

St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

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23 July 2017
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR JULY

Sanctity of Marriage

Almighty and Eternal God, you have exalted the unbreakable bond of marriage so that it has become the sacramental sign of Your Son's union with the Church as His spouse.

Look with favour on all you have united in marriage and all couples contemplating this Sacrament.

We pray that in good times and in bad they will grow in love for each other and know that you Lord are there to help them in all their struggles. Dear Lord help all married couples to know that You are the source and completion of every happiness.

Amen

Entrance
Antiphon
Ps 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

1st Reading
Wis 12:13,16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly; Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial
Psalm

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

2nd Reading
Rom 8:26-27

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

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind 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!

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 – 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
5th August 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 13:24-43

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

Jesus put a parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn." He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.' In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion
Antiphon
Ps 83:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Next Week's
Readings

**1 Kg 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30;
Mt. 13:44-52**

Feasts of the
Week

**St. James
Sts. Joachim & Anne
St. Martha**

**Tue, 25 July
Wed, 26 July
Sat, 29 July**

ROSTERS

Money Counters 30 July 17

Les Jones / Tini & Barrie Hope / Grace Sharman

Readers – 29/30 July 17

6:00pm	Sharon D'Silva
8:30am	Sunil Vaz
10:30am	Sibrina Harry
5:00pm	Sherwin Simangan

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 29/30 July 17

6:00pm	Davy F. / M. Maple / E. Mills / M. Nelthropp
8:30am	G. Sharman / C. Coelho / B. Jones / R. Johnson
10:30am	S. Sipiliano / C. Morcom / M. Naufahu / V. Firman
5:00pm	I. Simangan / G. Siccita / J&D Etiennette

Music Ministry 29/30 July 17

6:00pm	Footsteps
8:30am	Shirley & Group
10:30am	5th Sunday Choir
5:00pm	Youth Band

PARISH NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES FOR PARISH

23 Jul	HSI School of Discipleship begins. 6:15 in the Community Centre
6 Aug	Day of Prayer for Care & Respect at the end of life

HOME MADE BISCUITS / CUPCAKES / SAUSAGE SIZZLE – 29/30 JULY

Next weekend, 29/30 July, the Ladies Auxiliary will hold another stall after all Masses (until sold out). This time we are selling home-made biscuits and cupcakes.

There will also be a sausage sizzle after all masses on the same weekend. We would be very grateful for any volunteers to help us on the day. *We thank you for supporting both our stalls.*

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study continues **Monday, 24 July at 7:00pm** in the Community Centre. We are at Luke Ch. 12. All are welcome. Enquiries to Royden on 0426 071 375.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE SCHOOL

3 Aug	No School – Curriculum Day
22 Sep	End of Term 3. School finishes at 1:00pm

DAY OF PRAYER FOR CARE & RESPECT AT THE END OF LIFE – SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST

Archbishop Dennis Hart has asked us to respond to the imminent vote in our State Parliament on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide, with a day of prayer on Sunday 6th August. Our Parish will be dedicating our August Devotional Prayer to this cause with the 'Love to the End Prayer'. The Rosary will be dedicated for this intention at the morning Masses of Friday 4th, Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th August. At the First Friday evening Mass at 7:00pm on the 4th, the Eucharistic Adoration (Exposition) will also be dedicated to this important cause. Everyone is invited to pray the rosary at home for this intention specifically.

IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING MARRIAGE

Please contact parish office on 9749 4300 to make an appointment **six months prior to the date of your wedding**. You will need to bring the following to the meeting with the parish priest:

- Baptism certificate for Catholic party (recently dated from the parish of baptism - within four weeks at the time of making the appointment with our parish) - inform your parish of baptism that you require it for marriage purposes when you request the certificate.
- Confirmation certificate for Catholic party
- Birth certificate for non-Catholic party (or copy of passport)
- Dispensation – if mixed marriage / disparity of worship
- Permission to Marry certificate from Parish Priest
- Freedom to Marry certificate from Parish Priest for the groom
- If either party has been married before: Death certificate of deceased spouse or Decree of Nullity from the Church Tribunal
- Certificate of completion of Marriage Preparation Course (FOCCUS)

HSI SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

Please note that the HSI School of Discipleship commences this Sunday July 23 at 6:15pm in the Community Centre. Details about the school are on the notice board in the church foyer. All are welcome to attend. Further information on the school will be provided on July 23. Enquiries please call Francis on 0401 787 372 or Sharon D'Silva on 0430 099 654.

REGISTRATION OF PARISHIONERS

If you are not already a parishioner and would like to be registered as one at St. Peters, please complete a registration card available from the foyer and as above, drop it in the collection bags during Mass or in the Mass offering slot near the sacristy or at the parish office, or give it to Fr. Pius or Dcn. Charles after Mass. **Please remember that being baptised in this parish or attending Mass regularly does not automatically make a person a parishioner. The person needs to be registered on the parish census program.**

OSHC PROGRAM

St Peter Apostle's OSHC (Outside School Hours Care) Program invites suitably qualified candidates with a Diploma in Childhood Services or equivalent, to register for 'ON CALL' casual work. If you meet the requirements and are interested, please contact the parish office on 9749 4300 for more details. *Thank you.*

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Friday 28 July, 7pm to Sunday 30 July, 5pm

St Paul's Missionary College, Nortons Lane, Wantirna South. You are invited to join other couples and invest in your most precious asset, your marriage. This residential weekend will explore the precious nature of marriage, allowing couples to share feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Accommodation and all meals provided. Details and bookings: Maria and Andre Rasqinha on 0411 225 992 or vicbookings@wwme.org.au or www.wwme.org.au. Cost: \$55 application fee + confidential donation at the weekend. (Average cost for a couple for a weekend is \$595 but no couple is refused a weekend if they are not able to pay.)

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:	\$4236.00
ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR:	\$3235.40
LOOSE MONEY:	\$1212.25
PRIESTS:	\$ 986.20
CHAPLAINCY:	\$ 82.70

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Iluminada Alinea, Raymond El-Helou and all who passed away recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Laurie Flaherty, Danny Hoyne, Segunda & Rene Raymundo, Elena, Paolo & Giuseppina Tasso, James O'Neill, Francis Mizzi, Martola family, D'Agata family, Jean & Joseph Turner, Daphne & Adolphus Turner, Bienvenido Are, Annakutty Thomas and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We pray for Leo Linehan, Angela O'Brien, Mary McMinn, Lydia (Aleida) Van Susteren, Peter McGlade, 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, Rose Farrugia, Albert Dichenko, Liam Parr, Barbara Grogan, Robert Hart, Karen Norris, Laurie & Leslea Baker, Jean Skinner, Charlie Xerxin, Melissa Caroline, Anne Kelly, Bernadette Singco, Ralf Milone, Megan Rowe and all who are ill in our Parish.