

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



10 March 2019 First Sunday of Lent Year C



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR MARCH

Prayer for Lent

Merciful God,

You called us forth from the dust of the earth; you claimed us for Christ in the waters of Baptism. Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days bearing the mark of ashes, and bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth. May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts. All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus, for in his Cross we proclaim your love forever.
Amen.

Entrance
Antiphon

Whenever he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

1st Reading

Deut 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." 'You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial
Psalm

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

2nd Reading

Rom 10:8-13

Scripture says: *The word (that is the faith we proclaim) is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart.* If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: *those who believe in him will have no cause for shame,* it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask his help, *for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel
Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 9:00am – 3:30pm

CONTACT DETAILS

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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
Youth Mass – 3rd Sun at 5:00pm

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 April 19, 1:30 to 4:30pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 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 & QUERIES

Parish Office on 9749 4300

Gospel A reading from the holy Gospel according to Lk 4:1-13 St. Luke.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time. The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God
Antiphon

Next week's **Gen 15:5-12,17-18; Phil 3:17 – 4:1**
Readings **Lk 9:28-36**

PARISH NEWS

We welcome you back to the parish **FR. BARRY TOBIN** and thank you for celebrating the 6:00pm Mass this Saturday, 9th March, with our parish community.

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 – NEXT HEALING MASS ON APRIL 6TH, 1:30pm – 4:30pm
3 rd Sunday	5:00pm Youth Mass
Wednesdays	7:30pm Mother of Perpetual Succour Novena after 7:00pm Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held every **Friday** during Lent **commencing at 7:00pm** in the Church and followed by Mass. Stations of the Cross on 15 March will be led by the Bible Study Ministry.

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 17 March 19

L. Vasquez / T. Grisancich, L. De La Cruz

Readers – 16/17 March 19

6:00pm	Angela Francis
8:30am	Grace Sharman
10:30am	Sunil Vaz
5:00pm	YOUTH MASS

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 16/17 March 19

6:00pm	F. Thomas / N. Golaw / H. Durski / A. Vesty
8:30am	Karen F. / K. English / R. Johnson / J. Phan Lai
10:30am	S. Delos Reyos / V. Firman / C. Morcom / VOL
5:00pm	YOUTH MASS

Music Ministry 16/17 March 19

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

WAY OF THE CROSS LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO TA PINU

Come and join us in our yearly Lenten pilgrimage at Ta Pinu to pray and reflect on Jesus' passion and death. **Saturday, 16th March**, 15 Flanagans Drive, Merrimu. Stations of the Cross at 10:30am, followed by Mass and shared fellowship. More information from Sherwin on 0466 408 004 or email the parish office at stpeters@westnet.com.au.

ROSTERS for Lectors, Ministers for Communion, Piety Store and Communion to the Sick available for collection from the hall.

YOUNG ADULTS

Thank you to all of you who attended our Movie Night on Saturday March 2nd. The movie was much enjoyed by all. Your Gold Coin donations and purchases of snacks, BBQ and drinks netted \$270 which will be used to fund our ongoing activities, meetings, trips, etc. Sincere thanks to the Parish and all the Volunteers for your ongoing support

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR NOVENA Every Wednesday at 7.30 pm (after 7pm mass)

consisting of traditional prayers, scripture reading, brief homily, Eucharistic Adoration and some of our favourite hymns. Come and join us for the Novena. Novena Books for personal use are available at the sacristy or after the Novena on Wednesday for \$5.

SACRAMENTAL & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMME

If your children attend a non-Catholic School and you wish for them to prepare to receive Sacraments or general instruction, come and see us. Classes each **Sunday from 9:15am to 10:25am**. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate. Enquiries to Bernice on 9749 2812.

LENTEN RETREAT

Our parish will have a Lenten retreat this year on **March 14,21,28 and April 4 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm**, conducted by Deacons Royden & Charles. These will consist of teachings, short films, music, reflections on key parables from the Gospel of Luke to increase our faith and build a **stronger relationship** with Jesus during this Lenten Period. There will also be Eucharistic Adoration, solemn prayer and confessions. On March 14th we will reflect on the Parable of The Prodigal Son.

