

St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

38 Guinane Avenue, Hoppers Crossing 3029
Archdiocese of Melbourne

Committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of children and vulnerable adults



3 December 2017 1st Sunday of Advent Year B



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR DECEMBER

Prayer for the Year of the Youth

God our Father, we pray that you send your Holy Spirit to inspire our entire faith community during this Year of the Youth.

Work through each one of us to use our gifts and talents to build up our parish community, embracing the joy and grace of youth.

Empower and guide our church leaders, teachers, parents and families to be courageous witnesses of love, accompanying and guiding young people through their spiritual journey.

May you fill the hearts of all young people with the hope and love of Jesus Christ, especially those who have turned away from God and do not know His love for them.

With the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the Angels and Saints, we ask this in Jesus name,

Amen

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

1st Reading

Is 63:16-17,64:1,3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down! – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 9:00am – 3:30pm

CONTACT DETAILS

Parish Priest

Fr. Vincent John CMI

Parish Deacon

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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

First Friday: 7:00pm to 10:00pm

Morning Prayer

Mon to Fri 7:50am

**Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament**

Tue to Thu 8:00am

Fri: 9:00am incl Divine Mercy

Chaplet

Sat: 2:30pm

Next Healing Mass

3rd Dec 17, 2:00 to 4:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Novena

Wed after 7:00pm Mass

Rosary

Mon to Fri 8:10am

Sat 8:40am

Sun 8:10am

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

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ALL QUERIES

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2nd Reading **A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.**
1 Cor 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia!** Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! **Alleluia!**

Gospel **A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Mark.**
Mk 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communio n Antiphon The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Next Week's Readings **Is 40:1-5,9-11; Pet 3:8-14, Mk 1:1-8**

Feasts of the Week **St. Ambrose Thu, 7 Dec**
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Fri, 8 Dec

GIVING TREE – ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

To help with our Christmas Hampers for people in need in our parish area, please take a tag from the tree at the front of the church and return your gift of food by 10th December. A Christmas card to a family is very welcome as many lonely people do not receive a card at Christmas. Please return the TAGS for RE-USE next year. Please DO NOT stick them to the package as this prevents us re-using them. Thank you for your generosity.

ROSTERS for Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers, Piety Store and Communion to the Sick are all available for collection from the church hall. Please pick up your copy as soon as possible as they start from December.

ROSTERS

Money Counters 10 Dec 17

L. Vasquez / T. Grisancich / S. D'Silva / L. De La Cruz

Readers – 9/10 Dec 17

6:00pm	Jennifer Reuter
8:30am	Evelyn Stowers
10:30am	Elenoa Eliepa
5:00pm	Giovanna Siccita

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 9/10 Dec 17

6:00pm	Praful A. / M. Maple / S. D'Silva / E. Mills
8:30am	K. McLoughlin / B&J Thomas / S. Gomez
10:30am	F. Caruana / S. Colla / S. DiB / V. Firman
5:00pm	J&A Etienne / E. Behrouzi / S. Joseph

Music Ministry 9/10 Dec 17

6:00pm	Footsteps
8:30am	Shirley & Group
10:30am	Youth Band
5:00pm	Volunteer

PARISH NEWS

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE (CTC) will offer the following professional development sessions for Term 1 in 2018. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office for enrolment forms.

1. Enhancing Catholic Institutional Identity – intensive unit (Offered 3 days in Terms 1 and 2 school holidays).
2. Graduate Certificate in Guiding Meditation – This 3 unit course will re-commence in Semester One.
3. Meditation Colloquium – 1 Day Conference
4. Theology & Religious Education through Art – Will be offered in Term 2.

Please check the bulletin board flyers for more information.

ANOINTING FOR HEALING MASS – TUESDAY 12TH DEC, 11.00 AM

Everyone, especially the sick and elderly are invited to attend our annual Anointing for Healing Mass on Tuesday 12TH December at 11:00am. Following Mass, a light luncheon will be served in the hall. All welcome. If you are aware of anyone who wishes to be anointed but is too ill to attend this Mass, kindly ask them to contact the Parish Office and Father will visit them at home at a suitable time.

PIETY STORE

Come and see our **Nativity Sets**, ornaments, etc. All are very reasonably priced. Divine Mercy and Columban Calendars, Religious Christmas cards and Advent calendars are now available.

