

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



17 December 2017 3rd 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

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

1st Reading

Is 61:1-2,10-11

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

My soul rejoices in my God.

2nd Reading

1 Thess 5:16-24

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. **Alleluia!**

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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

Parish Office 9749 4300

Gospel

Jn 1:6-8,19-28

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

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising. The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion
Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear,. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Next Week's
Readings

2 Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

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CONGRATULATIONS & HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We congratulate our Year 6 students who have graduated this year and wish them every blessing as they venture into High School. May the light of Christ guide and protect them always. We wish all the students, parents, principal, teachers and staff A Merry Christmas, Blessed New Year and Happy Holidays!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Sunday School Programme is looking for a dedicated person, to work with our team next year, to help educate the children from Government Schools, who choose to come to Sunday School to prepare for and receive the Sacraments and to extend the children's' knowledge and Love of God. For more info, please contact Bernice on 9749-2812.

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT: \$4236.00
ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR: \$3553.50
CHURCH A/C: \$1365.75
PRESBYTERY A/C: \$1276.05

ROSTERS

Money Counters 24 Dec 17

B. Coghlan / P. Mulquiney / A. Sipiliano / P. Francis

Readers – 23/24 Dec 17

6:00pm	Sharon D'Silva
8:30am	KSC Reader
10:30am	Mario D'Mello
5:00pm	NO 5:00PM MASS

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
23/24 Dec 17

6:00pm	J. Poppen / S. Martis / Josie T. / Volunteer
8:30am	KSC Minister/ K. McLoughlin / 2 Volunteers
10:30am	Z. D'Mello / N. Costa / C. Morcom / Sally DiB
5:00pm	NO 5:00PM MASS

Music Ministry 23/24 Dec 17

6:00pm	Filiorum Dei
8:30am	Shirley & Group
10:30am	Domini Chorum
5:00pm	NO 5:00PM MASS

PARISH NEWS

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.

NOTE FOR READERS

From the first weekend in January – 5th / 6th Jan 2018 – there are changes to the Welcome before Mass. Readers are requested to collect from the hall, as soon as possible, copies of the letters advising of these changes.

BAPTISM FORMATION AND HEALING MASS 2018

Please note that there will be **NO** Healing Mass or Baptism Formation Meeting in January. The **NEXT** Baptism Formation meeting will be on Monday the 5th February. Healing Mass will commence each month from the First Saturday 3rd Feb 2018.

PARISH CALENDARS

Parish Calendars will be distributed at all masses this weekend and next weekend. Please take one per family.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Thank you very much for your generous donations of food and cards for our Giving Tree. With your help we will be able to give the joy of receiving a hamper to about 100 families in our area. We wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas.

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS – THURSDAY 28TH DECEMBER

The Church celebrates the memory of the young children of Bethlehem who were put to death by Herod, who sought to kill Jesus. These innocent victims bear witness to Christ in a world which would not receive Him. All parents are invited to bring their children and babies to the **8:30am Mass on this Feast day for a special blessing.**

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.

CHANGES TO DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS DURING WEEKEND MASSES FROM JANURAY 2018

We wish to advise that starting Jan 2018:

- The Devotional Prayer will no longer be recited before the start of Mass. Devotional Prayers will still be printed in the bulletin each week and parishioners are encouraged to use them for private prayer and contemplation.
- The Parish Prayer will now be recited before the Entrance Procession.

These small changes have been made in order to streamline the Mass. We thank you for your understanding.

COMMUNION SERVICE – TUESDAY 26TH DECEMBER, 8:30AM

Parishioners, please note that Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service will replace the 8:30am Mass on Tuesday, 26th December as Fr. Vincent will be away on this day.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be **closed from Friday 22nd December and will open on Monday 15th January 2018.** Bulletins for 7th and 14th January will be single sheets with mass readings. Normal bulletins will resume from 21st January, along with names for Death Anniversaries, Recently Deceased and Sick List.

WELCOME

We welcome into our Church community the following children who are to be baptised this Sunday. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the love of their Parents, Godparents, Family & Friends, we pray that these children will lead a life full of faith, happiness and love for all.

Isaiah Joseph Hankins

May the Lord give his angels charge over you, to guide you in all your ways. Psalm 91:11

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE		
MASSES		
16 Dec	5:00am 9:15am 6:00pm	Dawn Mass Novena Saturday Morning Mass Saturday Vigil Mass
17 Dec	5:00am 8:30am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	Dawn Mass Novena Sunday Masses Spanish Mass
18 – 19 Dec	5:00am 8:30am	Dawn Mass Novena Weekday Mass
20 Dec	5:00am 8:30am 7:00pm	Dawn Mass Novena Weekday Mass Wed Mass & Novena
21 – 22 Dec	5:00am 8:30am	Dawn Mass Novena Weekday Mass
23 Dec	5:00am 9:15am 6:00pm	Dawn Mass Novena Saturday Morning Mass Saturday Vigil Mass
24 Dec	5:00am 8:30am 10:30am	Dawn Mass Novena Sunday Masses NO 5:00PM MASS
24 Dec	6:00pm 6:30pm	Carols followed by Family Mass
24 Dec	9:00pm 9:30pm	Carols followed by Vigil Mass
24 Dec	11:30pm 12:00am	Carols followed by Midnight Mass
CHRISTMAS DAY 25 Dec	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm	Masses with Carols before Mass Spanish Mass
31 Dec	8:30am 10:30am 4:00pm 5:00pm	Sunday Masses Holy Hour followed by Mass
1 Jan	8:30am	Weekday Mass
RECONCILIATION RITE II		
21 Dec	7:00pm at St. James Parish	
CONFESSIONS AT ST. PETER'S		
Wednesdays	After 7:00pm Mass	
Saturdays	After 9:15am Mass	

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for John O'Sullivan, Seabert Rocha, Luke Donnelley, Tin Maximo, Laurie Baker and all who passed away recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Wladyslawa Rakszewski, Anna Janczak, Treesa Lazar, Salvatore Martelli, Paily Joseph, Maria Martino Kim, Sr Margaret Brigid, Angelina Farrugia, George Thomas, Aileen Gower, Evan Pritchard, Belinda Miller, Princess Jaye de Leon, Henry Restall, Joe Bugeja, Melita Bugeja, Pat Foster, Tessie Craig, Most Rev Joseph Angelo Grech, Maria Consiglio, Charlie Restall White, Emidia Micallef 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, Lona Pereira, Clive Gonsalves, Jadwiga Zawada, Dot Mulquiney and all who are ill in our Parish.