

St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

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Archdiocese of Melbourne

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26 January 2025
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR JANUARY AUSTRALIA DAY PRAYER

We bless you, God of the universe, for this land,
For its contrasts of landscape and climate,
For its abundance of wealth and opportunity.
We bless you for our history, with all its struggle in adversity,
Its courage and hope.
Give us in our diversity, tolerance and respect for each other
And a passionate commitment to justice for all.
Bless us so that we might be a blessing to others.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Entrance
Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

1st Reading
Neh 8:2-6, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Nehemiah.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial
Psalm

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

2nd Reading
1 Cor 12:12-14,27

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

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

The Word of the Lord.

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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 – 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

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Gospel
Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. **Alleluia!**

Gospel
Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen. The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your
Antiphon faces not be abashed.

Next Week's **Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40**
Readings

Feasts of the **Australia Day** **Sun, 26 Jan**
Week **St. Thomas Aquinas** **Tue, 28 Jan**
St. John Bosco **Fri, 31 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 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 are mentioned below.

Sunday School – \$50 per family

Sacramental fee – \$50 per child.

Reconciliation – No Fee.

Enquiries, please email Sharon: snaps0910@gmail.com

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Money Counters – 1/2 Feb 25

John Allen / Jules & Neeta Pereira

Roster for Readers – 1/2 Feb 25

6:00pm	Davy Fernandes
8:30am	Romayne Albuquerque
10:30am	Lerna Vasquez
5:00pm	Connie Skinner

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 1/2 Feb 25

6:00pm	G. Aldcroft / K. Fernando / G. Linning / S. Fernando
8:30am	K. Fernandes / S. Graham / Clarence D'S / S. Vaz
10:30am	E. Mills / N. Golaw / N. Pereira / Volunteer
5:00pm	M. Marip / V. Petkovic / E. Angeles / Volunteer

Music Ministry – 1/2 Feb 25

6:00pm	Eagles Wings
8:30am	St. Philomena
10:30am	Volunteer
5:00pm	FilOz

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 2nd Tap & Go donation point in the church hall

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD (also known as CANDLEMAS), SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY

A special 'Blessing of Candles' will be given at the **6:00pm Mass on Saturday 1st February and 8:30am, 10:30am and 5:00pm Masses on Sunday 2nd 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 9th 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. 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 1st / 2nd February and a sausage sizzle at the 10.30am mass.** All funds raised will be used to support the Alpha program.



PARISHIONERS, please note that as Fr. Laurence is in hospital, this weekend's Masses will be celebrated by priests from St. Andrew's and St James Parish. We wish Fr. Laurence God's blessings and a speedy recovery.

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.

ST PETERS YOUNG ADULTS (SPYA)

SPYA is a welcoming and safe space for young adults (ages 18-35) to come together to deepen their relationship with God, build lasting relationships with likeminded individuals, and serve with purpose, making a meaningful difference in our parish and beyond. SPYA meets 1st and 3rd Sundays at 6pm in the Community centre. *"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."* *Matthew 6:33* Message us if you have any questions on:



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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.

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

GOSPEL FOCUS – JESUS' MISSION

Jesus returns to the synagogue in which he has worshipped all his life. He is given the scroll of Isaiah to read and reads the first two verses of Isaiah, chapter 61. But in the middle of this passage he flips back to chapter 58 of Isaiah and reads an additional line, 'to set the downtrodden (oppressed) free'. This event in Nazareth is sometimes referred to as Jesus' inauguration or declaration of mission. The inclusion of the additional verse from Isaiah signals very clearly the way in which Jesus will be portrayed throughout this particular gospel. The gospel of Luke is characterised by the focus of Jesus' mission on the outcast; the oppressed; the downtrodden.



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

In both the reading from Nehemiah and the Gospel passage, we see the dynamic power of the word of God. Paul's teaching originated as oral proclamation, and like the texts read by Ezra the priest and the one interpreted by Jesus himself, it was first proclaimed aloud. Only later were these proclamations written and handed down from one community to another, from one generation to the next. The word of God elicits various responses. In the first reading, the people cried out in response: 'Amen, amen! So be it! We hear and we will obey!' From the verses contained in today's gospel, we do not know how those who heard Jesus' interpretation reacted to it. We do know that both audiences listened intently to the sacred words of Scripture. Can we do less? Are we eager to obey? Do we view the law as a treasure, as life-giving? Have we learned to live with each other as members of one body, each member being important and contributing to the total health of the entire body? Both Ezra and Jesus proclaimed the word of God within the context of a liturgical celebration, a setting similar to the ones wherein most people today hear God's word proclaimed. According to the teaching of Vatican II, the liturgy is described as the source and summit of our lives, and the liturgy of the word is an essential part of that celebration. With the people of Ezra, we are invited to respond: 'Amen, amen! Thanks be to God!'

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RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Rosendo Madeloso, Bill Kotow, 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 Emeterio Cahoy Snr., Tony Catania, Hosie D'Souza, Gavina Banasihan Angeles, Pedro Angeles, Siso Alcalá, Terence Biber, Kevin Waters, Nithin Vaz 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, Lucas Slee, Luz Viviana Sastre and all who are ill in our Parish.

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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

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