

# St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

38 Guinane Avenue, Hoppers Crossing 3029

Archdiocese of Melbourne

Committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults



## 25 February 2024 2nd Sunday of Lent Year B



### DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY 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.

1st Reading

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial  
Psalm

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

2nd Reading

Rom 8:31-34

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

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us. The Word of the Lord.

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!**

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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

*Spanish* – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun at 1:15pm

*Filipino* – 4<sup>th</sup> Sun at 12:00 noon

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri – 8:30am

Wed – 7:00pm

Sat – 9:00am

### CONFESSIONS

Wed: 6:30pm

Sat: After 9:00am Mass

### DEVOTIONS

**First Friday: 7:00pm to 8:15pm**

**Exposition of the Blessed**

**Sacrament**

Fri 9:00am & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Sat 2:30pm

**Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**

**Novena**

Wed after 7:00pm Mass

**Rosary**

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri - 8:00am

Sat 8:30am

Sun 8:00am

### 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 (03) 9749 4300

Gospel  
Mk 9:2-10

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
St. Mark.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said '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 to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them anymore but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.  
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Next Week's **Ex 20:1-17; 1Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25**  
Readings

## ROSTERS

### Money Counters – 3 Mar 24

Bill Coghlan / Paul Mulquiney / George Socrates

### Roster for Readers – 2/3 Mar 24

6:00pm	Davy Fernandez
8:30am	Kitty Stuttard
10:30am	Cleophas Peters
5:00pm	Valerian D'Souza

### Roster for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 2/3 Mar 24

6:00pm	H. Durski / G. Aldcroft / S. Martis / S. Fernando
8:30am	G. Sharman / K. Fernandes / N&N Gooneratne
10:30am	E. Mills / A. Koek / S. Vaz / B. Fernandes
5:00pm	E. Angeles / M. Marip / Sunita D / Volunteer

### Music Ministry – 2/3 Mar 24

6:00pm	Eagles Wings
8:30am	St. Philomena
10:30am	Tongan Choir
5:00pm	FilOz

### CAR PARKING

Dear Parishioners, when you come to church, please do not park in the **drop off and pick up lanes during school hours**. Thank you. Please also note that the undercover area is now open for parking on weekends.

### TOUR OF THE NEW ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDING

Parishioners are invited to take a tour of the New School Building on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February after the 10.30am mass and on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February after the 8.30am mass.**

### PROJECT COMPASSION

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes which are available in the Hall and Foyer. Donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes, visit [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or call 1800 024 413.

### BAPTISMAL RENEWAL MASS – SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 10:30AM MASS

On behalf of Fr Vincent, Fr Simeon and our parish community, we warmly welcome the children baptised in our parish during 2023 and their families for this special Baptismal Renewal Mass on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March at the 10.30am Mass**. We specially pray for these children and their parents.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Begins **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 9:15am to 10:15am**. Enquiries, please email Sharon: [snaps0910@gmail.com](mailto:snaps0910@gmail.com).

## PARISH NEWS

### WEEKLY PARISH DATES

Sundays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:30am Mass – Children's Liturgy held 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.</li> <li>After 5:00pm Mass in Hall – <b>Youth Group for youth 12 to 17 years on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.</b></li> <li>6:00pm in Theatrette – <b>Young Adults (SPYA)</b> meeting.</li> </ul>
Mondays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00pm to 8:15pm – Bible Study on Zoom. Meeting ID: 826 5359 2389 Passcode: Bible. Contact Clive 0490814452 or Karen 0415487598</li> </ul>
Tuesdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00pm Online Zoom Rosary - Meeting ID: 893 5477 8556. Passcode: rosary</li> <li>7:00pm RCIA Meeting in Theatrette/zoom. Contact Francis Thomas 0401787372</li> </ul>
Wednesdays	7:00pm Mass followed by Mother of Perpetual Succour Novena.
1 <sup>st</sup> Fridays	7:00pm to 8:15pm Mass & Adoration
Saturdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2:30pm to 4:00pm St. Peter's Charismatic Prayer Community Praise &amp; Worship.</li> <li>1.30pm to 4:00pm - Healing Mass on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month. Next Healing Mass on <b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024</b>.</li> </ul>
Baptisms	12 noon – Baptisms held 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays. Baptism Preparation Meeting held on 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00pm. <b>Next Baptism Preparation Meeting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7:00pm in Church.</b>

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:	\$5826.30
ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR:	\$3680.50
CHURCH A/C:	\$1547.60
PRESBYTERY A/C:	\$1142.85
CHAPLAINCY:	\$ 85.15

## IMPORTANT LENTEN INFORMATION

(For more detailed information, please check the flyer on the notice board in the hall).

### Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

- All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60<sup>th</sup> year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain.
- Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This must be fulfilled between **Ash Wednesday 14 Feb 24** and **Trinity Sunday 26 May 24** 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 the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins **at least once a year**.

## FAREWELL TO CATHERINE

It is with sadness that we inform you that Catherine Graham and her husband will be relocating interstate for family reasons. We wish to acknowledge Catherine's tremendous contribution to the community in her role as Child Safeguarding Officer and Chair of Parish Pastoral Committee **at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 followed by fellowship in the hall**. We request you to kindly bring a plate of sweet or savoury finger food to share after Mass.

