

St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

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Archdiocese of Melbourne

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



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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Year B



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WEEKEND MASSES

Sat – 6:00pm

Sun – 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon to Fri – 8:30am

Sat – 9:00am

CONFESSIONS

By appointment

DEVOTIONS

Suspended until further notice

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sundays at 12 noon

Baptism Preparation Meeting:

Online on Zoom by

appointment

WEDDINGS

By Appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK, HOUSE BLESSINGS, VISITS & QUERIES

Parish Office on 9749 4300

MASS PRAYER REQUESTS

Parishioners who would like Mass Prayer requests for birthdays, anniversaries, sick or other special occasions are invited to contact the Parish Office on 9749 4300 or via email at stpeters@westnet.com.au or hopperscrossing@cam.org.au. Fr. Vincent will offer the requests when he celebrates daily Mass.

DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR DECEMBER

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

Entrance

Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

1st Reading

Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'. 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir'. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood'. Then taking him outside he 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. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Responsorial

Psalm

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

2nd Reading

Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The Word of the Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. **Alleluia!**

Gospel (Lk 2:22-40)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Luke

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God, and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom and God's favour was with him.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

Next Week's Readings

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Feasts of the Week

The Holy Innocents Mon, 28 Dec

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will close for the Christmas break starting Wednesday 23 Dec and returning Monday, 11 Jan. Bulletins for 27 Dec, 3 & 10 Jan will be single sheets with mass readings. Normal bulletins will resume on 17 Jan, along with names for Death Anniversaries, Recently Deceased and Sick List.

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