YOUTH MASS

Next Sunday (March 17) the 5:00pm mass will be the Youth Mass. All youth are invited to attend. There will be a special blessing given by Fr. Vincent for all the youth. Parents encourage your children to attend this mass where they can meet other youth of the parish and stay over for fellowship after the mass. Please bring a plate of sweets or savouries to share. If you'd like to participate or assist or donate please call the Young Adults Number 0470 445 684

IMPORTANT LENTEN INFORMATION

The Lenten season has a twofold character:

1. It recalls baptism or prepares for it.
2. It stresses a penitential spirit

By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer. In the liturgy itself and in the liturgy-centred instructions, these baptismal and penitential themes should be more pronounced. Hence:

- a) Wider use is to be made of baptismal features proper to the Lenten liturgy ...
- b) The same approach holds for the penitential elements...

During Lent, penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social ... In any event, let the paschal fast be kept sacred. It should be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be visited on uplifted and responsive spirits.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES are located in the foyer. Please collect one after Mass. Thank you.

TWEET FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Lenten journey begins today, Ash Wednesday. I invite each of you to live this time in an authentic spirit of penance and conversion, like a return to the Father, who awaits us all with open arms.

LETTER FROM BISHOP MARK EDWARDS

Dear Fr Vincent and members of St Peter's Parish. Over the last week I have been in St Peter's and have enjoyed being a part of its life. I visited the primary school, talked with the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee, and met with Fr Vincent, visited some of the sick of the parish, met with the Sunday School children, the youth group and the young adults group, celebrated two weekday Masses and the four of the Sunday Masses. I found an active parish with a vibrant devotional and faith life, a strong sense of community and a healthy desire to pass the faith on to others. The primary school is doing much good in the community and is an important part of the parish. It is a powerful way in which the parish reaches out to the next generation and to the wider community. The teachers are dedicated, caring and devoted and show empathy and compassion. It is important that all of us take responsibility for the life of our community and I encourage the school and wider parish to continue to offer opportunities for the families in the school to become even more involved. Building community in our area is important. Let us continue to invite those who receive to give back. During my visitation, Fr Vincent asked for suggestions about how the parish could be even better. It would be inappropriate for me to make particular concrete suggestions after only a week in the parish. I propose that the parish undertake a strategic plan which identifies two, or at the most three, areas in which you discern that God is calling you to become even better and set two, three or four goals that will stretch the community in each of these areas and that you commit to these. I want to thank Fr Vincent for his pastoral care, thoughtfulness and community building. He is warm, compassionate, committed, generous, hard-working, constant, cheerful, and faith-filled. I thank him for who he is and what he is doing for the community of St Peter's. I also thank the parishioners I met and teachers for their love for the Church, the parish and their commitment to its well-being. I enjoyed my visit very much and look forward to future visits.

Bishop Mark Edwards

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:	\$4236.00
ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR:	\$3506.00
CHURCH A/C:	\$1329.50
PRESBYTERY A/C:	\$1464.90
CHAPLAINCY	\$ 206.20

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Paolo Siccita, Melencio Paul Pastrana and all who have passed away recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Vincent D'Souza, Victor Pereira, Palmira D'Cruz, Constantino Dela-Pena, George Mancion, Josephine Catania, Lucy Zanatta, Rev. Fr. Ave Maria D'Sa, Tupai Nanai, Melissa & Caroline Bear, Carmen Madeloso, Alex D'Souza and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We pray for Leo Linehan, Gary Spotswood, Sean Donaldson, Edith Street, Bob Meehan, Liam Parr, Lucy Ballan, Irene Jones, Thais Long, Sr. Eileen Jones, Virginia Jewers, Robert Hart, Vincent Jones, Angela O'Brian, Kath Meddings, Patrick Thornby, Patrick Clark, Lewis Zammit, Nofao Thomas, Vonnie Pritchard, Shelton, Melvin Ramshaw, Maria Barruto, Lee Andrew Tesaluna, Rosa Carullo, Jeffrey Grech, Martha Rodrigues, Jeffrey Trach, Barbara Brown and all who are ill in our Parish.