

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



16 December 2018
3rd 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

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near..

1st Reading
Zeph 3:14-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial
Psalm

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

2nd Reading
Phil 4:4-7

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

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel
Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. **Alleluia!**

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 9:00am – 3:30pm

CONTACT DETAILS

Parish Priest

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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
Lk 3:10-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Luke

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them. The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.
Antiphon

Next week's Readings **Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44**

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ROSTERS FOR PIETY STORE, COMMUNION TO THE SICK, 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.

JANUARY 2019

Please note that there will be **NO** Healing Mass or Baptism Preparation Meeting in January. The **NEXT** Healing Mass and Baptism Preparation meeting will be held in February 2019.

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT: \$4236.00
ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR: \$3214.00
CHURCH A/C: \$1455.30
PRESBYTERY A/C: \$1247.40
CHAPLAINCY

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 23 December 18

Les Jones / Tini & Barrie Hope

Readers – 22/23 December 18

6:00pm	Jeffrey Poppen
8:30am	KSC Reader
10:30am	Mario D'Mello
5:00pm	Sherwin Simangan

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 22/23 December 18

6:00pm	E. Dalton / Josie T. / B. Fernandes / Vol
8:30am	KSC Minister / Kevin McL / S. Gomez / E. Stowers
10:30am	Z. D'Mello / E. Mills / S. Colla / F. Caruana
5:00pm	K. English / G. Siccita / C. Skinner / VOL

Music Ministry – 22/23 December 18

6:00pm	Volunteer
8:30am	Shirley & Group
10:30am	Domini Chorum
5:00pm	KNK

PARISH NEWS

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

CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS - MON 24TH DECEMBER 6:30 PM, CAROLS 6:00 PM

All children are invited to dress up as a Nativity character e.g. angels, shepherds, Mary, Joseph, etc. for this family Mass. Please have the children ready and waiting in the hall so they can process into Church for the start of the Carols by 6:00pm sharp.

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS - FRIDAY 28TH DECEMBER, 8:30 AM MASS

A special Blessing will be given to all babies and children at this Mass in memory of the young children of Bethlehem, put to death by Herod who sought to kill Jesus. These innocent victims bear witness to Christ, to a world which would not receive Him.

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS, MONDAY 31ST DECEMBER, 8:30AM FOLLOWED BY HOLY HOUR OF THANKSGIVING

Please join us as we give thanks for the many blessings and graces received throughout 2018. The 8:30am Mass will be followed by Exposition, quiet reflection/prayer time, Divine Mercy Chaplet and conclude with Benediction. All are welcome.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The last working day for the parish office will be **Friday 21st December**. The office will **re-open on Monday 7th January 2019**. Bulletins for 30th December and 6th January will be single sheets with mass readings. Normal bulletins will resume from 13th January 2019, along with names for Death Anniversaries, Recently Deceased and Sick List.

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 – NO HEALING MASS IN JAN.
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

The Members of the Hoppers Crossing Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society offer a very warm and heartfelt Thank You to all of St Peter's Parish Community who recently donated \$1,750 to aid our work for the disadvantaged.

Also following our appeal for extra volunteers to aid us in our works, we now have an additional thirteen Members in Training.

Thank you one and all!
Leo Wandersmith

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.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS will be on sale from this weekend and during the Dawn Masses. Winning tickets will be drawn after the 24 Dec 2018 Dawn Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS to the two newly appointed Deputy Principals at our school – Tara Allison and Karen Clarke. We wish you well in your new roles !!

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 Josefina Mata, Placida Lim, Antonio Lim, Antonio Mechado and all who have passed away recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for George Thomas, Aileen Gower, Evan Pritchard, Paula Monteiro, Edgar Montaut, Gwen Dunford, Margaret Prea, Esther Granada, Marie Renotte, Agnelo Almieda, George Thomas, Aileen Grover, Evan Prichard 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, Peter Bool, Jaia Baer, May Rizkallah, Janko Janksic and all who are ill in our Parish.