

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



10 December 2017 2nd Sunday of Advent Year B



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR DECEMBER

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph graciously hear our prayer. Amen

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

1st Reading Is 40:1-5,9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation..

2nd Reading 2 Pet 3:8-14

A reading from the second letter of St. Peter.

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace. The word of the Lord.

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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

First Friday: 7:00pm to 10:00pm
Morning Prayer
Mon to Fri 7:50am
Sat 9:00am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tue to Thu 8:00am
Fri: 9:00am & Divine Mercy Chaplet
Sat: 2:30pm
Next Healing Mass
4th Feb 18, 1:30 to 4:00pm
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, HOUSE BLESSINGS & VISITS

Call Parish Office on 9749 4300

ALL QUERIES

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ARCHBISHOP HART RESPONDS TO THE ROYAL COMMISSION'S REPORT INTO CASE STUDY 35

The Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne Denis Hart has today received the report by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse into the Archdiocese of Melbourne in Case Study 35 covering the period up to the introduction of the Melbourne Response in 1996.

The Archbishop accepts the report's conclusion that the Case Study showed that there was a prevailing culture of secrecy within the Archdiocese in relation to complaints which were dealt with in a way that sought to protect the Archdiocese from scandal and liability and prioritised the interests of the Church over those of victims.

He said that mishandling of complaints against priests and church personnel and the resulting lack of response to such complaints led to unnecessary suffering for many victims and their families.

He said that "the Church should be a safe place for children but the events point to it having been unsafe for all those who are victims. Where this abuse occurred resulting from the passivity or inactivity of predecessors of mine, I sincerely apologise and accept responsibility".

Archbishop Hart also made the point that he was now confident that the Archdiocese and its parishes and schools have the policies, codes and processes required to ensure child safe environments and to deal with complaints.

He added that there was a firm commitment from all those in parishes, schools and across the Archdiocese "to the ongoing safety and well-being of children in our care".

The Archbishop said "as a Church we will learn from this Case Study and the upcoming Royal Commission's report and I make a commitment to greater transparency in our processes, in order to assist victims and their families".

Further enquiries to Shane Healy, Director of Media and Communications: 0417 928 588

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.

"If yours is one of those families that is constantly on the run, might I ask that you work hard to make family dinner a regular part of your routine. It's a simple thing to do, and the benefits could be truly life changing for your children. (Cardinal Timothy Dolan)

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.

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.

NDIS INFORMATION FORUM Friday 15 Dec 8–10am

Catholic Social Services Victoria, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne: Implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme is well underway, but there is much to be done before the rollout is complete. Many service providers and people with disability are still on steep learning curves. For some service providers, working with the NDIS is core business and a major focus of board and executive time. You are invited to join a forum with David Moody, State Manager Victoria, National Disability Services, and Tony Hollamby, CEO St John of God Accord, who will present and lead discussion on: 'The NDIS today: where it is, where it's heading, some of the key issues being faced' (David Moody)

'Learnings from the experience of service providers' (Tony Hollamby) Cost:\$25 Bookings: www.trybooking.com/SZDN Details: Lucia Brick on 9287 5566 or lbrick@css.org.au

CONGRATULATIONS!

Every second year, our St Peter Apostle Primary School participates in **Wakakirri** - a performing arts festival that involves telling a story through drama and dance. 60 children from Year 2 to Year 6 were involved in this year's performance and were awarded **Best Adapted Story in Victoria**, qualifying to compete for Australian Story of the Year. They also received the following accolades:

* Winner Victorian State Title Division 2

* Best Backstage Crew

* Best Public Speaking School in Victoria

* Excellent Performance / Teamwork

* National Title for Style and Genre

2017 has placed our School in the top 10 schools in Australia! Fr Vincent, Dcn Charles and parishioners congratulate students, staff, parents and all those who contributed this year and wish them every blessing for a fruitful participation again in 2019.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Arogyaiah Bandanadam, Dorothy Macedo, Itria Puglisi and all who passed away recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Myrtle D'Cruz, Fouad Chamie, Leslie & Peter Paul Fernando, Mark Woodward, Concepcion Santos, Milagros & Rogelia Baltero, Rosalita Rances 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, Yvonne Clayton, Lloyd Clayburn, Irene Arnold and all who are ill in our Parish.