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY ELAINE

Dear Elaine, Happy 80th Birthday for last Sunday, 26th November from Fr. Vincent, Dcn Charles and all the parishioners. Thank you for all the work you so tirelessly accomplish in our parish. Volunteers like you are precious gifts to us all. May God our Father shower you abundantly with his blessings for many more happier years of good health, love and laughter.

COMBINED PARISH RITE II RECONCILIATION THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER AT 7:00PM, ST. JAMES' PARISH

Please join us at St. James' Parish for our Combined Rite II Reconciliation on Thursday 21st December at 7:00pm. This is a great way to prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus our Saviour into our hearts this Christmas. All welcome.

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSIONS APPEAL

Since its foundation in 1969, Melbourne parishioners have supported Melbourne's own mission fund to help developing nations. This has marked our Archdiocese for its exceptional generosity. Currently, the major beneficiaries are people in Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, Gambia, Pakistan, Botswana, Nigeria, Peru and Jerusalem. Archbishop Denis Hart commends the fund to your continuing support. The collection will be taken up on the weekend of 9/10 December 2017. We thank you for your support.

SOME CHANGES TO TIMES OF ROSARY & DEVOTIONS

Please note that with effect from 4 December, the following changes will occur:

Mon to Fri	7:50am Morning Prayer 8:10am Rosary
Sat	8:40am Rosary 9:00am Morning Prayer
Sun	8:10am Rosary
Tue to Thu	8:00am Exposition
Fri	9:00am Exposition & Divine Mercy Chaplet
Sat	2:30pm (Feb to Nov) Exposition, Praise & Worship, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction & sharing Good News

There will be no other changes to Mass times or any other devotions at this time.

A STATEMENT FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE, DENIS HART ON EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE IN VICTORIA: Copies are available in the hall for all to read. Please take one.

JOSEPH'S CORNER FUNDRAISING

There will be a Bric-a-Brac stall to help raise funds for Joseph's Corner (a free counselling service for Families of Persons suffering with addiction). This will be held after all Masses on the weekend of 2nd/3rd December. You may find that Special Christmas gift you are looking for. Many thanks, Sr. Jean.

YEAR OF THE YOUTH

The new liturgical year has been marked as a national 'Year of Youth'. This year the church is called to focus on young people, and how as a church community we can further engage and include youth in the life of the church. To all young people: the Year of Youth challenges you to be brave, ask deep questions and seek to discern God's will for your life.

The entire church body including parents, families, teachers and church leaders are called to share in this journey, creating new paths for young people to experience the love of God and use their gifts, talents and youthful energy to build up Christ's church. We ask you to join us in praying for all young people and for God's blessing on the Year of Youth!

Youth Ambassador Team- Contact Angelique on 0420 338 231 if you are interested in helping out with youth events/initiatives during 2018

JANUARY 2018

Please note that there will be **NO** Healing Mass or Baptism Formation Meeting in January. The Healing Mass and Baptism Formation meeting will be held in February 2018.

The family is a community of love where each of us learns to relate to others and to the world around us (Pope Francis)

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:	\$4236.00
ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR:	\$3467.80
CHURCH A/C:	\$1371.50
PRESBYTERY A/C:	\$1134.70
CHAPLAINCY:	\$ 109.60

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Virginia Kallio, Sam Grech, Renato Villareal, Stanley Rego, Itria Puglisi, Boutros Helou and all who passed away recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Sam Farrugia, Eduardo Cahoy, Joseph Pace, Margaret & Frank Apostoli, Reynaldo Natividad, Judith & Sebastian D'Cruz and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We pray for Shirley & Leo Linehan, Angela O'Brien, Lydia (Aleida) Van Susteren, Peter McGlade, Gary Spotswood, Stan Walkden, Diane Cameron, Edith Street, Georgette Maalouf, Jamilton Dabu, Carmen Mifsud, Bob Meehan, Sean Donaldson, Liam Parr, Elizabeth Slee. Excelsa Tejada, Khanietar Michell Singhapanh, Marlene & Lorraine Gill, Vickey Dunford, Hye-bok Lee, Seong-bin Yim, Lynne Worsley, Carmel Negline. Barb Grogan and all who are ill in our Parish.