

St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

38 Guinane Avenue, Hoppers Crossing 3029
Archdiocese of Melbourne
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19 March 2017
3rd 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

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

1st Reading Ex 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'
The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

2nd Reading Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.
The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 9:00am – 3:30pm

CONTACT DETAILS

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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

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Gospel
Jn 4:5-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. John.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people. 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him. Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said: 'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion
Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Next Week's Readings 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Feasts of the Week

**St. Joseph
Annunciation of the Lord**

**Mon, 20 Mar
Sat, 25 Mar**

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 26 Mar 17

B Coghlan/K McLoughlin/J Leeson/F Thomas/C D'Souza

Readers – 25/26 Mar 17

6:00pm	Angela Francis
8:30am	KSC Reader
10:30am	Rosemary Hibbert
5:00pm	Sherwin Simangan

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 25/26 Mar 17

6:00pm	Josie T. / Praful A. / S. D'Silva / E. Dalton
8:30am	KSC Minister / Kevin McL / L. Jones / VOL
10:30am	M&Z D'Mello / S. DiBenedetto / N. Costa
5:00pm	I. Simangan / G. Siccita / 2 X VOLUNTEERS

Music Ministry – 25/26 Mar 17

6:00pm	Eagles Wings
8:30am	Shirley & Group
10:30am	Domini Chorum
5:00pm	KNK

PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU

On behalf of our parish and school, Fr Pius extends his thanks to the Brothers and Sisters of Two Hearts for bringing the Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Fatima to us. Father wishes to thank all the parishioners, our principal, staff and students for participating in the celebrations and making it such a memorable event here at St Peters.

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.

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The next Meeting of the Hoppers Crossing Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be next Tuesday evening, the 21st March, at 7:30pm in the Parish Community Centre.

ANointing MASS

A reminder that an Anointing Mass and Light Luncheon, will be held this **Tuesday, 21st March at 11:00am**. This Mass is held twice a year and is different to the monthly Healing Mass held on the first Saturday of each Month. Come to receive an anointing, and also to enjoy a light Luncheon provided by the Ladies Auxiliary.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE PARISH

Every Friday in Lent	7:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass, starting 3 rd March.
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.

PASSION SUNDAY/EASTER CEREMONIES ROSTERS

These are now available in the Hall. You will note that for two masses on Passion Sunday Communion Ministers are needed. If you are able to assist at these masses please write your name in the Sign-On Book in the Hall. Thank you for your help

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

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.

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:	\$4250.00
ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR:	\$3306.65
LOOSE MONEY:	\$1477.45
PRIESTS:	\$1062.60
CHAPLAINCY:	

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Vic Pagunsan, John Stewart and all who died recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for the Betty McWhirter, Lino & Citas Marcelo, Lester & Theresa Fernando, Restituto Cabunilas, Nelson Bianet Sr, Clarita Cruz, Sandra Nelthropp, John & Gertrude Briscoe, Connie Portelli, Elaine Pountney, Helene Green, John & Gertrude Briscoe and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We pray for Bill Fairney, Leo Linehan, Angela O'Brien, Mary McMinn, Lydia (Aleida) Van Susteren, Peter McGlade, Molly Wilson, Gary Spotswood, Stan Walkden, Diane Cameron, Sean Donaldson, Kristian Romois, Vera Fernandez, 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, Hyacinth Lawrence and all who are ill in our Parish.

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."

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The year four students have made beautiful Thank You Cards for the wonderful experience they had when the Pilgrim Image was taken to them. The cards are displayed in the hall.

Can't find slavery-free Easter eggs in your supermarket?

Did you know that the Easter eggs in Australian supermarkets might be made with cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved or forced to work in exploitative conditions with no access to education and other human rights? The International Labor Rights Forum (ILRF) estimates that there are 1.5 million children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa.

ACTION: When you go to your local supermarket, look for chocolate that has one of these three symbols. If you can't find any, ask the manager if they stock any.



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.



Register now. Don't miss out on the menALIVE weekend retreat being hosted by **St James the Apostle Parish, North**

Hoppers Crossing in the Paulist Centre **May 20-21**. It will be a life giving, faith developing experience that has the potential to change your life.

Register on line www.menalive.org.au or pick up a brochure from the foyer.

For further details and/or enquiries please contact:

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