

# 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



## 17 March 2019 Second 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

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

*A reading from the book of Genesis.*

Gen 15:5-12,17-18

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.' 'Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial  
Psalm

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

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

Phil 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.  
The Word of the Lord.

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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* – 4<sup>th</sup> Sun at 12:00 noon  
*Polish* – 1<sup>st</sup> Sun at 3:30pm  
*Spanish* – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 12 noon  
Baptism Preparation Meeting  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, 7:00pm

#### WEDDINGS

By Appointment

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK, HOUSE BLESSINGS, VISITS & QUERIES

Parish Office on 9749 4300

Gospel  
Acclamation

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel

Lk 9:28-36 A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen. The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion  
Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: listen to him.

Next week's  
Readings

**Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; Cor 10:1-6, 10-12**  
**Lk 13:1-9**

## PARISH NEWS

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR OUR PARISH

Sundays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:15 to 8:15pm HSI School of Discipleship in Community Centre</li> <li>Youth Group meet in the Hall after 5pm Mass</li> <li>Young Adults (18 -29 years) meet in Theatre from 6:00pm</li> </ul>
Baptisms	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 12 noon
1 <sup>st</sup> Fridays	7:00pm to 10:00pm starting with Mass
Healing Mass	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, 1:30pm to 4:30pm – <b>NEXT HEALING MASS ON APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1:30pm – 4:30pm</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	5:00pm Youth Mass
Wednesdays	7:30pm Mother of Perpetual Succour Novena after 7:00pm Mass

**PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT: \$4236.00**  
**ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR: \$3467.00**  
**CHURCH A/C: \$2073.00**  
**PRESBYTERY A/C: \$1276.00**  
**CHAPLAINCY \$**

## ROSTERS

### Money Counters – 24 March 19

Pravin A. / Clarence D'Souza / Grace Sharman

### Readers – 23/24 March 19

6:00pm	Sharon D'Silva
8:30am	KSC Reader
10:30am	Mario D'Mello
5:00pm	Dominic Hankins

### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 23/24 March 19

6:00pm	E. Mills / S. Martis / Praful A. / J. Tramontata
8:30am	KSC Minister / K. McLoughlin / L&B Jones
10:30am	Z D'Mello / Sally DiB / L Ortega / B Fernandes
5:00pm	E Behrouzi / S Joseph / R Perera / G Siccita

### Music Ministry 23/24 March 19

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

**MOTHER OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR NOVENA**  
**Every Wednesday at 7:30pm (after 7:00pm 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.

### LENTEN RETREAT

Lenten retreat continues on **March 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 21<sup>st</sup> we will reflect on Jesus' encounter with Zacchaeus.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** held every **Friday** during Lent **commencing at 7:00pm** in the Church and followed by Mass. Stations of the Cross on 22 March will be led by the Music Ministry.

### 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.

**THANK YOU** Father Vincent and Parishioners of St. Peter's for your prayers and support during our son, Vincent's illness. He is now on the road to recovery. Les & Bev Jones.

## IMPORTANT LENTEN INFORMATION

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat. All other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by any one of the following:

- a) **Prayer eg** – Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary, etc.
- b) **Self Denial eg** – not eating meat, sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with family; limiting food and drink to give to the poor of ones own country or elsewhere, etc. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing self-denial in Australia.
- c) **Helping Others eg** – special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened, etc.
  - All who have turned 18 and who are not yet 60 are bound to fast. All who have completed 14 are bound to abstain. (Canon 1252)
  - Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity and to deny themselves.
  - All faithful are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday 6 March 19 and Trinity Sunday, 16 June 19 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.

The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament. All who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

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

## YOUTH MASS

**This 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

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Commences at the **10:30am Mass, this Sunday 17 March 2019.**

## BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study continues on **March 19 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm** in the theatre. We are at Mark Ch 1. Come and experience an interactive study of the Bible. Enquiries Royden 0426071375

## RISE FESTIVAL

The Archdiocesan Office for Youth is hosting a one-day event for young people aged from 9 to 29 to discover and deepen their relation to Christ and to celebrate their faith. RISE 2019 will have a festival like atmosphere and will include opportunities for young people to experience the arts, live music, prayer, social time and workshops based on a variety of topics. The RISE event will be held at the Penola Catholic College, Glenroy on Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00am to 9:00pm. If you are interested please speak to one of the youth leaders after the 5:00pm mass on Sunday March 17.

## LENT ANOINTING FOR HEALING MASS – TUES 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 11:00 AM

Everyone, especially the sick and elderly, are invited to attend our annual Anointing for Healing Mass on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March at 11:00 am. Following Mass, a light luncheon will be served in the hall. All welcome.

## BLESSING FOR ALL PREGNANT MOTHERS AND THEIR UNBORN BABIES

To mark the Feast of the Annunciation, Father will be giving a special blessing for all pregnant mothers and their unborn babies at the conclusion of all Masses on the **weekend of 23/24 March.**

## TWEET FROM POPE FRANCIS

At the beginning of Lent, it would do us good to ask for the grace to preserve the memory of all that the Lord has done in our lives, of how He has loved us.

## ADVERTISING IN BACK OF PARISH BULLETIN

Parishioners, if you would like to advertise on the back page of the Parish Bulletin, we currently have some vacant spots. Cost of advertising for one year is \$200. Please contact the Parish Office on 9749 4300 if you would like to take up one of the vacant spots.

**ST. VINCENT'S CARE SERVICES WERRIBEE** are looking for volunteers to assist with the elderly. If you are able to help please call them on 9431 0100. See poster on notice board.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for Mar Dela Cruz, Eugene Xavier, Ceada D'Cruz, Joseph Zammit, Theresa Bonavia, Trix Andrada, Giovanni Simioni and all who have passed away recently.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** We pray for Elaine Poutney, Desmond Cones, John & Gertrude Briscoe, Cyrilyn Jayasooriya, Juliana Tonic, Thresiamma Sebastian 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, Nofoao Thomas, Vonnie Pritchard, Shelton, Melvin Ramshaw, Maria Barruto, Lee Andrew Tesaluna, Rosa Carullo, Jeffrey Grech, Martha Rodrigues, Jeffrey Trach, Barbara Brown, Josephine Buttigieg, Melissa Caroline Bear, Kenneth Henriques, Santana D'Souza, Monica Harris, James Williams, and all who are ill in our Parish.