

St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

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8 December 2024 2nd Sunday of Advent Year C



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR DECEMBER

Advent Prayer

Father in heaven, the day draws near when the glory of your Son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy which moves the hearts of those who seek Him. May the darkness not blind us to the vision of wisdom which fills the minds of those who find Him. May we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. This Advent we pray for peace: peace in the world, peace in our homes and peace in our hearts. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

1st Reading Baruch 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2nd Reading Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

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

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God. The Word of the Lord.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Sat: 6:00pm

Sun: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

Spanish – 1st & 3rd Sun at 1:15pm

Filipino – 4th 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

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 (03) 9749 4300

Gospel
Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia.**

Gospel
Lk 3:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion
Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Next Week's
Readings

Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Feasts of the
Week

**Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary Mon, 9 Dec
St. Lucy Fri, 13 Dec
St. John of the Cross Sat, 14 Dec**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER, 8:30 AM MASS

Parishioners, please note that as the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is to be celebrated on Monday, 9th December this year, **Holy Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am on this day.**

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Church community **Zaceus Carvalho** who is to be baptised this Sunday. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the love of Parents, Godparents, family and friends, we pray that Zaceus will lead a life full of happiness, faith and love.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - SAT 14TH DECEMBER 9:30AM

The Ladies Auxiliary. are seeking volunteers to help put up Christmas decorations and lights in the hall. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish office and leave your details. Thank you.

ALPHA CHRISTMAS CAROLS NIGHT – SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER AFTER 6:00PM MASS

To celebrate the spirit of Christmas, the Alpha team have organised a Carols Night in the Hall starting at 7:15pm. Choirs from our parish will perform Carols from 7:15pm. You are requested to bring a plate of food to share. All are welcome.

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 15 Dec 24

Kitty Stuttard/ Eileen Lewis / Bonny De Sousa /Rosemary Hibbert

Roster for Readers – 14/15 Dec 24

6:00pm	Adele Vesty
8:30am	Sandra Graham
10:30am	Meresiana Peters
5:00pm	Youth Reader

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 14/15 Dec 24

6:00pm	P. Beasley / S. Craven / Sharon A. / Josie T.
8:30am	Grace S. / V. Petkovic / Clarence D / Karen D
10:30am	C. Peters / N. Pereira / S. Delos Reyes / Sophia D
5:00pm	Sunita D / Romayne A. / B. Palatty / Volunteer

Music Ministry – 14/15 Dec 24

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

PARISH NEWS

WEEKLY PARISH DATES

Please note that most of our Weekly Devotions have now concluded for this year and will resume in February 2025 with the exception of our daily Masses.

CHRISTMAS SALE !!

Everything in the Piety Store will be on sale before and after the **8:30am and 10:30am Masses on Sunday 15th December** including Christmas cards, statues, jewellery and other religious items. Come and have a browse. A great opportunity for some Christmas shopping.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Parents, please note the enrolment procedure for the Sunday School Sacramental Program for 2025.

Enrolment/Information session on Tuesday 11th February at 7pm in Church. Attendance at this session is required to register your child for the Sacramental program. Please bring your child's Baptism Certificate with you. Payment to be made on the day. Fees below:

Sunday School – **\$50 per family**

Sacramental fee – **\$50 per child**

Reconciliation – **No Fee**

Enquiries, please email Sharon at snaps0910@gmail.com

TAP & GO DONATION POINT

We have upgraded the Tap & Go Donation point in the Church entrance foyer. All you need to do is select the amount you wish to donate and tap your credit card or phone. A 2nd Donation point will be placed in the church hall within a couple of weeks.

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:	\$5547.35
ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR:	\$3684.10
CHURCH A/C:	\$1618.30
PRESBYTERY A/C:	\$1707.25
CHAPLAINCY:	\$ --

DAWN MASS NOVENA – SIMBANG GABI

We invite you to the 29th year of the 9-Days Dawn Mass Novena celebrated at St. Peters, starting on **Monday 16th Dec and finishing on Tuesday 24th Dec 2024. Masses at 5:00am daily.** Our parish prayer group organises this by coordinating with our parishioners, other Ministries in our parish, prayer group benefactors and others from neighbouring parishes who attend the Dawn Mass Novena every year. Their generosity provides a festive breakfast for everyone who attends the Dawn Mass. If any of you would like to be a part of this breakfast by either providing food or wish to donate towards it, please contact the parish office on 9749 4300 or email hopperscrossing@cam.org.au. Thank you.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

Items for the giving tree to be placed under tree **by Sunday 8th December.** Thank you for your generosity. Enquiries Kitty 0433710310.

