

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



15 December 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent

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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

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

1st Reading

Zeph 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

2nd Reading

Phil 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. **Alleluia**

Gospel Lk 3:10-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?'

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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

He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.
Antiphon

Next Week's Readings **Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44**

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 22 Dec 24

Tini & Barrie Hope

Roster for Readers – 21/22 Dec 24

6:00pm	David Roga
8:30am	KSC Reader
10:30am	Maria Naufahu
5:00pm	Sherwin SImangan

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 21/22 Dec 24

6:00pm	J. Roga / Praful A. / E. Mills / Volunteer
8:30am	KSC Minister / R. Johnson / Paul F. / Pauline S.
10:30am	N. Golaw / A. Koek / R. Hibbert / B. Fernandes
5:00pm	Y. Mohan / I. Simangan / E. Angeles / Volunteer

Music Ministry – 21/22 Dec 24

6:00pm	Mater Dolorosa
8:30am	St. Philomena
10:30am	Domini Chorum
5:00pm	KNK

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Church community **Ronaldo Rosales, Ezekiel Daza-Johnson and Cing Deih That Khup** who are to be baptised this Sunday. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the love of Parents, Godparents, family and friends, we pray that these children will lead lives full of happiness, faith and love.

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.

BROTHER ANTHONY WRIGHT

Parishioners, it is with sadness that we inform you that Brother Anthony Wright, our Seminarian, who has been with us on his pastoral placement since February 2024, will leave us on Christmas Day to return to the Seminary.

Brother Anthony, we would like to offer you our heartfelt thanks for the incredible dedication and service you have provided to our parish community, Altar servers, Youth Group, Young Adults and our Parish School, including taking Holy Communion to the sick in our parish. Your beautiful voice and musical accompaniments on the violin and organ and your homilies on a Thursday morning have greatly enriched our liturgies. Thank you for all you have done for us – we will miss your smiling face. We pray that God will bless you abundantly and guide, protect and keep you in His care as you continue on your priestly journey.

Please join us as we bid farewell to Brother Anthony at the **10:30am mass on Sunday, 22nd December 2024 followed by morning tea in the parish hall.**

PARISH NEWS

WEEKLY PARISH DATES

Please note that most of our Weekly Group Meetings have now concluded for this year and will resume in February 2025 with the exception of our daily Masses, Wednesday Novena and First Friday Devotions.

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. There will be a 2nd Donation point in the church hall within a couple of weeks.

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 7:30pm 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: snaps0910@gmail.com

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!

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.

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. Parents, 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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS – SATURDAY 28TH DECEMBER, 9:00AM MASS

A special Blessing will be given to all babies and children at this Mass in memory of the young children of Bethlehem, put to death by Herod who sought to kill Jesus. These innocent victims bear witness to Christ, to a world which would not receive Him.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT

John's words to the crowd, the tax collectors and the soldiers are about adopting a spirit of generosity and a generosity of spirit. A generosity of spirit can be expressed simply in the attitude with which we approach other people: a positive, hope-filled and generous attitude will often turn around a potentially negative situation. As we approach the Christmas season, there is a need for practical actions of generosity as well. Those in need can approach Christmas with dread rather than joyful expectation. It can be the hardest time of year for struggling families. Acts of generosity can make all the difference.



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) and Piety Stall are on the glass table in the church hall. Kindly collect your copy.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Gerry Shaw, 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 Myrtle D'Cruz, Leslie Fernando, Peter Paul Fernando, Denrick Alinea, Eufemio Mislang, Hamilton Lazaro 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, Keith & Janet Gill, Thais Long, Ollie Orlinki, Gina Linning, Teresita Grisancich, Alister 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, Helena Coghlan. Elaine Dalton and all who are ill in our Parish.

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		

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR 2024 FOLLOWED BY HOLY HOUR – TUESDAY 31ST DECEMBER, 8:30AM

Although this year may have been very challenging for many, we still give thanks to our Lord for the abundant blessings and graces received throughout 2024. Please join us for the 8:30am Mass followed by a Holy Hour of Thanksgiving including Exposition, Praise and Worship, quiet reflection/prayer time and Benediction. All welcome.

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:	\$5547.35
ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR:	\$3656.60
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The Great Commission
"Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Gospel to all creation"
Mark 16, 15

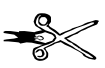
Pope Francis is inviting all of us to follow our baptismal call to live out the gospel and proclaim it
Come join us on this exciting journey!

- 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



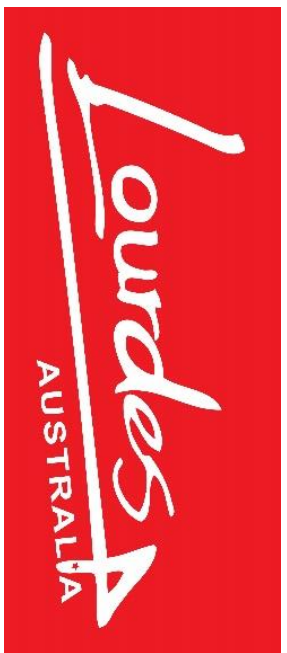
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- * Ladies, Men's & Children's Hair Cutting
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26 January 2025
23 February 2025



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