

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



24 March 2019 Third 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

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

1st Reading
Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial
Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful.

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OFFICE HOURS

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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

2nd Reading

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.. **Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel
Lk 13:1-9

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

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Next week's Readings

Josh 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 31 March 19

John Allen / Jules & Neeta Pereira

Readers – 30/31 March 19

6:00pm	Ignes D'Lima
8:30am	Kitty Stuttard
10:30am	Sharon Aurubia
5:00pm	Connie Skinner

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 30/31 March 19

6:00pm	B. Farrugia / J. Poppen / Davy F. / E. Dalton
8:30am	G. Sharman / D&J Roga / A. Vesty
10:30am	V. Azimi / N. Costa / C. Morcom / V. Firman
5:00pm	S&I Simangan / A. Etiennette / J. Phan Lai

Music Ministry 30/31 March 19

6:00pm	Footsteps
8:30am	Shirley & Group
10:30am	Shepherds of Christ
5:00pm	Youth Band

PARISH NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES FOR OUR PARISH

Sundays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

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.

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 Ministry for Special Ministers.

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:	\$4236.00
ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR:	\$3506.00
CHURCH A/C:	\$1511.00
PRESBYTERY A/C:	\$1273.00
CHAPLAINCY	\$ 82.00

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Please support our Sausage Sizzle which will be held after all Masses this weekend. Proceeds from the Sausage Sizzle go towards activities in our Church.

LENTEN RETREAT

Lenten retreat continues on **March 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 28th we will reflect on the parable of **The Rich Man & Lazarus**.

YOUNG ADULTS

We would like to thank all youth who attended the youth mass on Sunday March 17th. Thank you to all the parents who encouraged and brought their children for the youth mass where the number of youth attending each mass is increasing as also is the number of youth joining the Young Adults Ministry. Special thanks to the Lopez family for donating savouries for the evening.

LENT ANOINTING FOR HEALING MASS – TUES 26TH MARCH, 11:00 AM

Everyone, especially the sick and elderly, are invited to attend our annual Anointing for Healing Mass on Tuesday, 26th 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**.

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

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.

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.

FUNERALS on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are forbidden. Funerals on these days are celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word and without the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

WEDDINGS are discouraged on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. If they are required, no decorations including flowers, no music or Nuptial Mass will be permitted.

TWEET FROM POPE FRANCIS

I pray for the victims of the horrible attack against two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. I renew my invitation for prayer and gestures of peace to combat hatred and violence.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT, SATURDAY, 30TH MARCH 2019

at the Community Centre, 9:30am to 4:00pm. Led by Anastia Rebello & Team. Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea provided.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Virginia Jewers, Giovanni Simioni, Isave Nguyen, Ravenal Pamparo, Charles, Trix Andrade, Celina David and all who have passed away recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Geoff Dalton, Helene Green, Fr. Edward D'Souza, Lino Rosas, Gwenda Henry, Rolando Sanchez 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, Rosemary Fairnie and all who are ill in our Parish.