

# 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



## 8 April 2018 Divine Mercy Sunday



### DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR APRIL

#### Divine Mercy Prayer

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelope the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You! Amen

#### Entrance Antiphon

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

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

Acts 4:32-35

#### ***A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.***

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial

Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

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

Jn 5:1-6

#### ***A reading from the first letter of St. John.***

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel

Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! **Alleluia!**

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#### OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 9:00am – 3:30pm

#### CONTACT DETAILS

Parish Priest

**Fr. Vincent John CMI**

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**Zelia D'Mello**

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**Karen Wilson**

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#### 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**

5 May 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  
Jn 20:19-31

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

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.  
The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Bring your hand and feel the place of the  
Antiphon nails, and do not be unbelieving, but believing, alleluia.

Next week's **Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5;**  
Readings **Lk 24:35-48**

Feasts of the Annunciation of the Lord Mon, 9 Apr  
Week St. Stanislaus Wed, 11 Apr

**WELCOME**

We welcome into our Church community **Olivia Rose Taylor** who is to be baptised this Sunday. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the love of Parents, Godparents, family and friends, we pray that this child will lead a life full of happiness, faith and love.

**THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST. PETER CLAVER** will hold their Annual Mission Concert on Sunday 15 April, 2018 at the St. Peter Claver Hall, 154 Cotham Road, Kew - commencing 2pm. Admission is free – a collection will be taken during the Concert. Proceeds will go to assist Sisters of St. John the Baptist, in Dibrugarh, Assam India to give an education for the poor children.

# ROSTERS

## Money Counters 15 Apr 18

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| Andy & Cecille Fernando / Kitty Stuttard |
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## Readers – 14/15 Apr 18

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| 6:00pm  | Matthew Reuter   |
| 8:30am  | Everly Stowers   |
| 10:30am | Rosemary Hibbert |
| 5:00pm  | Giovanna Siccita |

## Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 14/15 Apr 18

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| 7:30pm  | M. Nelhropp / S. Martis / Josie T. / Praful A.     |
| 8:30am  | K. Fernandes / L&B Jones / J. Phal Lai             |
| 10:30am | I. Ortega / V. Firman / S. Delos Reyos / Volunteer |
| 5:00pm  | J D&M Etiennette / Volunteer                       |

## Music Ministry – 14/15 Apr 18

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| 6:00pm  |                 |
| 8:30am  | Shirley & Group |
| 10:30am | FilOz           |
| 5:00pm  | AHFI            |

# PARISH NEWS

## THANK YOU FROM FR. VINCENT & DCN. CHARLES

- To Allgreen Nursery, Charles Buttigieg and all who very kindly donated the Palm and Cypress cuttings for our Palm Sunday masses.
- To all who worked so hard both behind the scenes and at the services to ensure that everything went through so smoothly. Without your help we could not achieve this.

**May the spirit of the Risen Christ always live within you, and may you always have the gift of Love, the blessing of Hope, and the Promise of Peace.**

## BAPTISM FORMATION MEETING APRIL 2018

The next Baptism Formation Meeting will be held this Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00pm in Church. Please use the door beside the school office to gain entry into the church.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** for ages 18 to 29 yrs continue to meet every Sunday at 6:00pm in the theatrette (near the parish office) to worship, pray, hear talks, read the bible and learn more about God together.

## PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

A reminder to please return all Project Compassion boxes either to the Parish Office or by leaving them on the table outside the Sacristy after the weekend Masses. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

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| <b>PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:</b>    | <b>\$4236.00</b> |
| <b>ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR:</b> | <b>\$3542.00</b> |
| <b>CHURCH A/C:</b>                | <b>\$2752.00</b> |
| <b>PRESBYTERY A/C:</b>            | <b>\$2047.65</b> |
| <b>CHAPLAINCY</b>                 | <b>\$ 372.55</b> |

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR OUR PARISH

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| 9 April  | Baptism Formation Meeting at 7:00pm in church   |
| 25 April | Anzac Day Mass, 8:30am                          |
| 4 May    | First Friday Mass & Adoration, 7:00pm – 10:00pm |
| 5 May    | Healing Mass, 1:30 to 4:30pm                    |

## MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00PM

Our Young Adults will be hosting the next movie night on Friday April 20, 2018. We will be screening the movie War Room PG a family story about the power of prayer. Gold Coin Donation. Sausage Sizzle, drinks and snacks with light entertainment commences 7:00pm for a movie start of 7:30pm. All parishioners, friends and family are welcome. It is a movie for all ages. All funds go towards the activities of our young adults group. Come and show your support. If you would like to help or donate please call Angelique on 0420 338 231.