## NEW PPC LEADERSHIP TEAM

We welcome our new PPC Leadership Team – Sharon D'Silva (Chairperson), Milroy Cooray (Deputy Chairperson), David Roga (Secretary) and wish them well as they take on their new roles in our Parish Pastoral Committee who provide guidance to our priests and parish community. We take this opportunity to thank Catherine Graham, Sharon D'Silva, and Milroy Cooray who previously occupied these positions.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Lorena Ford who takes over from Catherine as our new Child Safeguarding Officer. Lorena will undertake this role one day a week in addition to her role as the parish Bookkeeper. If you have any queries, Lorena can be contacted at the parish office on a Friday or by email at [Lorena.Ford@cam.org.au](mailto:Lorena.Ford@cam.org.au).

## LENTEN SERVICES IN OUR PARISH

We invite our parishioners to attend our Lenten services below to assist us to reflect on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** held at 7:00pm every Friday during Lent followed by Mass.
- **PARISH LENT REFLECTION WITH MARIA FORDE – THU 29<sup>TH</sup> FEB AT 7:00PM IN OUR CHURCH**  
Maria Forde is an educator, spiritual director, accomplished singer, songwriter, and liturgist. Please join us as Maria Forde leads us on a Lenten reflection. Using scripture, ritual, music and conversation we will explore the meaning of Lent and ways in which we can meaningfully enter into this time more fully. We will discuss the meaning of prayer, almsgiving and fasting and its role during Lent. All are welcome.
- **LENTEN PILGRIMAGE – TA PINU, 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**  
Come and join us in our yearly Lenten pilgrimage at Ta Pinu to pray and reflect on Jesus' passion and death. **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Our Lady of Ta' Pinu Shrine, 15 Flanagan Dr., Merrimu Vic 3340**. Program **starts at 10:30am** with the 14 Stations of the Cross followed by **Mass at 12:00pm**. Shared Fellowship at Ta Pinu after Mass – BYO lunch to share.
- **LENT ANOINTING FOR HEALING MASS, TUES 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 11:00AM FOLLOWED BY LIGHT LUNCH**  
Everyone, especially the sick and elderly, are invited to attend our Anointing for Healing Mass on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 11:00am. Following Mass, a light luncheon will be served in the hall, hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary. All are welcome. If you are aware of anyone who wishes to be anointed but is too ill to attend this Mass, kindly ask them to contact the Parish Office and Father will visit them at home at a suitable time. **(PLEASE NOTE THAT THE 8:30AM MASS IS CANCELLED ON THIS DAY - TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.**

## TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL












There will be a presentation on Take the Way of the Gospel (TWG) and mission work of the parish at **all the weekend masses on 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> March** by TWG team.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for Samia Nassif, Nitin D'Souza, Grace Peiris, Daniel Rattan, Athanasius Rajapaksa, Paul Cutajar, Teresa Lopez, Cecilia Almeida, Loreto Clemente, Nen Thi Nguyen Maristela, Joseph Maitem, Felicia Fernandes, Arnelo Del Mundo, June Rodrigues, Charles Fernandes, Xavier Fernandes, Phyllis Quinless, Claude Lopez, Amparo Battad, Cecilia Lim, Tony Kozhaya, Yvonne Dragwidge, Aileen Andrade, Archelle Attard, Paul Rakavalis, Guido Benevento and all who have died in disasters all over the world.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** We pray for Dennis Boothe, Otilia Vieira, Mona Mann, Ante Vekic, Sheila Augustine, John Allen, Carmelo Bugeja, Shirley Noronha, Rolando Sanchez Sr, Agatha Borg, Anthony Azzopardi, Tindaro Arrigo, Ralph Evans, Trees Kleist, Greta Widdicombe, Pedro Alinea and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We pray for Violet Lawrence, Jeffrey Dalton, Sean Donaldson, Dale D'Souza, Stephen Beaton, John O'Regan, Mavis D'Cruz, Atima Chakraborty, Adrian McGill, Michael Mariadas, Edna Sanchez, Elizabeth de Guzman, Elinor Hillock, Kimberly Baraza, Noemi Monge, Carmen Ciappara, Carmen De Cruz, Monica Jawn Lu, Teresita Grisancich, Alberta Parrocho, Michelle Clayburn, Cara, Richi Cadampog, Lolita Delos Santos, Meanne Leonardo & Kelvin Mateo, Anthony Desilva, Rolando Baldelomar, Mark Duggan, Ernesto Sigismondi, Crispina Malveda, Lito Alinea and all who are ill in our Parish.

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<p><b>Hair Talk – Irene’s</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Ladies, Men’s &amp; Children’s Hair Cutting</li> <li>*Make Up &amp; Hair up</li> <li>*Colour (Tint/Tips/Foils)</li> <li>*Eye Brow &amp; Eye Lash Tint</li> <li>*Herbal Facials</li> <li>*Ladies Waxing</li> <li>*Hair Treatments</li> <li>*Perms</li> </ul> <p>Wynndham Business Award Finalist  <b>189 Heaths Rd, Hoppers Crossing Ph: 9748 4893</b>  <i>Mob: 04222290450</i></p> 	<p><b>fulQrum</b></p> <p>Finance • Conveyancing • Financial planning</p> <p>Thinking of Buying or Selling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* RESIDENTIAL * RURAL * STRATA</li> <li>* COMMERCIAL * SUBDIVISIONS</li> <li>* OFF THE PLAN * SALES &amp; PURCHASE</li> </ul> <p>ADDRESS: U207/41-55 LEAKES RD, LAVERTON NORTH VIC 3026          CONTACT US M:0455505767, EMAIL: INFO@FULQRUM.COM.AU</p>	<p><b>Space available</b>  <b>Space Parish Office</b>  <b>Contact 9749 4300</b></p>	<p><b>Space available</b>  <b>Space Parish Office</b>  <b>Contact 9749 4300</b></p>	
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