

# 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



## 24 December 2017 4th 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

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

#### *A reading from the book of Samuel.*

Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.' But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."'

The Word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm

For ever, I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

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#### OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 9:00am – 3:30pm

#### CONTACT DETAILS

Parish Priest

**Fr. Vincent John CMI**

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

**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**

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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, HOUSE BLESSINGS & VISITS

Call Parish Office on 9749 4300

#### ALL QUERIES

Parish Office 9749 4300

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading **A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.**  
Rom 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen. The Word of the Lord.

Gospel **Alleluia, alleluia.** I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.  
Acclamation **Alleluia!**

Gospel **A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Luke.**  
Lk 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.  
The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.  
Antiphon

Next Week's Readings **Gen 15:1-6,21:1-3; Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19; Lk 2:22-40**

<u>Feasts of the Week</u>	<b>Christmas</b>	<b>Mon, 25 Dec</b>
	<b>St. Stephen</b>	<b>Tue, 26 Dec</b>
	<b>St. John</b>	<b>Wed, 27 Dec</b>
	<b>The Holy Innocents</b>	<b>Thu, 28 Dec</b>

### CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS AND CAROLS

We would encourage the Children of our Parish (who will be at the family Mass on Christmas Eve) to dress as Angels, Kings, Shepherds, etc. to join in our human Nativity Scene during the Carols. Children need to be at the Church at about 5:50pm if they are going to participate. For info, ring Bernice on 9749 2812.

## ROSTERS

### Money Counters 24 Dec 17

Bill Coghlan / Paul Mulquiney / Peter Francis
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### Readers – 23/24 Dec 17

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

### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 23/24 Dec 17

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

### Music Ministry 23/24 Dec 17

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

## PARISH NEWS

### NEW PARISH SECRETARY

Call to minister to her family has required our present secretary Josephine Thomas to move to Brisbane in February 2018. The Thomas family have been our parishioners since April 2005 and Josephine our secretary since January 2007; it is with sadness that we will bid her and the Thomas family goodbye in February, but join them in joyful anticipation of all the blessings that await them. We pray that our Lord Jesus will go before them and bless them to continue their ministry that he has prepared.

Our parish is now blessed with yet another faithful parishioner as Parish Secretary. We congratulate Zelia D'Mello on her successful interview and welcome her on board to minister to our Parish in her new role. Mario and Zelia D'Mello joined our parish when they moved to Melbourne from New Zealand in 2010 and over the years have become an integral part of our parish, participating in various ministries, especially with their ever willing service to our Music Ministry. We pray many blessings as Zelia takes up this new role.

### FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS – THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> 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.**

<b>PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$4236.00</b>
<b>ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR:</b>	<b>\$3530.55</b>
<b>CHURCH A/C:</b>	<b>\$2044.20</b>
<b>PRESBYTERY A/C:</b>	<b>\$1626.75</b>
<b>CHAPLAINCY</b>	<b>\$ 177.45</b>

## ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

His Grace, the Archbishop of Melbourne, Denis Hart, sends Christmas blessings, and invites one and all to view and enjoy his 2017 Christmas message.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1EdSJEpXqU>

## FR VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Fr Vincent's Christmas blessing to us all is displayed in the hall and foyer noticeboards. We wish Fr Vincent A Merry Christmas and every blessing on his 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Priestly ordination on the 26<sup>th</sup> December. Praise God for the gift of his ministry to us at St Peters.

## DAWN MASS UPDATE ON ARCHDIOCESE WEBSITE

Photos and details of our Dawn Masses is on our Archdiocese Website for you all to view: <http://melbournecatholic.org.au/News/dawn-masses-at-st-peter-apostle-mission-parish>

## NOTE FOR READERS

From the first weekend in January – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## COMMUNION SERVICE – TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> & WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 8:30AM

Parishioners, please note that Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service will replace the 8:30am Mass on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December as Fr. Vincent will be away. There will be the normal 7:00pm Mass on Wednesday evening.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> February**. Healing Mass will commence each month from the **First Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2018**.

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

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

**A DIVINE MERCY or COLUMBAN CALENDAR** will keep you informed of Feast Days and Saints' Days. Only \$9 in the Piety Store.

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE		
<b>MASSES</b>		
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  <b>NO 5:00PM MASS</b>
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
30 Dec	6:00pm	Saturday Vigil Mass
31 Dec	8:30am 10:30am 4:00pm 5:00pm	Sunday Masses  Holy Hour followed by Mass
1 Jan	8:30am	Weekday Mass
<b>RECONCILIATION RITE II</b>		
<b>21 Dec</b>	<b>7:00pm at St. James Parish</b>	
<b>CONFESSIONS AT ST. PETER'S</b>		
Wednesdays	After 7:00pm Mass	
Saturdays	After 9:15am Mass	

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for Barb Grogan, Margaret Prea, Dennis Daly, Wayne Summers and all who have passed away recently.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** We pray for Noel Rego, Baby Shania Albuquerque, Florence White, Conrad Isaaks, George Bellard, Princess Jaye de Leon, Patrick Foster, Mary Noronha, Lazar Chakramackil, Annie & Melville Lawrence, Noel Lawrence 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, Yvonne Clayton, Lloyd Clayburn, Irene Arnold, Lona Pereira, Clive Gonsalves, Jadwiga Zawada, Dot Mulquiney, Harriet Calbert, Robert Wells and all who are ill in our Parish.