

# 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



## 9 September 2018 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B



### DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER

#### For All Fathers

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers, but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers who are no longer with us, but who live forever in our memories and nourish us with their love.

Amen

Entrance  
Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Is 35:4-7

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial  
Psalm

Praise the Lord, my soul!

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
James 2:1-5

**A reading from the letter of St. James.**

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

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**

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### WEEKEND MASSES

Sat: 6:00pm

Sun: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

*Filipino* – 4<sup>th</sup> Sun at 12:00 noon

*Polish* – 1<sup>st</sup> Sun at 3:30pm

*Spanish* – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun at 1:15pm

### 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 8:00am

Sat 9:00am

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Fri 9:00am & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Sat 2:30pm

**Next Healing Mass**

6 October 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

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 12 noon

Baptism Preparation 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

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. **Alleluia!**

Gospel  
Mk 7:31-37

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

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion  
Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Next week's  
Readings

**Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35**

Feasts of the  
Week

**St. John Chrysostom Thu, 13 Sep**  
**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Fri, 14 Sep**  
**Our Lady of Sorrows Sat, 15 Sep**

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**HSI SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP**

The 2018-19 session of the Holy Spirit Interactive (HSI) School of Discipleship commenced on 12th August. This is a faith outreach program aimed to teach members more about our Catholic faith with three purposes – to learn it, live it and share it. The school has been successfully running for the past 2 consecutive years in our parish and members have testified to growing both spiritually and personally. We are currently in our fourth week and the response has been good. The first five weeks are a come and see whether you would like to join. We meet every Sunday at 6:15pm in the community centre. All are welcome. For further information contact Anita D'Souza on 0411 772 320 or Sharon D'Silva on 0430 099 654.

## ROSTERS

### Money Counters 16 September 18

Pravin Albuquerque / Clarence D'Souza / Grace Sharman

### Readers – 15/16 September 18

6:00pm	Angela Francis
8:30am	Dominic Hankins
10:30am	Sunil Vaz
5:00pm	Youth Group

### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 15/16 September 18

6:00pm	D. Fernandez. / B. Farrugia / D&J Roga
8:30am	J. Phan Lai / Karen F. / G. Sharman / C. Coelho
10:30am	M&Z D'Mello / S. Delos Reyes / L. Ortega
5:00pm	Youth Group

### Music Ministry – 15/16 September 18

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

## PARISH NEWS

### FR. VINCENT AWAY AT CONFERENCE

Parishioners, please note that Fr. Vincent will be away at a Conference for Priests from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September until Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September. During his absence Fr. Eugene will celebrate the masses. Fr. Vincent will return to celebrate the Saturday evening Mass.

**THANK YOU FR. EUGENE** for your stay and assistance in our parish while Fr. Vincent is away.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Royden D'Souza on being ordained a Deacon on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> September.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFIRMATIONS – SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 10:30AM MASS

We congratulate all the Sunday School Children who will be confirmed by Bishop Mark Edwards OMI at the 10:30am Mass this Sunday. We pray that our Lord will nourish and strengthen them throughout their faith journey.

**ROSTERS FOR READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS, PIETY STORE & COMMUNION TO THE SICK** are ready for collection from the Hall from this weekend. Please collect your copy as soon as possible.

## YOUTH MASS

Our parish will hold a youth Mass on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 at 5:00pm. All youth and young adults are invited to attend at which time Fr. Vincent will provide a special blessing to the youth of our parish. All youth and young adults of our parish are invited to stay back after mass for fellowship.

## LETTER TO THE FAITHFUL FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

Referring to the letter from Pope Francis on the subject of clerical sexual abuse and the ecclesial cover-up that has often accompanied, our Archbishop, the Most Rev Peter Comensoli makes some of the following comments. To see the full letter, please check the noticeboards. Copies of the letter are also available at the rear of the church.

"I associate myself with these words, and the whole content of Pope's Francis' letter:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-08/pope-francis-letter-people-of-god-sexual-abuse.html>.

No words of apology – while always needed – will ever be enough to right the evil done to those who have been abused, and those who were not listened to and believed. Efforts to repair the harm done – while entirely necessary – cannot overcome the evil perpetrated upon innocent children and vulnerable adults, and the harm experienced by families and communities.

Therefore, and looking ahead, it falls to me, as your Archbishop, to ensure that our local Church in Melbourne is unequivocally committed to attending to the harm done, prioritising the dignity and care of all who are young and vulnerable, rebuilding trust among our people, and creating safe environments in our communities, agencies and organisations. This is the way of Jesus Christ. It must be my way. And I invite you to join with me in making it our common Gospel way.

## PARISH REFURBISHMENT

We are pleased to announce that the parish refurbishment works are complete and all masses will now be held in the church. The School and the Parish have also taken the opportunity to review repair to the entire car park which will result in better lanes and additional car parks. As such vehicle access to the church will be restricted. We expect the car park to be repaired in the upcoming school holidays. We do understand that this will cause further inconvenience in movement of traffic to the church and thank you for your continued understanding.

## BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study continues on Monday (September 10) in the theatrette from 7:00pm. We are at Matthew Ch 12. New members welcome. Come and experience what God is speaking to us through His Word. Enquiries Royden 0426 071 375

## ST PADRE PIO'S RELICS COMING TO MELBOURNE

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October, St. Mary Church, 97 Railway Street, North Altona**

In commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Padre Pio's death, some of his relics, accompanied by Fr. Gian Maria Di Giorgio from San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy, are traveling to Melbourne this month. The visit is part of a nation-wide tour of Perth, Adelaide and Melbourne. The relics will be venerated between 7:00pm and 9:00pm and before and after the 7:30pm Mass organized by the Padre Pio Prayer Group. **Enquiries:** (03) 9819 3775.

<b>PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$4236.00</b>
<b>ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR:</b>	<b>\$3307.00</b>
<b>CHURCH A/C:</b>	<b>\$1012.35</b>
<b>PRESBYTERY A/C:</b>	<b>\$1256.35</b>
<b>CHAPLAINCY</b>	<b>\$ 206.40</b>

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for Elizabeth Slee, Maria Sumcad, Bridget, Ingeburg Muller, Francis Sorrentino and all those who passed away recently.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** We pray for Brian Rego, Raymond Linning, Vera Fernandez, Cuthbert Alves, Norma Lord, Mary Davidson, Michael Bloxham, John Tanti, Joseph & Carmen Tanti, Anthony & Preziosa Bartolo, Doris Bartolo, Edgar Borg, Lucy Rixon, Victor Cocks, Karl Schott, Joseph Varkey, Michele Scrofani, Vincenza Siccita, Ted Hallinan, Pamela Boothe, Dayangani Fonseka, John D'Rozario, Alex Coelho and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We pray for Leo & Shirley Linehan, Lydia (Aleida) Van Susteren, Gary Spotswood, Stan Walkden, Sean Donaldson, Liam Parr, Edith Street, Brien & Irene Jones, Carmen Mifsud, Bob Meehan, Jacintha Udawattage, Rita Dubowik, Thais Long, Sr. Eileen Jones, Michael Gilbert, Aju Sunny, Glenna Pereira, Lucy Ballan, Cynthia Middleton, Charlie Xerxien, Jamilton Dabu, Luz de la Cruz, Melissa Caroline, Fran Kisielewski, Lissett Lopez, Josie Walsh, Philomena Cleur, Lorraine, Christie Rivera, Carlo Rivera, Lewis Caruana, Margaret English, Robert Wells, Justin Worsley, Joe di Benedetto, Steny Alex, Rosa Carullo, Liam Heywood and all who are ill in our Parish.