## SMALL TV

Our Good Samaritan Ministry has been requested by a family, the need for a small TV in working condition. If you have a spare one that you are not using and wish to donate please call or text Royden on 0426 071 375 or drop off at the parish office. Thank You.

## FREE TALKS ON CATHOLIC THEOLOGY

**Each Sunday, 12pm at Simons College, 33 Howard Street, West Melbourne (2 doors from St Mary Star of the Sea)**

What do Catholics really believe? Find out in free 50-minute talks on basic theology, with question time following, given each Sunday after 10.30 Mass by Father Anthony Bernal (of Opus Dei), parish priest of St Mary Star of the Sea. Catholics and all faith-seekers welcome.

**Details:** Maryse on 0478 639 162.

## TERM 2 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS FOR PARISHES

See noticeboard for further information.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER – 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018

*The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own...* – ACTS 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with.

## REFLECTION ON DIVINE MERCY

Our Gospel (John 20: 19-31) recounts one of the Post-Resurrection appearances of Jesus to his disciples, where Jesus appears to his disciples, coming through locked doors and says Peace be with you breathing upon them the Holy Spirit and communicating His authority to forgive sins. However, Thomas was not present and when the other disciples said to him, We have seen the Lord, he said to them, Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe. A week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, Peace be with you. Then he said to Thomas, Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe. Thomas answered and said to him, My Lord and my God! Thomas's response in his encounter with the Risen Lord, "My Lord and My God" reveals the very heart of prayer as a call to adoration and communion with God. It has become the exclamation for millions, when faced with the Mystery of Mysteries, the Holy Eucharist, at the elevation during Mass.

Pope St Gregory the Great preached a marvelous homily on this encounter between Thomas and the Risen Lord. In it he asked: What conclusion, dear brethren, do you come to? Surely it was not by chance that this chosen disciple was missing in the first place? Or that on his return he heard, that hearing he doubted, that doubting he touched, and that touching he believed? It was by divine dispensation and not by chance that things so fell out. Jesus turned Thomas's doubt into an event of Mercy for generations to come. Out of the repentance born from seeing Mercy Incarnate, touching the wounds of His Divine love, came that response, those wonderful words that have formed the most profound of personal prayers for millennia "My Lord and My God". Pope St Gregory was so right; Thomas' doubt healed the wounds of all of our doubts. Today we join with our Holy Father Pope Francis and Catholics throughout the whole world, in celebrating the Feast of Divine Mercy. To Saint Faustina Our Lord said: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy. This day we are invited to approach the throne of Mercy and cry out with St. Thomas: "My Lord and My God" (Jn 20:28). Those who do are forever changed.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for Ramon Alinea, Linda Piazza, Fr. Ernie Smith, Steve Stangel, and all who passed away recently.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** We pray for Maxwell Poppen, Reynaldo Natividad, Antonino Failla, Giuseppe Cassisi, Judith & Sebastian D'Cruz, Afra & Isidon Fernandes, Lorna Anderson, Elena de la Cruz, Antonio Grisanich, Terry McGovern, Nick Adamo, Victoria Sapiano, Manuel Lacerna 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, 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, Yvonne Clayton, Lloyd Clayburn, Leeandra D'Souza, Shanthi Dass, Rose Farrugia, James Williams, Virginia Jewers, Magdalena Marquez, Carmen Augies, Chris, May Rizkallah, Christine Holt, Elzbieta Sobkowicz and all who are ill in our Parish.