

# 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



**8 September 2024**  
**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year B**



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## OFFICE HOURS

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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

Tue, Thu, Fri – 8:30am

Wed – 7:00pm

Sat – 9:00am

## LITURGY OF THE WORD/COMMUNION SERVICE

Mon – 8:30am

## 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

## **DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER**

### **PRAYER FOR NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Immaculate Conception, Mary, my Mother. Live in me. Act in me. Speak in and through me. Think your thoughts in my mind. Love, through my heart. Give me your dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead and guide me to Jesus. Correct, enlighten and expand my thoughts and behaviour. Possess my soul. Take over my entire personality and life. Replace it with yourself. Incline me to constant adoration and thanksgiving. Pray in me and through me. Let me live in you and keep me in this union always. Mary my Mother, my Queen!

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Is 35:4-7

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, my soul!

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
James 2:1-5

**A reading from the letter of St. James.**

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel  
Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. **Alleluia!**

Gospel  
Mk 7:31-37

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

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'  
The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion  
Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Next Week's  
Readings

**Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35**

Feasts of the  
Week

**St. John Chrysostom  
The Exaltation of the  
Holy Cross**

**Fri, 13 Sep**

**Sat, 14 Sep**

### ALPHA EXPERIENCE REGISTRATIONS OPEN

We are excited to announce the next Alpha Experience commencing **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7:00pm at St Peters Church Hall**. Alpha is a great experience with interactive weekly (Monday) sessions that create a safe and honest space where people can explore life, faith and meaning.



Enquiries to Joel 0433167180, Dario 0438525148 or Anita 0411772230, email [hopperscrossingalpha@gmail.com](mailto:hopperscrossingalpha@gmail.com). Limited spaces. Please register early by filling in the form at <http://bit.ly/alphahc> or scan QR code. There will be promotion of Alpha at all weekend masses on 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> September and a sausage sizzle at the 10.30am mass. All funds raised will be used to support the Alpha program.

### MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

Dear parishioners, kindly fill in the **date and time of mass** on the Mass Offering envelopes when offering a mass intention, especially at the weekends and on days with multiple masses. Thank you for your understanding.

### PARISH OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS

Kindly note that the parish office email address [stpeters@westnet.com.au](mailto:stpeters@westnet.com.au) will **no longer be used**. Please send all email communications for the Parish Office to [hopperscrossing@cam.org.au](mailto:hopperscrossing@cam.org.au). Thank you.

# ROSTERS

## Money Counters – 15 Sep 24

Pravin Albuquerque / Clarence D'Souza / Grace Sharman
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## Roster for Readers – 14/15 Sep 24

6:00pm	Lerna Vasquez
8:30am	Dominic Hankins
10:30am	Lionel D'Cruz
5:00pm	Youth Reader

## Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 14/15 Sep 24

6:00pm	S Fernando / S Martis / K Fernando / B Fernandes
8:30am	N&N Gooneratne / A. Hankins / S. Graham
10:30am	E. Mills / S. Delos Reyes / G. Schembri / Sunita D
5:00pm	Sophia D / E. Chio / C. Skinner / R. Albuquerque

## Music Ministry – 14/15 Sep 24

6:00pm	Footsteps
8:30am	St. Philomena
10:30am	FilOz
5:00pm	Young Adults

# 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 Theatre – <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 Community Centre – <b>Young Adults (SPYA)</b> meeting.</li><li>6.15pm in Hall – School of Discipleship</li></ul>
Mondays	7:00pm to 8:15pm – Bible Study on Zoom. Meeting ID: 826 5359 2389 Passcode: Bible. Contact Clive 0490814452 or Karen 0415487598
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 Theatre, 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
2 <sup>nd</sup> Fridays	7:30pm to 8:30pm Shalom Kids Holy Hour with Exposition & Benediction.
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 5<sup>th</sup> October 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 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7:00pm in Church.</b>

### **SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY – 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

In the Catholic Church, Child Protection Week culminates with Safeguarding Sunday. On this day the church acknowledges the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. At St. Peter's we are committed to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people and pray that we may always follow the example of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, by treating children and young people with proper respect and care.

### **FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY - SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Kindly note that since the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady falls on a Sunday this year, the stipulated 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Mass will be celebrated. However, our Parish will still mark this feast day by inviting parishioners to bring their own statues or icons of Our Blessed Virgin Mary at all the weekend Masses and place them on the tables near the Sanctuary. Father Laurence will bless them during the 6:00pm Vigil Mass, 8:30am, 10:30am and 5:00pm Sunday Masses.

