

# 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



**22 September 2024**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year B**



## DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER

### Prayer for Healing

Dear Lord, I ask you to help those suffering with ill health. Transform suffering into compassion, sorrow into joy and pain into comfort for others. May your suffering servants trust in your goodness, and hope in your faithfulness, even in the middle of their suffering. Let them be filled with patience and joy in your presence as they wait for your healing touch. Please restore your servants to health dear Lord. Remove all fear and doubt from their heart by the power of your Spirit, and may you, Lord, be glorified through their lives. May the healing of body, mind and heart be one and our love for you gather us all as one. All this I pray in your name Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Wis 2:12, 17-20

#### **A reading from the book of Wisdom.**

The godless say to themselves: 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. 'Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'  
The Word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm

The Lord upholds my life.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

James 3:16-4:3

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

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.  
The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia!**

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### OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 9:00am – 3:30pm

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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

Gospel **A reading from the holy Gospel**  
Mk 89:30-37 **according to Mark.**

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion You have laid down your precepts to be  
Antiphon carefully kept; may my ways be firm in  
keeping your statutes.

Next Week's **Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6;**  
Readings **Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

Feasts of the **St. Pius of Pietrelcina** **Mon, 23 Sep**  
Week **St. Vincent de Paul** **Fri, 27 Sep**

**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.

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

**MARCH FOR THE BABIES**

Come and show your support for the unborn. Join the March for the Babies on **Saturday, 12th October, 2024** at 12.30pm in the Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring & Wellington Pde. Wear blue or pink. Catch the train to Parliament Station and walk down to the Treasury Gardens.

<b>PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$5506.00</b>
<b>ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR:</b>	<b>\$3563.10</b>
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**ROSTERS**

**Money Counters – 29 Sep 24**

Bill Coghlan / Paul Mulquiney / George Socrates
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**Roster for Readers – 28/29 Sep 24**

<b>6:00pm</b>	Jeslin Shaji
<b>8:30am</b>	Francis Thomas
<b>10:30am</b>	Savita D'Souza
<b>5:00pm</b>	Connie Skinner

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 28/29 Sep 24**

<b>6:00pm</b>	P. Beasley / S. Craven / K. Fernando / Sharon A.
<b>8:30am</b>	D&J Roga / M. Nelthropp / P. Simonides
<b>10:30am</b>	G. Schembri / A. Koek / N. Golaw / B. Fernandes
<b>5:00pm</b>	E. Chio / E. Mills / E. Angeles / Volunteer

**Music Ministry – 28/29 Sep 24**

<b>6:00pm</b>	St. Cecilia
<b>8:30am</b>	St. Philomena
<b>10:30am</b>	Filiorum Dei
<b>5:00pm</b>	Youth Band

**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 Theatrette – <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. <b>No Bible study during school holidays, will resume on Monday 14 October.</b>
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, 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>

## 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.



## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MARIAN FESTIVAL

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo.** Dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Program includes 11:00am Mass celebrated by Bishop Leslie Tomlinson, BYO Lunch or BBQ available at 12 noon. 1:00pm to 3:40pm Scapular enrolment, Procession and Rosary outside Cathedral, Crowning of Fatima Statue, Talk by Bishop Leslie, Exposition & Benediction. More details at [www.bendigofatima.com](http://www.bendigofatima.com).

## VOLUNTEERS' THANKSGIVING MASS

Thank you to all our Parish Volunteers who give of their time, talents and gifts to serve our parish. Fr Laurence and the Parish Pastoral Council would like to invite all the volunteers in the parish to a special Thanksgiving Mass on **Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7:00pm** followed by fellowship. Finger Food will be provided. You are welcome to bring sweets / desserts to share. The mass will be offered for the personal intentions of all our volunteers and a special blessing will be given. **For catering purposes, please register by Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October:** <http://bit.ly/3TvW8lu> or scan the QR code. If you need assistance, please call the parish office on 97494300 or email:

[hopperscrossing@cam.org.au](mailto:hopperscrossing@cam.org.au)



## GOSPEL FOCUS – HAVE YOU THOUGHT? LAST OF ALL?

Jesus tells his disciples that if anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all. This is as challenging to us today as it was to the disciples and early Christians. Our world seems to revolve around position, status and power – whoever has the most toys wins! But what Jesus advocated was a leadership based on being of service to others. Being powerful simply means you are in a position to help even more people. Putting yourself last, instead of first, gives respect, dignity and power to others rather than to yourself.



*Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all. Mark 9:35*

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Who are the righteous? This is a question that holds little interest today. We are more concerned with the successful and the famous. We want people to be honest, at least in their dealings with us, but we are more apt to applaud those who are clever. We extol the beautiful, the strong, the self-assured. Seldom is popularity based on righteousness.

Yet righteousness is a pillar of the reign of God. Those who would enter that reign must be gentle and merciful, faithful and sincere, lovers of peace. They must be willing to take the last place, to be the servant of all. The righteous are not often held in high regard. They are often ridiculed and even persecuted.

There are times when we might be inclined to envy and resentment, not wanting to feel morally inferior, and we might relish the opportunity of putting the virtue of others to the test. We may say that we want to draw forth their strengths, when we really hope their weaknesses will be revealed and they will prove to be no better than we are. Sometimes the righteous have nowhere else to turn but to Jesus, whose life they are following and into whose death they have been plunged.

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**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for Danilo-Luis Marino, Pacita Martinez, Manuel Martinez Sr, Manuel Martinez Jr, Janice Wareham, Yvonne Kheir, Jerome Rodrigues, Patrick Spiteri, Glenn Gonsalves, Lucila Quicho, Peggy Pinto, Aloysius Silva, Carmel Thomas, Josefa Clavijo, Eileen Hutchinson and all who have died in disasters all over the world.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** We pray for Rosy D'Souza, Martina Serrao, Arokianathan Alphons, Enid Isaac, Sam Bonnici, Victoria Baulch, Antonio Madeloso, Djoanna Josue 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, Slavko Takac, Frank O'Brien, Brian Noble, Miriam Jose and all who are ill in our Parish.

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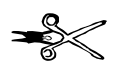
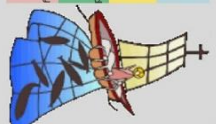
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"Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Gospel to all creation"  
Mark 16: 15

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Come join us on this exciting journey!

- LITURGY**  
Be a priest 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
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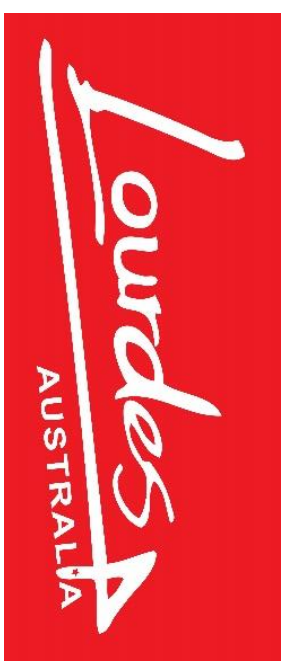


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Fourth Sunday 12 noon

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



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