

# St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

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## 27 August 2017 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



### DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR AUGUST

#### Love to the End

We pray for all who are approaching death, that they be granted the grace to live in peace in this life and rest in peace in the next.

Show us how to care for those at the end of life with loving patience.

We pray for all doctors, nurses and care givers who answer the call to serve You in the sick and dying. May they be strengthened to continue to use their gifts in the service of life.

We pray for our law and policy makers, may they always seek to serve the common good and respect the dignity of all, especially the most vulnerable.

We pray for the freedom of all to act in accordance with their conscience.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Mary, Mother of all, pray for us!

#### Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Is 22:19-23

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

The word of the Lord

#### Responsorial Psalm

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Rom 11:33-36

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

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

**Alleluia, alleluia!** You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church the gates of hell will not hold out against it.  
**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* – 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**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 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 **A reading from the holy Gospel**  
Mt 16:13-20 **according to St. Matthew.**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.  
The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion The earth is replete with the fruits of your  
Antiphon work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from  
the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Next Week's **Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27**  
Readings

Feasts of the **St. Augustine** **Mon, 28 Aug**  
Week **Passion of**  
**St. John the Baptist** **Tue, 29 Aug**

### The JUBILEE CROSS

The Jubilee Cross which is travelling to various parishes in Victoria since February this year, will be in our parish from **14 to 17 September**. The Cross will be taken in procession on Heaths, Morris, Hogans and Derrimut road during its time in our parish – if anyone wishes to carry the cross, please contact Josephine at the parish office email [hopperscrossing@cam.org.au](mailto:hopperscrossing@cam.org.au) or phone 9749 4300. Details of routes and events are on the notice board. There will be a special Mass on **Sunday 17 Sept at 10:30am followed by lunch**. All are invited.

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION – SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

Conducted by the Alliance of the Two Hearts. Starts with Holy Mass at 7:00pm, followed by an hour with the Blessed Sacrament, then Holy Rosary, Divine Office, Divine Mercy Novena and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

**ROSTERS FOR PIETY STORE ROSTERS, COMMUNION TO THE SICK, LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** for September, October and November are now available for collection in the Hall

### BIBLE STUDY

Bible study continues **Monday, 28 August at 7:00pm** in the Community Centre. We are at Luke Ch. 16. All are welcome. Enquiries to Royden on 0426 071 375.

## ROSTERS

### Money Counters 3 Sep 17

Royden D'Souza / Pravin Albuquerque / Clarence D'Souza

### Readers – 2/3 Sep 17

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| <b>6:00pm</b>  | Angela Francis  |
| <b>8:30am</b>  | Bev Jones       |
| <b>10:30am</b> | Sunil Vaz       |
| <b>5:00pm</b>  | Melanie Etienne |

### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 2/3 Sep 17

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| <b>6:00pm</b>  | Josie T. / Praful A. / S. D'Silva / D. Fernandez |
| <b>8:30am</b>  | L. Jones / K. Fernandes / C. Coelho / G. Sharman |
| <b>10:30am</b> | N&R Golaw / N. Costa / S. Sipilliano             |
| <b>5:00pm</b>  | J&D Etienne / S. Joseph / VOLUNTEER              |

### Music Ministry 2/3 Sep 17

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| <b>6:00pm</b>  | Eagles Wings    |
| <b>8:30am</b>  | Shirley & Group |
| <b>10:30am</b> | Samoan Choir    |
| <b>5:00pm</b>  | FilOz           |

## PARISH NEWS

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR PARISH

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| 2 Sep          | First Friday Adoration – 7:00pm to 10:00pm.                               |
| Sundays        | 6:15 – 8:15pm HSI School of Discipleship in Community Centre.             |
| 31 Aug – 8 Sep | Nativity of Our Lady Novena – see bulletin and notice boards for details. |
| 11 Sep         | 7:00pm Baptism Formation Meeting in church.                               |
| 14-17 Sep      | Jubilee Cross will visit our parish.                                      |

### INVITING ALL ALTAR SERVERS

Fr Pius and Deacon Charles wish to thank all Altar Servers for your wonderful work in our parish. You are all invited to **Mass at 6pm on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> September** and for a meal thereafter in the Hall. RSVP call or email parish office: 7th September for catering purposes.

### EUTHANASIA & ASSISTED DYING

Thank you to all our parishioners who wrote to our elected delegates on the above. Your letters have been posted to the respective delegates Please continue to keep praying for this intention. God bless you all abundantly.

There will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> Collection on the weekend of 2/3 September for the **PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION**. We thank you for your generosity.

### PARISH/SCHOOL MASS, 10:30AM, 27 AUGUST.

We welcome staff and students from our parish school at the 10:30am Parish/School Mass this weekend. After Mass there will be a guided tour of the school and a sausage sizzle provided by the school. All are welcome.

