

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 December 2018
2nd Sunday of Advent
Year C



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR DECEMBER

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen

Entrance
Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

1st Reading
Baruch 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort. The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial
Psalm

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2nd Reading
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God. The Word of the Lord.

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 9:00am – 3:30pm

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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! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia!**

Gospel
Lk 3:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Luke

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion
Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Next week's
Readings

Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Feasts of the
Week

Our Lady of Guadalupe
St. Lucy
St. John of the Cross

Wed, 12 Dec
Thu, 13 Dec
Fri, 14 Dec

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THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU from the Youth and Young Adults Ministry for the tremendous support received for the Carols Night last Saturday which was well attended and well supported and a night enjoyed by all. A Special thanks to Ms Adele Vesti for preparing the school children to participate.

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 – 16 December 18

John Allen / Jules & Neeta Pereira

Readers – 15/16 December 18

6:00pm	Angela Francis
8:30am	Dominic Hankins
10:30am	Elenoa Eliepa
5:00pm	Connie Skinner

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 15/16 December 18

6:00pm	F. Thomas / B. Farrugia / Praful A. / H. Durski
8:30am	Grace S. / Karen F. / C. Coelho / G. Siccita
10:30am	B Fernandes / V Firman / S D Reyos / I Ortega
5:00pm	E. Behrouzi / J. PhanLai / A. Etienne / Vol

Music Ministry – 15/16 December 18

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

PARISH NEWS

BLESSING OF NEW PARISH FOYER BY BISHOP MARK EDWARDS

We welcome Bishop Mark Edwards who is here to bless our new Parish Foyer this Sunday 9th December at 10:20am, prior to the start of the 10:30am Mass. Please join us for fellowship after Mass and thank you to all who have brought food to share.

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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

Please note that there will be no Baptism Preparation Meeting in January. The next meeting will be held on Monday, 4th February 2019 at 7:00pm in church.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Church community **Harper Elizabeth Kizis** 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.

CHRISTMAS TREE

A big Thank-You to everyone who generously donated food and cards for the Christmas Hampers which will be much appreciated by the families who receive them.

St Peter's Conference, St Vincent de Paul Society

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 Fridays	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

We thank the **KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS** and acknowledge the great effort put in by them each year in setting up the Nativity Scene in locations within Wyndham.

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION

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

ST. PETER'S & ST. JAMES' COMBINED PARISH RITE II RECONCILIATION, THURSDAY 20TH DEC, 7:00PM

Please join us at St. James' Parish for our Combined Rite II Reconciliation on Thursday 20th December at 7:00pm. This is a great way to prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus our Saviour into our hearts this Christmas. All welcome

ST. PETER'S YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS, THURSDAY, 13TH DEC, 7:00PM

We congratulate all the Year 6 students who will be celebrating their Graduation this Thursday night. We wish them many blessings and pray that our Lord Jesus will guide them throughout Secondary School and beyond.

CONGRATULATIONS to our staff and school children for participating in the St. Peter's Primary School Concert at Thomas Carr on Thursday, 6th December.

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.

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:	\$4236.00
ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR:	\$3322.44
CHURCH A/C:	\$1386.75
PRESBYTERY A/C:	\$1248.15
CHAPLAINCY	\$ 145.70

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Daphne McPherson, Ray Marshall and all who have passed away recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Judith & Sebastian D'Cruz, Afra & Isidon Fernandes, [Arogyaiah Bandanadam](#), [Peter Fernando](#), [Remedios Llagas](#), [Agnelo Almeida](#) 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 Scigliano, Christina Farrugia, Kath Meddings, Edith Platel, Adrian Tully, Peter Bool, Jaia Baer. May Rizkallah and all who are ill in our Parish.