

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



25 February 2018 2nd 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 Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

1st Reading *A reading from the book of Genesis.*

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

2nd Reading *A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.*

Rom 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us

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

3rd 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

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
Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel
Mk 9:2-10

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion
Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Next Week's
Readings

Ex 20:1-17; 1Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

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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 and friends, we pray that these children will lead a life full of happiness, faith and love.
ELLIE ROSE DEHOOG, ALICE RUBY DE HOOG, SKYE LILY DE HOOG

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

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:	\$4236.00
ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR:	\$3589.45
CHURCH A/C:	\$ 996.00
PRESBYTERY A/C:	\$ 883.75
CHAPLAINCY	

ROSTERS

Money Counters 4 Mar 18

Kevin McLoughlin / Jeff Leeson / Francis Thomas

Readers – 3/4 Mar 18

6:00pm	Jeslin Shaji
8:30am	Grace Sharman
10:30am	Venus Iuta
5:00pm	Melanie Etienne

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 3/4 Mar 18

6:00pm	Josie T. / S. Martis / Praful A. / J. Poppen
8:30am	B. Jones / Karen F. / R. Johnson / C. Coelho
10:30am	V. Firman / N&R Golaw / M. Naufahu
5:00pm	D&J Etienne / S. Joseph / Volunteer

Music Ministry – 3/4 Mar 18

6:00pm	Eagles Wings
8:30am	Shirley & Group
10:30am	Samoan Choir
5:00pm	FilOz

PARISH NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL Classes are held 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.
Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22;
Mk 1:12-15

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

ENTRANCE AND COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Parishioners please note that from the weekend of 3/4 March the

Entrance Antiphon at Weekday Masses will be recited after the entrance hymn when the priest is standing behind the Altar OR as he is walking down the aisle if there is no hymn. At **Weekend Masses** there will be no Entrance Antiphon if there is a hymn.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON will now be recited at all masses with or without choirs once the priest drinks from the Chalice and the bells are sounded.

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.



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.

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.

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

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 at St Andrews Werribee on Good Friday, 7:30pm to 8:30pm. 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. For further information and/or to participate in the play, please call Liz on 0450 477 603. First rehearsal for dance and drama acts is this Sunday (February 25) from 1 to 3 pm at St Andrews Church, Werribee.

CHURCH REFURBISHMENT

As advised last week, church refurbishment has commenced and is scheduled to finish 3rd 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). Adequate parking for the elderly and disabled is available in the basketball court. There is another entrance to the church through the parish office entrance. This will be open during mass times.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Parish Building Project Team

INFANT BAPTISMS

With the closure of the Piety Store until May due to church renovations, parents please note:

- Baptism Formation Meetings for 5 March, 9 April (2nd Monday as the 1st Monday is Easter Monday) and 7 May will continue to be held at 7:00pm in the Church. Entrance to the Church will be through the side entrance near the school office.
- If you want to purchase candles/bibs/stoles for the baptism ceremony, you 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 Meetings detailed above. This will continue until church renovations are completed in May.



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.**

BIBLE STUDY this Monday at 7:00 pm in the Theaterette. All welcome

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Michael Roussea and all who passed away recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Gavina & Pedro Angeles, Anthony Azzopardi, Roberto Lopez, Veronica Evans, Mona Mann, Poshan Misquitta, Derrick Gowe, Carmel Caruana, Alice Quinless, Audrey Deniese, Anthene Carreon, Mariter Granada 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, Thelma French and all who are ill in our Parish.