### BAPTISM FORMATION MEETING CHANGED

Please note that as we have the Novena to our Lady (Feast of Nativity) from 31st August to 8th September, the Baptism Formation meeting for next month will be held on the **second Monday, 11 September** at 7:00pm in the church.

### EUTHANASIA & ASSISTED SUICIDE – IMPORTANT NOTICE

Thank you to parishioners who have brought their letters to the MPs, as requested. Kindly place these in the boxes outside in the church foyer. If you haven't brought your letters today we will be collecting them again next weekend, so kindly bring them along so that we can send as many letters as possible supporting our vote against the proposed Bill for Euthanasia and Assisted Dying. Thank you all for your tremendous support.

### This weekend is OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES.

### HSI SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

Final chance to enrol for the school this Sunday at 6:15pm at the Community Centre. Come and see how we learn our faith, live our faith and share our faith. Enquiries Francis on 0401 787 373 or Sharon on 0430 099 654

### FOYER & CHAPEL REFURBISHMENT

As you may be aware, the Parish Pastoral Council along with Fr. Pius, has been reviewing plans to refurbish the entrance to the church to make it more accessible, bring the handicap toilet to approved standard, fix the leaking roof and provide external access to the chapel so that the church can be closed during non-mass hours restricting direct access to school area (in view of child safety) and preventing vandalism or theft in school / church. Plans are well advanced and approvals are being sought. A brief video on the project will be shown at all masses during this weekend with further more detailed drawings and costing notice displayed in the church foyer in the coming weeks.

### NATIVITY OF OUR LADY NOVENA

The novena for the feast of the Nativity of Our Lady will start on Thursday 31 August until the feast day on 8 September. Parishioners are invited to bring in their own statues/icons of the Blessed Virgin Mary to be placed on the table at the front of the Church each day of the Novena. The last day, 8 September, will conclude with a shared supper. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Timetable giving timings for the Mass/Rosary/Novena are posted on the notice boards.

### TIMETABLE FOR NATIVITY OF OUR LADY NOVENA

We are looking for people to lead the Rosary each day of the novena. If you would like to do so, please call the parish office on 9749 4300 as soon as possible.

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| Day 1<br>Thu 31 Aug   | 7:00pm Mass, Exposition, Rosary & Novena Prayer   |
| Day 2<br>Fri 1 Sept   | 7:00pm Mass, Exposition, Rosary & Novena Prayer<br><i>(First Friday)</i>  |
| Day 3<br>Sat 2 Sept   | 8:30am Exposition, Rosary & Novena Prayer<br>9:15am Mass followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet   |
| Day 4<br>Sun 3 Sept   | 8:00am Exposition, Rosary & Novena<br>8:30am Mass   |
| Day 5<br>Mon 4 Sep  | 7:00pm Mass, Exposition, Rosary & Novena Prayer   |
| Day 6<br>Tue 5 Sept   | 7:00pm Mass, Exposition, Rosary & Novena Prayer   |
| Day 7<br>Wed 6 Sep  | 7:00pm Mass, Exposition, Rosary & Novena Prayer<br><i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena will be recited prior to Rosary</i>                                     |
| Day 8<br>Thu 7 Sep  | 7:00pm Mass, Exposition, Rosary & Novena Prayer   |
| Day 9<br>Fri 8 Sept:  | <b>FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY</b><br>7:00pm – Mass, Exposition, Rosary & Novena Prayer<br>Supper afterwards – please bring plate of finger food to share |
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**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for Cristeta Leyco, Ben Halge, Madalena Campagnolo and all who passed away recently.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** We pray for Alex Coelho, Hayden Morris, Harold Pountney, Eardley Beck, Allan Platel, Jack Keane, Jack Watson, Victorina Teng, Walter Reid, Zenaida Santos, Restitoto Cabunilas 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, Gary Spotswood, Stan Walkden, Diane Cameron, Kristian Romois, Robert Hart, Karen Norris, Liam Parr, Edith Street, Georgette Maalouf, Carmen Mifsud, Bob Meehan, Dominic D'Lima, Cynthia Middleton, Milton Roberts, Elizabeth Slee, Barbara Grogan, Laurie & Leslea Baker, Jean Skinner, Charlie Xerxin, Melissa Caroline, Ralf Milone, Joyce D'Rozario, Megan Rowe, Sean Donaldson, Jeff Grech, Crispin Garcia, Lyn Worsley, Lorraine Gill, Linda Collins, Sr. Eileen Brown, Eugenie Rinaldi, Keith Gill, Imelda Rundell, Brian Jones, Carmel Negline, Yolanda Satur and all who are ill in our Parish.