ROSTERS FOR READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY

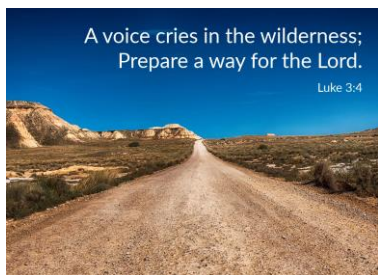
MINISTERS for the months Dec 2024 to Feb 2025 have been emailed. Please contact the parish office if you have not received your copy or need a hard copy. Rosters for Communion to the Sick (Thursday & Saturday) and Piety Stall are on the glass table in the church hall. Kindly collect your copy.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION RITE I – THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 7:00PM

Please join us for our Rite I Reconciliation on **Thursday 19th December at 7:00pm in our Church.** There will be multiple Priests available to hear confession. This is a great way to prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus our Saviour into our hearts this Christmas. All are welcome!

LIVING THE GOSPEL - MAKE WAY

Today's gospel is a reminder to us that Advent is a season of preparation. In this case, the preparation is all about making way for the love of God in our lives. The love of God surrounds us all the time. It's like a rapidly flowing stream and sometimes we have placed boulders in the stream that send the water flowing around us. The call to make a way for the Lord is a call to clear the rocks out of the stream; to remove the obstacles that are directing the love of God around us and allow it instead to flow directly through us.



2024 CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR TIMETABLE		
MASSES		
16 - 24 Dec	5:00am	Dawn Mass Novena
Thu 19 Dec	7:00pm	RECONCILIATION RITE I at St. Peter's
Sat 21Dec	9:00am 6:00pm	Saturday Morning Mass 4 th Wk Advent Vigil Mass
Sun 22 Dec	8:30/10:30am & 5:00pm	4 th Wk Advent Sunday Masses
Mon 23 Dec	8:30am	Liturgy of the Word / Communion Service
Tue 24 Dec Christmas Eve	NO 8:30am Mass 6:00pm 6:30pm	Carols followed by Family Mass
Tue 24 Dec	9:00pm 9:30pm	Carols followed by Vigil Mass
Tue 24 Dec	11:30pm 12:00am	Carols followed by Midnight Mass
Wed 25 Dec Christmas Day	8:30/10:30am 1:15pm	Carols ½ hour before Masses Spanish Mass
Christmas Day – No Evening Mass		
Thu 26 Dec	8:30am	Weekday Mass
Tue 31 Dec	8:30am	Thanksgiving Mass followed by Holy Hour of Thanksgiving for 2024
Wed 1 Jan	9:30am	New Year's Day Mass
No 7:00pm Mass Wednesday 1st January 2025		

CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS – TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER 6:30PM, CAROLS 6:00PM

All children are invited to dress up as a Nativity character e.g. angels, shepherds, wise men, Mary, Joseph etc. for this family Mass. Please have the children ready and waiting in the hall **by 5:45pm** so they can process into Church for the start of the Carols at 6:00pm sharp.

ST. PETER'S YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS – THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER


We congratulate all the Year 6 students who will be celebrating their Graduation this Thursday night. We wish them many blessings and pray that our Lord Jesus will guide them throughout Secondary School and beyond.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Lolita Aguilos, Oscar Gomez Herrera, Josef Malachowski, Alowina Rodriguez, Pasquale D'Andrea, Fe Catong, Kamil, Boutros & Souad Helou, Pedro Ermitanio, Alberto Leal, Matthew Materia Snr, Beth Walkden, Slavko Takac, and all who have died in disasters all over the world.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Loretta D'Cruz, Princess Jaye de Leon, Remedios Llagas, Guido Benevento, Salvatore Martelli, Gnanavalan Carvalho, Jose Romeo, Carolina Perera, Fernando Martins, Manda Vekic, Irawan Tansil 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 Orlinki, Gina Linning, Teresita Grisancich, Alistair Dias, Rohan Graham, Gus Jones, Frank O'Brien, Miriam Jose, Miriam Desilva, John Rirau, Ida Laino, Roland Arigadas, Terry Pountney, John Francis, Krystina & John Parol, Eileen Lewis, Romano Apostoli, Mavis D'Cruz, Rolando Monte Silva and all who are ill in our Parish.

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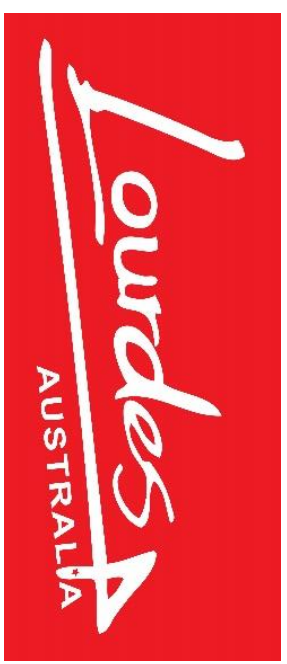
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The Great Commission
"Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Gospel to all creation"
Mark 16, 15

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!

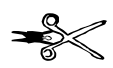
- LITURGY** Be a priest for hearing Gods Word, growth in the Christian life, worship and proclamation
- EVANGELISE** Be a parish that encourages and trains parish members to be evangelists
- FAMILY** Be in contact with the home and live of the people in our parish and community
- OUTREACH** Be a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink, and a centre of missionary outreach



Filipino Mass 2024

St Peter Apostle Mission Parish
Fourth Sunday 12 noon

No Mass in December
26 January 2025
23 February 2025



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