

# St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

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Archdiocese of Melbourne

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**19 January 2025**  
**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year C**



## DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR JANUARY

### THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

#### Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Is 62:1-5

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 1 Cor 12:4-11

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.**

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The Word of the Lord.

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### OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 9:00am – 3:30pm

### CONTACT DETAILS

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Principal

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Principal

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

Gospel **A reading from the holy Gospel according to**  
 Jn 2:1-11 **John.**

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.  
 The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion You have prepared a table before me, and  
Antiphon how precious is the chalice that quenches  
 my thirst.

Next Week's **Neh 8:2-6,8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30;**  
Readings **Lk 1:1-4,4:14-21**

Feasts of the **St. Agnes** **Tue, 21 Jan**  
Week **St. Francis de Sales** **Fri, 24 Jan**  
**The Conversion of St. Paul** **Sat, 25 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)

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**ROSTERS**

**Money Counters – 25/26 Jan 25**

Pravin Albuquerque / Clarence D'Souza / Grace Sharman

**Roster for Readers – 25/26 Jan 25**

<b>6:00pm</b>	Lerna Vasquez
<b>8:30am</b>	KSC Reader
<b>10:30am</b>	Meresiana Peters
<b>5:00pm</b>	Romayne Albuquerque

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 25/26 Jan 25**

<b>6:00pm</b>	K. Pham / G. Surrao / J. Tramontana / S. Martis
<b>8:30am</b>	P. Beasley / R. Johnson / Paul F. / P. Simonides
<b>10:30am</b>	C. Peters / G. Schembri / V. Petkovic / B Fernandes
<b>5:00pm</b>	Y. Mohan / E. Chio / B. Palatty / Volunteer

**Music Ministry – 25/26 Jan 25**

<b>6:00pm</b>	St. Cecilia
<b>8:30am</b>	St. Philomena
<b>10:30am</b>	Domini Chorum
<b>5:00pm</b>	KNK

**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.

**ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTERS** are ready for collection in envelopes in a box on the table in the hall. Please collect your copy as soon as possible. Thank you.

This year **AUSTRALIA DAY** falls on **SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

The next **BAPTISM PREPARATION Meeting** will be held on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7:00pm in Church.

**THE PIETY STORE** has a stock of **WORD OF GOD 2025** for \$20, **2025 COLUMBAN CALENDARS** for \$10 each and much more. Come and browse.

## GOSPEL FOCUS – THE BEST WINE

The steward comments that the best wine had been kept until the end of the wedding celebration – a clever use of an image for Jesus. Remembering the use of wedding imagery to describe the relationship between the people of Israel and God, the wedding feast is celebration of that relationship, and at the very heart of the celebration and the relationship is Jesus. He is the best wine that is kept until the end – the 'finishing touch' to a magnificent celebration, just as he is the 'finishing touch' to the relationship between God and God's people to that point.



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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

The readings that are offered to us as we begin Ordinary Time carry over some of the themes that we considered during the Christmas season. Then we celebrated the new era that God inaugurated through the birth of Jesus. Now we look deeply into our minds and hearts to see just how open we are to the demands of that new year. Last Sunday we considered the manifestation of the Spirit at the time of the baptism of Jesus. This Sunday we contemplate the various manifestations of that same Spirit in our own lives. Finally, we are brought to realise that this variety of Spirit-filled ministries is intended to be a source of Christian unity and not of fragmentation or division.

One of the major themes gleaned from the readings for today is that of the call to newness. God summons us to something new, gives us a new name, provides us with new experiences, launches us into new ministries, and calls us to sing a new song of praise. Even Jesus experienced a call to newness. Through Mary, God called him out into ministry, a ministry that would bring the fruits of the eschatological age of fulfilment to the whole world. We may be inclined to think of Pentecost as the season of the Spirit, but in reality the newness of God always comes to us through the Spirit regardless of the season of the year. In the world of the new age, the real glory of Jesus will be manifested in the variety of the gifts of the Spirit given to the church.

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**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for Remigio Vasquez, Andrea Prea, Elizabeth Cura, Willem Christ, Fr Babu Varghese Kattikattu MC, Fr Denis Carabott mssp, Mary Jorre, Khamsiah Lat, Gerry Shaw, Lolita Aguilos, Oscar Gomez Herrera, and all who have died in disasters all over the world.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** We pray for Elvira de Torres, Arul Raj, Diane Cameron, Evangelina Dimanlig, Joseph Albury, Omar Sulong, Gavina Banasihan Angeles, Pedro Angeles, Siso Alcalá 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, Thais Long, Ollie Orlinski, Gina Linning, Teresita Grisancich, Alister Dias, Rohan Graham, Gus Jones, Frank O'Brien, Roland Arigadas, Delflor Fernandez, Terry Pountney, Eileen Lewis, Romano Apostoli, Mavis D'Cruz, Helena Coghlan, Elaine Dalton, June Shaw, Ronnie Pereira, Elizabeth Palmeiri, Michael Benedict, Kerri Jewell, Wilfrid D'Cruz, Bettina Coli and all who are ill in our Parish.



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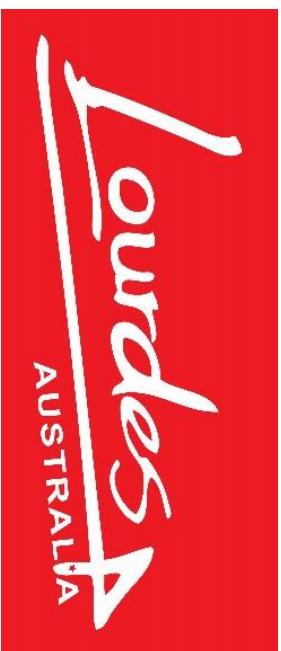


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**Filipino Mass 2025**

St Peter Apostle Mission Parish  
 Fourth Sunday 12 noon

26 January 2025  
 23 February 2025  
 23 March 2025

**Hair Talk - Irene's**

\* Ladies, Men's &  
 Children's Hair Cutting  
 \* Make Up & Hair up  
 \* Colour (Tint/Tips/Foils)  
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