

# St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

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## 12 January 2025 The Baptism of the Lord Year C



### DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR JANUARY

#### PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Come, Holy Spirit,  
Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.  
Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.  
Be our Strength, Courage, and our Sanctifier.  
May this New Year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,  
A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,  
A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,  
A time for growing in virtue and goodness.  
Come Holy Spirit, be with us always.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

#### Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

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

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

#### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.  
The Word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

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

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

#### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus.**

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free

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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

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from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good. When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel  
Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.  
**Alleluia!**

Gospel  
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

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.' Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion  
Antiphon

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Next Week's  
Readings

**Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11**

Feasts of the  
Week

**St. Anthony Fri, 17 Jan**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Dear Parents, please note the enrolment procedure for the Sunday school Sacramental Program below:

There will be an Enrolment / Information session on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 are mentioned below.

Sunday School – \$50 per family  
Sacramental fee – \$50 per child.  
Reconciliation – No Fee.

Enquiries, please email Sharon: [snaps0910@gmail.com](mailto:snaps0910@gmail.com)

<b>PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$5438.80</b>
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## ROSTERS

### Money Counters – 18/19 Jan 25

Tini & Barrie Hope

### Roster for Readers – 18/19 Jan 25

<b>6:00pm</b>	Jeffrey Poppen
<b>8:30am</b>	Michelle Nelthrop
<b>10:30am</b>	Rosemary Hibbert
<b>5:00pm</b>	Youth Reader

### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 18/19 Jan 25

<b>6:00pm</b>	Praful A / B. Fernandes / K. Fernando / G. Linning
<b>8:30am</b>	A. Hankins / G. Sharman / C. Moso / I. D'Lima
<b>10:30am</b>	S. Delos Reyes / N. Pereira / Sunita D / A. Koek
<b>5:00pm</b>	E. Angeles / P. Beasley / Sophia D / Volunteer

### Music Ministry – 18/19 Jan 25

<b>6:00pm</b>	Mater Dolorosa
<b>8:30am</b>	St. Philomena
<b>10:30am</b>	FilOz
<b>5:00pm</b>	Young Adults

## PARISH NEWS

### WEEKLY PARISH DATES

Please note that most of our Weekly Group Meetings 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 is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Tap & Go donation point in the church hall

### FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD (also known as CANDLEMAS), SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY

A special 'Blessing of Candles' will be given at the **6:00pm Mass on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February and 8:30am, 10:30am and 5:00pm Masses on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.** Everyone is invited to bring their own candles and place them on the table near the Sanctuary before the start of Mass. These blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, who referred to Himself as the Light of the World.

### ALPHA EXPERIENCE REGISTRATIONS OPEN

We are excited to announce the next Alpha Experience commences **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 6:30pm at St Peters Church Hall.** Alpha is a great experience with interactive **weekly (Sunday) sessions from 6.30 to 8.30pm** 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 by filling in the form at <http://bit.ly/alphahc> or scan QR code. The current program is open to all those who have not done Alpha before. There will be a **promotion of Alpha at all weekend masses on 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> February and a sausage sizzle at the 10.30am mass.** All funds raised will be used to support the Alpha program.



## ST PETER'S MEN FOR CHRIST MINISTRY LAUNCH

We are thrilled to announce the launch of *St. Peter's Men for Christ Ministry!* Join us for a **Men's Breakfast** on **Saturday, 15th February at 8:30am** at St. Peter's Community Centre. The event features a talk on *Christian Leadership* by **Dcn. Royden Dsouza**, along with details about the ministry. All men aged 18+ are welcome. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.



**Register now:** <http://tinyurl.com/spmensbreakfast> or scan QR code. Seats are limited, please book early.

## FEAST OF STO NINO (INFANT JESUS)

All are invited to join in the celebration of the Feast of Sto Nino on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025 from 11:30am** at our parish. Procession starts at 11:45am to be followed by Mass at 12 noon.

## JUBILEE YEAR 24 DECEMBER 2024 – 6 JANUARY 2026



The most striking part of the logo for this jubilee is the cross: bending towards humanity and forming an anchor, it depicts the cross as something to cling to, especially in rough seas. It is a contemporary 'riff' on an old biblical image. The epistle to

the Hebrews describes the hope we have in Christ as 'an anchor of the soul, as sure as it is firm' (6:19). The cross is not a dead symbol from the past. It is a living sign of God's unfathomable love, and one that carries us together in pilgrimage towards heaven.

