

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



2 December 2018
1st Sunday of Advent
Year C



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR DECEMBER

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph graciously hear our prayer.

Amen

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

1st Reading Jer 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

2nd Reading 1 Thess 3:12-4:2

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

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 9:00am – 3:30pm

CONTACT DETAILS

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Fr. Vincent John CMI

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WEEKEND MASSES

Sat: 6:00pm

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

Filipino – 4th Sun at 12:00 noon

Polish – 1st Sun at 3:30pm

Spanish – 1st & 3rd 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

2 February 19, 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

1st & 3rd Sundays at 12 noon

Baptism Preparation 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

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. **Alleluia!**

Gospel
Lk 21:25-28,
34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion
Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Next week's
Readings

Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Feasts of the
Week

St. Francis Xavier Thu, 3 Dec
St. Ambrose Fri, 7 Dec
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sat, 8 Dec

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MORNING PRAYER BOOKS

There are many "**Morning Prayer**" **Books** missing from the box on the table near the door into the Church. These books are for the use of those who join in the Morning Prayer before Mass and are returned each day after the "Prayer" concludes. If you have accidentally taken one home we would appreciate its return so more people can join in this devotion.

ROSTERS FOR PIETY STORE, COMMUNION TO THE SICK, LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION are available for collection from the hall. Please collect your copy this weekend.

ALTAR SERVERS AVAILABILITY FORMS FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR are kept in the Sacristy. Please fill in your form and return it to the Sacristy as soon as possible. Thank you.

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 9 December 18

Pravin Albuquerque/Clarence D'Souza/Grace Sharman

Readers – 8/9 December 18

6:00pm	Davy Fernandez
8:30am	Bernice Steinhauer
10:30am	Rosemary Hibbert
5:00pm	Melanie Etiennette

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 8/9 December 18

6:00pm	M. Maple / Josie T. / E. Dalton / Volunteer
8:30am	L&b Jones / K. McLoughlin / Volunteer
10:30am	F. Caruana / S. Colla / S. DiBenedetto
5:00pm	J&D Etiennette / S. Joseph / TBC / Volunteer

Music Ministry – 8/9 December 18

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

PARISH NEWS

BLESSING OF NEW PARISH FOYER BY BISHOP MARK EDWARDS

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Mark Edwards will bless our new Parish Foyer on Sunday 9th December at 10:20am, prior to the start of the 10:30am Mass. To help celebrate and welcome Bishop Mark, could you all please bring a plate of savoury/sweet finger food to be shared at the fellowship after Mass. Thank you.

THE SACRAMENTAL AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUNDAY SCHOOL is now in recess for the upcoming Christmas Break. We resume on 3rd February 2019. If you have Children or Grandchildren attending State Schools and wish them to be prepared for the Sacraments, come and enrol them on the 3rd February. Watch the newsletter for more information in January 2019.

PIETY STORE

Advent Calendars for the children, Divine Mercy Pocket and Wall **Calendars**, Columban wall Calendars as well as Christmas Cards (\$3 for a pack of 8), ornaments, Nativity sets and scenes, etc. are available.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Church community **Rosette Lolo** 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.

GIVING TREE

To enable us to make up hampers to take to families in need this Christmas, please take a tag from the Tree and return the item/s to the baskets under the Tree by **December 9th**. A Christmas card with your gift of food lets a family know that you are thinking of them at this joyous Season. Please return tags with your food donation. Last year we were able to help close to 100 families in our area. Enquiries 9749 2388

IMPORTANT DATES FOR OUR 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
Baptisms	1 st & 3 rd Sundays at 12 noon
1 st Friday	7:00pm to 10:00pm starting with Mass
Healing Mass	1 st Saturday of the month, 1:30pm to 4:30pm
9 th Dec	10:20am – Blessing of new Parish foyer. by Bishop Mark Edwards
16-24 Dec	5:00am Dawn Mass Novena followed by AGAPE Breakfast.
2 nd Feb 19	Healing Mass 1:30pm to 4:30pm

THANK YOU

Many thanks to a parishioner who donated \$100 towards the Youth & Young Adults Ministry, Thank you so much.
Youth & Young Adults.

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION

There will be a third collection after all masses next weekend, 8th December, for the Melbourne Overseas Mission. The money received goes to assist some of the world's most remote and underdeveloped communities.

CONGRATULATIONS to our parishioner and Deputy Principal Adele Vesty, who will be leaving St. Peter's Primary School to be the new Principal at Christ the Priest Primary School in Caroline Springs. We wish Adele all the very best and God's blessings in her new appointment.

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:	\$4236.00
ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR:	\$3322.44
CHURCH A/C:	\$1120.45
PRESBYTERY A/C:	\$ 957.50
CHAPLAINCY	\$ 128.55

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR TIMETABLE		
MASSES		
16 – 24 Dec	5:00am	Dawn Mass Novena
24 Dec	6:30pm	Family Mass with Carols at 6:00pm
24 Dec	9:30pm	Vigil Mass with Carols at 9:00pm
24 Dec	12 Midnight	Mass with Carols at 11:30pm
CHRISTMAS DAY	8:30am	Mass with carols at 8:00am
	10:30am	Mass with carols at 10:00am
	12:30pm	Spanish Mass
Christmas Day – No 5:00pm Mass		
31 Dec	8:30am	Mass followed by Holy Hour of Prayer & Thanksgiving for 2018
1 Jan	8:30am	Mass
RECONCILIATION RITE II		
20 Dec	7:00pm at St. James Parish	
CONFESSIONS AT ST. PETER'S		
Wednesdays	After 7:00pm Mass	
Saturdays	After 9:15am Mass	

DAWN MASS NOVENA, 16-24 DECEMBER 18

This will be the 23rd year our parish will celebrate the Dawn Mass Novena in preparation for Christmas. The Novena Mass is held at 5:00am every morning for nine consecutive days, starting on the 16th and concluding on the 24th December. Our parish prayer group organises this by coordinating with our parishioners, other groups in our parish, prayer group benefactors and others from neighbouring parishes who attend the dawn Mass every year. Their generosity provides a festive breakfast for everyone who attends the dawn Mass. If any of you would like to be a part of this breakfast by either providing food or wish to donate towards it please contact the parish office on 9749 4300 or email hopperscrossing@cam.org.au. Thank you.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for George Seemanpillai, Ray Marshal, William Keating, Sharon Fernandes, Joseph D'Souza and all who have passed away recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Robert Wells, Sam Farrugia, Helen Sullivan, Graciela Contreras, John Pham, Joseph Nguyen, Irene Tran, Martin Pham, Marion Bartolo, Helen Sullivan, John McCarthy, Thelma Helena, Francisco Pelaez, Timothy & Sylvia Lobo, Maria May and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We pray for Leo Linehan, Lydia (Aleida) Van Susteren, Gary Spotswood, Stan Walkden, Sean Donaldson, Liam Parr, Edith Street, Irene Jones, Bob Meehan, Rita Dubowik, Thais Long, Sr. Eileen Jones, Lucy Ballan, Cynthia Middleton, Josie Walsh, Vivian Metzger, Eugene Xavier, Miroslav Hedik, Filippo Scigliitano, Christina Farrugia and all who are ill in our Parish.