

St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

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23 December 2018
4th 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

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

1st Reading
Micah 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah.

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial
Psalm

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

2nd Reading
Heb 10:5-107

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

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: *You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'* Notice that he says first: *You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.* He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel
Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. **Alleluia!**

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 – 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 *A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Luke*

Lk 1:39-44
Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'
The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.
Antiphon

Next week's Readings **1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52**

Feasts of the Week **St. Stephen Wed, 26 Dec**
 St. John the Apostle Thu, 27 Dec
 The Holy Innocents Fri, 28 Dec

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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.

FEAST OF STO NIÑO will be celebrated at St. Peter Apostle Mission Parish at 12 noon on Sunday, 27th January 2019. Procession starts at 11:30am in the carpark. You are welcome to bring your Sto Niño icons on the day.

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:	\$4236.00
ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR:	\$3086.00
CHURCH A/C:	\$2397.00
PRESBYTERY A/C:	\$1726.00
CHAPLAINCY	\$ 345.00

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 30 December 18

Kevin McLoughlin / Jeff Leeson / Francis Thomas

Readers – 29/30 December 18

6:00pm	Elaine Dalton
8:30am	Bev Jones
10:30am	Lionel D'Cruz
5:00pm	Giovanna Siccita

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 29/30 December 18

6:00pm	H. Durski / M. Maple / Davy F. / Sharon A.
8:30am	L. Jones / Bernice S. / R. Johnson / G. Sharman
10:30am	Sally DiB / V Firman / Vanina IDA / S Delos Reyos
5:00pm	E. Behrouzi / S. Joseph / 2 X VOLUNTEERS

Music Ministry – 29/30 December 18

6:00pm	Footsteps
8:30am	Shirley & Group
10:30am	5th Sunday Choir
5:00pm	Youth Band

PARISH NEWS

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 Theatre 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.
2 nd Feb 19	Healing Mass 1:30pm to 4:30pm

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 at all Masses this weekend and during the Dawn Masses. Winning tickets will be drawn after the 24 Dec 2018 Dawn Mass.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Wishing all the parishioners of St Peters a **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**.

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	

CONGRATULATIONS to our parishioner Tanya Kelaart who recently received a Lalor Hero Award for the wonderful work she has done as the founder of the Wyndham Women's Support Group. Her voluntary work with various organisations has also been acknowledged. Well done and God Bless you Tanya as you continue with your good works.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Edith Platle, Roseleen McKenna, Jose Bilog, Dr. Leslie Gonsalves, Jason Gilham, Bradley Dobney, Christina Farrugia, Des Saunderson, Antonio Machado, George Seemanpillai, Luke Anderson, Corazon Dayao and all who have passed away recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Noel Rego, Baby Shania Albuquerque, Florence White, Conrad Isaaks, George Bellard, Margaret Prea, Sam Bonnici, Flo & John Staub, Patrick Foster, Gert & Frank Foster, Milagros Baltero, Sisabert Rocha, Arsenio Granada, Connie Portelli, Joseph Nguyen, Esmeralda Benitez, Pia Padayo, Violeta Pascual, Lucy Zanatta, Immaculata Sciglitano 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 Sciglitano, Christina Farrugia, Kath Meddings, Jaia Baer, May Rizkallah, Janko Janksic, Gayle Ryan, Saranapala, and all who are ill in our Parish.