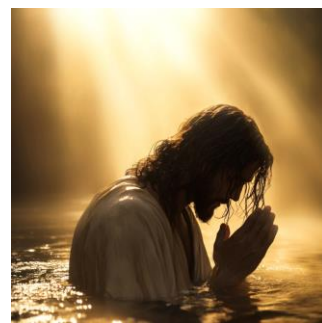
## BULLETIN BITS – Have you thought? Trinity

The baptism event in the gospels is a moment of revelation of the Trinitarian nature of God. The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove whilst the voice of God is heard to declare of Jesus, 'You are my Son.' It is a unique moment in the scriptures where the three persons of God are individually and collectively revealed. Although the scriptures do not explicitly name God as Trinity, by the time of Paul's early writings, blessings in the name of Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit are frequent. Despite this, Trinity continues to be a difficult concept for many Christians.

## GOSPEL FOCUS – MY SON, THE BELOVED

'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

This declaration by the voice from Heaven – the voice of God – is an amalgamation of two earlier pieces of scripture: 'You are my son; today I have begotten you' (Ps 2:7) and 'Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights' (Is 42:1). The fact that it is uttered before Jesus



has begun his ministry is a sign to all of us that God delights in us for who we are, not for what we have achieved in our lives.

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

The optional readings for this feast recapitulate the themes of the entire Advent-Christmas season. Within the Christian tradition the voice that announces the future events is associated with John the Baptist. However, the reading itself proclaims the coming and manifestation of the Lord, clearly an Advent theme. The gospel reading from Luke moves us from anticipation of the coming of the messiah to fulfillment of God's promise. This theme of fulfillment is at the heart of the Christmas message. In the baptism narrative we see that Jesus has come into our midst, not only as a helpless infant, but as our anointed messiah. There is a dimension to this same gospel reading that opens us to a future yet to be fully realized in our lives. The one upon whom the Spirit descends has come to baptize us in that same Spirit.

The reading from Titus is similar to the gospel. Both herald the appearance of Jesus and promise a future fulfilment for us. Renewed by the Spirit, we will be justified and become heirs in hope of eternal life. The readings clearly announce that: the Lord is coming; the Lord has come; the Lord will continue to come to and through us into the whole world. Under all of this rings the melody of God's creative power as seen in the Psalm response. In view of the Isaian passage, God promises to create something new in the wilderness of chaos. There the glory of the Lord will be revealed.

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**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for Fr Babu Varghese Kattikattu MC, Fr Denis Carabott mssp, Mary Jorre, Khamsiah Lat, Gerry Shaw, Lolita Aguilos, Oscar Gomez Herrera, Josef Malachowski, Alowina Rodriguez, Pasquale D'Andrea, Fe Catong, and all who have died in disasters all over the world.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** We pray for Colin Bartlett, John Alexander, Stan Walkden, Angela Walkden, Elvira De Torres, Mark Serrao, Bob Keech 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 Orlinski, Gina Linning, Teresita Grisancich, Alister Dias, Rohan Graham, Gus Jones, Frank O'Brien, Miriam Jose, Miriam Desilva, John Rirau, Ida Laino, Roland Arigadas, Remigio Vasquez, Delflor Fernandez, Terry Pountney, John Francis, Krystina & John Parol, Eileen Lewis, Romano Apostoli, Mavis D'Cruz, Helena Coghlan, Elaine Dalton, June Shaw, Ronnie Pereira, Elizabeth Palmeiri and all who are ill in our Parish.

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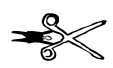
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**ST. PETER APOSTLE MISSION PARISH**  
The Great Commission  
"Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Gospel to all creation"  
Mark 16, 15

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 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

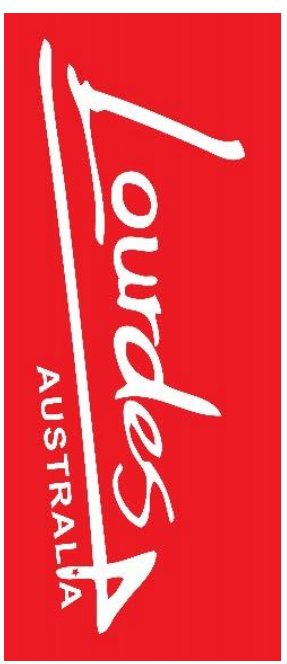


**Hair Talk – Irene's**

- \* Ladies, Men's & Children's Hair Cutting
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Fourth Sunday 12 noon

**No Mass in December**  
26 January 2025  
23 February 2025



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