

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



31 March 2019 Fourth 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

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

1st Reading Josh 5:9-12

A reading from the prophet Joshua.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.
The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2nd Reading 2 Cor 5:17-21

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

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.
The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. **Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

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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

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

The Word of the Lord.

Communion

Antiphon

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

Next week's Readings

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 7 April 19

Les Jones / Tini & Barrie Hope

Readers – 6/7 April 19

6:00pm	Jeslin Shaji
8:30am	Bev Jones
10:30am	Lute Eliepa
5:00pm	Sonia Sabu Mathew

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 6/7 April 19

6:00pm	H Durski / N Golaw / B Fernandes / Davy F.
8:30am	Karen F. / S. Gomez / C. Coelho / L. Jones
10:30am	N. Costa / L. Ortega / Sally DiB / M. Naufahu
5:00pm	R Perera/D Etiennette/S Joseph/E Behrouzi

Music Ministry 6/7 April 19

6:00pm	Eagles Wings
8:30am	Shirley & Group
10:30am	Samoan Choir
5:00pm	FilOz

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 Theatrette from 6:00pm
Baptisms	1 st & 3 rd Sundays at 12 noon. Next Preparation Meeting, Monday 1 April at 7:00pm in Church.
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

COMMUNION SERVICE

Please note that as Fr. Vincent is not available, instead of Mass at 8:30am there will be Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service on **Tuesday 2nd April and Wednesday 10th April**. There will be the usual 7:00pm Mass on Wednesday 10th April.

FIRST FRIDAY SERVICE on April 5th begins with Mass at 7:00pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, time for reflection, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and nine offices **until 10:00pm**. Come and spend some time with the Lord.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ends next Sunday, 7th April. Please remember to **turn your clocks BACK 1 hour the night before** so you are not too late for Mass !!



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study continues on **April 2nd 2019 in the theatre.** We are studying the Gospel of Mark and are at Ch 2. Bible Study class will be conducted by Clive Gonsalves from St. James Parish. New members welcome. Enquiries to Royden 0426 071 375

LENTEN RETREAT

Lenten retreat continues on **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 April 4th we will reflect on the parable of **The Good Samaritan**.

CONGRATULATIONS to Grade3 Students who make their first Reconciliation on Tuesday, 2nd April at 7:00pm. We pray that God will shower these children with his blessings.

COMBINED PARISH RITE II RECONCILIATION, THURS. 11TH APRIL, 7:00PM AT ST. PETER'S PARISH

Please join us for our annual Rite II Reconciliation on Thursday 11th April at 7:00pm. This is a great way to prepare ourselves this Lenten season for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. All welcome.

MASS OF THE HOLY OILS (CHRISM MASS)- TUES 16TH APRIL 11:00AM, ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, EAST MELBOURNE

All are invited to attend this special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli and concelebrated with Priests and Deacons from the Archdiocese. Also, the Oil of the Sick, the Oils of Catechumens and the Chrism are blessed. This Mass manifests the communion of the Priests with their Bishop in a leadership of service. Kindly note that the 8:30am morning Mass will be celebrated as usual.

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:	\$4236.00
ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR:	\$3499.00
CHURCH A/C:	\$1261.00
PRESBYTERY A/C:	\$1208.00
CHAPLAINCY	\$ 116.00

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:

- 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.

VISIT BY FR. DOM DI GIORGIO

As Fr. Dom is celebrating the 60th Anniversary of his priesthood, Fr. Vincent has invited him to celebrate the 10:30am Mass next Sunday, 7th April. Let us welcome Fr. Dom back with our usual St. Peter's warmth and hospitality.

TWEET FROM POPE FRANCIS

Outward appearance, money, career, hobbies: these are sirens that enchant us and then set us adrift. #Lent is a time of grace to free our hearts from vanities.

THE NEXT HEALING MASS will be held on **Saturday, 6th April from 1:30pm to 4:30pm**. All are invited to attend the Praise & Worship, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with the Healing Mass.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Virginia Jewers, Trix Andrada, Janice Cassar, Filippo Amore and all who have passed away recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Phillip Jones, Kuriakkose Palatty, Buenaventura Are, Benita Reyes 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, 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, Joyce Devine, Frank O'Brien, Liam Fitzpatrick, Trish Hamill, Bruce Renn and all who are ill in our Parish.