

# 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



## 18 February 2018 1st Sunday of Lent Year B



### DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY

#### Prayer for Lent

Merciful God, You called us forth from the dust of the earth; you claimed us for Christ in the waters of Baptism.

Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days bearing the mark of ashes, and bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth. May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.

All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus, for in his Cross we proclaim your love forever. Amen

#### Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days..

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

Gen 9:8-15

**A reading from the book of Genesis.**  
God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.' God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The Word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

1 Pet 3:18-22

**A reading from the first letter of St. Peter**  
Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The Word 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

**Zelia D'Mello**

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> Mar 18, 1:30 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

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

Gospel  
Acclamation

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!** No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Gospel  
Mk 1:12-15

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Mark.**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion  
Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Next Week's  
Readings

**Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10**

Feasts of the  
Week

**The Chair of St. Peter Thu, 22 Feb**

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**ST PETER'S YOUTH GROUP**

Youth group back as usual after 5:00pm Mass each Sunday in the Hall.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP**

Young Adult Group for ages 18 to 29 yrs continue to meet every Sunday at 6:00pm in the thetrette (near the parish office) to worship, pray, hear talks, read the bible and learn more about God together. New members welcome. Enquiries contact Angelique on 0420 338 231.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR PARISH**

Sundays	- 6:15 to 8:15pm HSI School of Discipleship in Community Centre - Youth Group meet in the Hall after 5pm Mass - Young Adults (18 -29 years) meet in Theatrette from 6:00pm
Fridays in Lent	7:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
24 Feb	Annual Pilgrimage Shrine Ta Pinu 10.30am followed by Mass 12noon

**ROSTERS**

**Money Counters 25 Feb 18**

John Allen / Jules & Neeta Pereira / Jeff Poppen

**Readers – 24/25 Feb 18**

<b>6:00pm</b>	Davy Fernandes
<b>8:30am</b>	KSC Reader
<b>10:30am</b>	Mario D'Mello
<b>5:00pm</b>	Iris Simangan

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion  
24/25 Feb 18**

<b>6:00pm</b>	M. Maple / E. Mills / Sharon A. / Michelle N.
<b>8:30am</b>	KSC Minister / Kevin McL / L. Jones / Vol
<b>10:30am</b>	Z. D'Mello / Sally DiB / C. Morcom / N. Costa
<b>5:00pm</b>	S. Simangan / G. Siccita / C. Skinner / Vol

**Music Ministry – 24/25 Feb 18**

<b>6:00pm</b>	Filiorum Dei
<b>8:30am</b>	Shirley & Group
<b>10:30am</b>	Domini Chorum
<b>5:00pm</b>	KNK

**PARISH NEWS**

**ST PETER'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY**  
Please note there will be **NO** Prayer Meeting next Saturday.

**SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

Our parish Annual Way of the Cross Pilgrimage at Shrine Ta' Pinu, 15 Flanagans Drive, Merrimu.  
10:30am – Stations of the Cross  
12:00pm – Mass. Celebrant Fr Vincent John  
1:00pm to 3:00pm fellowship (please bring a plate for shared lunch).  
Come and join us as we walk to remember and reflect on Jesus' painful journey to His crucifixion.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Classes start this Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb from 9:15am till 10:25am. Enrolments will continue to be taken for a few weeks.

**We are still seeking a dedicated person to join our team of Catechists, working with the Children.** All Enquiries to Bernice on 9749-2812.

**ROSTERS FOR COMMUNION TO THE SICK, LECTORS & COMMUNION MIISTERS** available in the church foyer for pick up.

<b>PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$4236.00</b>
<b>ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR:</b>	<b>\$3589.45</b>
<b>CHURCH A/C:</b>	<b>\$1730.10</b>
<b>PRESBYTERY A/C:</b>	<b>\$1526.85</b>
<b>CHAPLAINCY</b>	



## IMPORTANT LENTEN INFORMATION

- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** every Friday in Lent at 7:00pm followed by Mass.
- **PROJECT COMPASSION** boxes can be collected from the back of the church.
- **THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA** will start after the Good Friday service.
- **LENTEN REGULATIONS** from the Vicar General have been placed on the noticeboards if you require further information.

## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

### *In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

## DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

Pope Francis has declared Friday, February 23 as day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace. In a special way, we pray for the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan. [www.zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org).

## PASTORAL LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP DENIS HART

is posted on the noticeboard. Copies have been placed for collection beside the bulletin.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS LIVE IN ACTION

St Andrews Young Adults Group Werribee are producing a play themed on the Stations of the Cross, called *"By His Mercy"*. The play is intended to be staged both at St Andrews Werribee and St Peters Hoppers Crossing. The Group is looking for participants aged between 18 to 36 in the form of Narrators, Dancers, Actors, Musicians, Costume designers, technical expertise, backstage assistance, etc. No particular experience required. Just a willingness to do something for God and spread the good news with your gifts and talents. If you require further information and/or are interested in participating in the play, please call Liz on 0450 477 603

## CHURCH REFURBISHMENT

As advised last week, church refurbishment has commenced and is scheduled to finish third week of May 2018.

During construction, all weekday masses will be held at the Community Centre and weekend masses in the Church. As works relate to both the front entrances of the church, these will be closed and unavailable for use during the construction period.

Entrance to the church will be through the rear of the church (basketball court) and the entrance near the school office which is currently not used. Adequate parking for the elderly and disabled will be available in the basketball court.

Thank you for your cooperation  
*Parish Building Project Team*

## BAPTISM CANDLES/BIBS/STOLES

With the closure of the Piety Store until about May due to church renovations, parents wanting to purchase candles/bibs/stoles for the baptism of their infants can do so after the 8:30am Mass on Sundays. Please contact Bev Jones on 9749 2388 to let her know what you require prior to Sunday. You can also purchase the items after the Baptism Formation Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of March, April and May. This will continue until the Piety Store reopens in May.

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, 8 MARCH 18

The theme for this year's Women's Day is "Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's lives". It draws attention to the rights and activism of rural women, who make up over a quarter of the world population and majority of the 43% of women in the global agricultural labour force.



## CHILDREN ENGAGING IN THE GOSPEL

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be starting again for the year on Sunday 4th March at the 10:30am Mass. Children are given the opportunity to come together to engage in the gospel of the Sunday at their level. We are **currently in need of more helpers** to assist in the running of Children's Liturgy. No experience required and all material will be provided. You will need to have a current Working With Children's Check. Commitment is only 6-7 sessions a year. **If you are interested please contact Ayesha on 0422 685 779.**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for Maria Dass, Fred Quinless and all who passed away recently.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** We pray for Augustino & Josephine Cutajar, Pepe, Rosaria & Sabrina Serlazzos, Luigi Viterbo, Thasriath Thaliyath 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, Sean Donaldson, Liam Parr, Carmel Negline, Edith Street, Brian & Irene Jones, Dot Mulquinney, Georgette Maalouf, Jamilton Dabu, Carmen Mifsud, Bob Meehan, Anthony Devientis, Frank Fazio, Thelma Foxcroft, Elizabeth Slee, Charlie Xerxen, Kate Harris, Stephen Doyle, Julie Coghlan, Megan Rowe and all who are ill in our Parish.