

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



4 March 2018
3rd Sunday of Lent
Year B



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR MARCH

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

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

1st Reading

Ex 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Psalm

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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

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School Principal

Karen Wilson

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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

7 Apr 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

2nd Reading
1 Cor 1:22-25

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel
Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel
Jn 2:13-25

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

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion
Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her : by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Next Week's
Readings

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT: \$4236.00
ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR: \$3589.45
CHURCH A/C: \$1438.30
PRESBYTERY A/C: \$1238.00
CHAPLAINCY \$ 64.35

ROSTERS

Money Counters 11 Mar 18

Bill Coghlan / Paul Mulquiney / Peter Francis

Readers – 10/11 Mar 18

6:00pm	Sharon D'Silva
8:30am	Kitty Stuttard
10:30am	Sibrina Harry
5:00pm	Connie Skinner

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 10/11 Mar 18

6:00pm	M. Maple / H. Durski / Davy F. / Sharon A.
8:30am	K. English / D&J Roga / S. Gomez
10:30am	S. Colla / F. Caruana / C. Morcom / N. Costa
5:00pm	E Behrouzi / A Etienne / G Siccita / J P. Lai

Music Ministry – 10/11 Mar 18

6:00pm	Footsteps
8:30am	Shirley & Group
10:30am	Youth Band
5:00pm	Shepherds of Christ

PARISH NEWS

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 this weekend 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday at 7:00pm followed by Mass. Next Friday (March 9), Stations of the Cross will be conducted by our Young Adults Group. We welcome all the youth and young adults of our parish to join them in the Stations of the Cross next Friday.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

As you may be aware, Royden Dsouza an active member of our parish community, is being ordained to the permanent diaconate this year. As part of his formation we have been requested by the Office of the Permanent Diaconate to provide his reflections on the readings at mass. As such he will be providing reflections at our weekday masses starting 6 March 2018. Please do support him with your prayers as he approaches this important milestone. Thank you.
Fr Vincent John CMI



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.

MOVIE NIGHT MARCH 12, 2018

Our next movie night is scheduled for March 12, 2018 where we will be screening God's Not Dead Part 2 (PG), a movie about a teacher's strong faith in the face of atheism which is becoming more and more relevant in our current times. Sausage sizzle and drinks start at 6:30pm and movie begins at 7:00pm. The event is brought to you by the Young Adult Group to raise funds for their activities so please do come and encourage us as we grow in our faith. - Young Adults Group

RISE MELBOURNE

One-day event for young people aged from Year 9 to 30 years hosted by youth group, schools and community. Come along to discover and deepen your faith and knowledge of Christ. The day will include talks, live music, prayer experiences, food and a range of entertainment. Entry is free, however registration is compulsory. St Peters Young Adults Contact Angelique - 0420 338 231. Registrations at <http://risemelbourne.com/register/>. Date: 17th March 2018 from 10am – 10pm

Location; Mount St Josephs, 133 Maidstone Street, Altona; (opposite Westona train station)

Contact; hello@risemelbourne.com

Website; <http://risemelbourne.com/>

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. Saturday mass in church followed by confessions as usual after mass. 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.
- Candles/Bibs/Stoles for the baptism ceremony can be purchased after the 8:30am Mass on Sundays. Please contact Bev Jones on 9749 2388 to let her know what you require prior to Sunday. They will also be available after the Baptism Formation Meetings detailed above. This will continue until church renovations are completed in May.

ST. PETER APOSTLE SCHOOL – 2019 PREP ENROLMENTS

St. Peter Apostle School will hold an Information Session for parents interested in enrolling their children at St. Peter's for the year 2019. The information session will be held at the school at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 20th March 2018. It would be appreciated if children do not attend this meeting due to limited space. During the meeting, parents will have the opportunity to make an appointment for their Enrolment Interview, in Term 2.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Cherie Barnett, Daniel Lobo and all who passed away recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Austin Gracias, Oscar Rego, Veronica Evans, Fr. Joe Briffa, Paul Ian Mazzonetto, Rosario Natanauan, Paily and Theresa Mani, George Bellard, Rosario Adolfo Rosas, Joseph Vella, Llyod Quinless, Margaret Eastmure, Audrey Michael, 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, Thelma French, Edith Street, Brian & Irene Jones, Dot Mulquinney, Georgette Maalouf, Jamilton Dabu, Carmen Mifsud, Bob Meehan, Elizabeth Slee, Charlie Xerxen, Kate Harris, Stephen Doyle, Julie Coghlan, Megan Rowe, Peter Wallace, Yvonne Clayton, Lloyd Clayburn, Leeandra D'Souza, Shanthi Dass and all who are ill in our Parish.