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS** for 2025 are now available in the Piety Store for \$10 each.

**MULTICULTURAL MASS PLANNING MEETING** will be held on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 9.45am in the Meeting Room.** The Multicultural Mass will be held on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October at the 10.30am Mass.**

### **ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN**

The Archdiocese of Melbourne will run two pilgrimages to Rome next year as we celebrate Jubilee Year 2025. The first pilgrimage will be held in May and June 2025, coinciding with the Jubilee for Families, Grandparents and the Elderly. The second pilgrimage will be for young adults (18-35 years), journeying to the Jubilee of Youth in July and August 2025. These graced and hope-filled pilgrimages will journey through the towns and cities of Italy, the homes of great saints like St Francis and St Clare (and soon to be canonised saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati), before walking through the Holy Doors of St Peter's Basilica. Be a pilgrim of hope! Embark on an incredible pilgrimage to encounter God and deepen your faith with others. Be the first to receive the latest updates, including booking information and itineraries, by submitting an expression of interest: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ST83H75>



### **GOSPEL FOCUS – EPHPHATHA**

The healing that Jesus works in this passage is perhaps one of the most 'physical' of his healing actions. He puts his fingers in the man's ears and places spittle on his tongue. It is an incredibly intimate contact with a complete stranger and someone regarded as outcast and unclean because of his disabilities. When Jesus speaks the word of healing, Ephphatha ('Be opened'), he appears to be speaking not only to the man but to all those listening. Be open to the possibility of embracing those you have cast out; be open to a different understanding of Messiah.



### **ROSTERS FOR LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS, PIETY STALL & COMMUNION TO THE SICK ROSTERS**

Rosters for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers for the months from September to November have been emailed to Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers. If you have not received your copy or need a hard copy, kindly contact the Parish office. Communion to the sick and Piety Stall rosters have been emailed and a hard copy is available for collection from the glass table in the church hall.

### **ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE**

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate. Online Diaconate information meeting **Tuesday, 24 September / 19:30 – 21:00 via ZOOM.** Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison [Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au](mailto:Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au). In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

<b>PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$5478.30</b>
<b>ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR:</b>	<b>\$3612.30</b>
<b>CHURCH A/C:</b>	<b>\$1506.65</b>
<b>PRESBYTERY A/C:</b>	<b>\$1501.00</b>
<b>CHAPLAINCY:</b>	<b>\$ --</b>

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for Janice Wareham, Yvonne Kheir, Jerome Rodrigues, Patrick Spiteri, Glenn Gonsalves, Lucila Quicho, Peggy Pinto, Aloysius Silva, Carmel Thomas, Josefa Clavijo, Eileen Hutchinson, Daniel Ferlazzo, Sriyani De Sliva, Nimal Pahalavithanage, Flavian Weerasinghe, Carmelo Stroschio and all who have died in disasters all over the world.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** We pray for Brian Rego, Shirley Linehan, Raymond Linning, Patricia O'Neil, Antonio, Eugenia & Arthur Ylagan, Edith Platel, Muriel Gomez, Lenora & Nazarene Fernando, Joaquin Mariano, Sebastiana Menina, Nellie & Dominador Sr Mateo, Teodora, Bobby & George Hongoy, Bienvenido & Mark Opolentissima, Monica & Pedro Angeles, Bobby & Angelito Angeles, Ellie Marinas, Natividad Medel, Mary Vella, Agatha Azzopardi 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, Draga Vekic, Gerry Shaw, Keith & Janet Gill, Thais Long, Ollie Orlinski, Gina Linning, Teresita Grisancich, Alister Dias, Rohan Graham, Gus Jones and all who are ill in our Parish.



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**ST. PETER APOSTLE MISSION PARISH**  
The Great Commission  
"Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Gospel to all creation"  
Mark 16: 15

Pope Francis is inviting all of us to follow our baptismal call to live out the gospel and proclaim it!  
**Come join us on this exciting journey!**

**LITURGY**  
Be a place for hearing Gods Word, growth in the Christian life, worship and proclamation

**EVANGELISE**  
Be a parish that encourages and trains parish members to be evangelists

**FAMILY**  
Be in contact with the home and live of the people in our parish and community

**OUTREACH**  
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St Peter Apostle Mission Parish  
Fourth Sunday 12 noon

**22 September 2024**  
**No Mass in October**  
**24 November 2024**

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