania, Joseph Vella, Mary Noronha, George Mangion, Adelina Micallef 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, Kristian Romois, Vera Fernandez, Vic Pagunsan, Edith Street, Georgette Maalouf, Carmen Mifsud, Bob Meehan, Dominic D'Lima, Cynthia Middleton, Milton Roberts, Elizabeth Slee, Malcolm Harlow, Loretta Fernando, Leo Mellawa, Rosemary Heenthenna, Mary Ann Perera, Rose Seguna, Maria Voudiotis, Sheila O'Brien, Lloyd Clayburn, Yvonne Clayton and all who are ill in our Parish.