

St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

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Archdiocese of Melbourne

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16 February 2025
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred let me sow love.
Where there is injury ... pardon.
Where there is doubt ... faith.
Where there is despair ... hope.
Where there is darkness ... light.
Where there is sadness ... joy.
Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than be comforted.
To understand rather than to be understood.
To love than to be loved.
For it is by giving that one receives.
By forgiving that one is forgiven.
And by dying that one awakens to eternal life. Amen

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

1st Reading Jer 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

2nd Reading 1 Cor 15:12,16-20

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

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. **Alleluia!**

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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 **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.**
Lk 6:17,20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'
The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion They ate and had their fill, and what they
Antiphon craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Next Week's **1 Sam 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23;**
Readings **1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38**

Feasts of the **The Chair of St. Peter** **Sat, 22 Feb**
Week

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Church community **Zane Dionisio and Millie Sinclair** 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.

TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL (TWG) UPDATE

Further to our notice last week, Fr. Laurence and the parish TWG team had a fruitful discussion with the Archdiocese team on 13 Feb 25 about the parish ministries and planned for the parish ministry leadership meeting on 1 Mar 25. The landmark event is aimed at creating innovative ideas and pathways amongst all our ministries and leaders to benefit the parish community in the long term. **All ministry leaders and PPC members are encouraged to save the date of Saturday 1st March 25** to participate and develop the parish pathways for our future missional journey as a community of disciples. All ministry leaders to please RSVP their availability to Parish office, Marcela 0425857770, Paul 0417355186 or David 0407857759, as quickly as possible. Further updates will be published when the work for ministry leadership meeting has been completed.

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 23 Feb 25

Pravin Albuquerque / Clarence D'Souza / Grace Sharman

Roster for Readers – 22/23 Feb 25

6:00pm	Adele Vesty
8:30am	KSC Reader
10:30am	Maria Naufahu
5:00pm	Sherwin Simangan

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 22/23 Feb 25

6:00pm	G. Surrao / S. Craven / G. Linning / M. Maple
8:30am	KSC Minister / Rayleen J. / Pauline S. / Paul F.
10:30am	N. Golaw / G. Schembri / E. Mills / N. Pereira
5:00pm	M. Marip / I. Simangan / A. Francis / Sunita D

Music Ministry – 22/23 Feb 25

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

PARISH NEWS

WEEKLY PARISH DATES

Sundays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am Mass – Children's Liturgy held 1st and 3rd Sundays. After 5:00pm Mass in Hall – Youth Group for youth 12 to 17 years on 2nd and 4th Sundays. 6:00pm in Community Centre – Young Adults (SPYA) meeting on 1st & 3rd Sundays. 6:30pm to 8:30pm – Alpha sessions in the Hall.
Tuesdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm Online Zoom Rosary - Meeting ID: 893 5477 8556. Passcode: rosary. 7:00pm – RCIA Meeting in Theatre, contact Francis Thomas 0401787372.
Wednesdays	7:00pm Mass followed by Mother of Perpetual Succour Novena.
1 st Fridays	7:00pm to 8:15pm Mass & Adoration
2 nd Fridays	7:30pm to 8:30pm Shalom Kids Holy Hour with Exposition & Benediction.
Saturdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30pm to 4:00pm St. Peter's Charismatic Prayer Community Praise & Worship. 1.30pm to 4:00pm - Next Healing Mass on Saturday 8th March 2025.
Baptisms	12 noon – Baptisms held 1 st & 3 rd Sundays. Baptism Preparation Meeting held on 1 st Monday of the month at 7:00pm. Next Baptism Preparation Meeting Monday 3rd March 2025 at 7:00pm in Church.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD / COMMUNION SERVICE

Parishioners, please note that there will be no Mass next **Friday, 21st February** as Fr. Laurence is not available. Instead, there will be a Liturgy of the Word/Communion Service followed by the Divine Mercy novena, conducted by Dcn. Royden.

THE PIETY STORE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

for all weekend Masses. You only need to be available for a short time before and after Mass. If you can assist, please contact the Parish Office with your details. Thank you.

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. There will be a promotion of SPYA at all masses this weekend.** *"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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BEING PILGRIMS OF HOPE IN THE WORLD

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop used to say: *'We are but travellers here.'* For the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis invites us to reflect on what it means to be pilgrims of hope: a people who are not only travellers here but walking in joyful anticipation of 'the heavenly goal to which we have been called'. Pope Francis believes that, in today's world, hope suffers; that too many people have been robbed by cynicism and despair. During Jubilee 2025, he wants everyone to have 'an intense experience of the love of God that awakens in hearts the sure hope of salvation in Christ'. Only this hope—born from knowing that nothing can separate us from God's love (Rom 8:35-39)—can breathe life back into weary souls. This hope is not optimism. It is not a forced positivity in the face of hardship and evil. It is a grace from God, a trust in the Lord's promises: that he is good, that he is merciful, and that we are journeying towards the one who says, 'Look, I am making everything new' (Rev 21:5).

GOSPEL FOCUS – TREATED AS THE PROPHETS

As part of his sermon, Jesus announces, 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man... This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.' The prophets of the Old Testament were the chosen spokesmen of God. Their message was often unpopular and they were often threatened and berated for challenging the social order. To be treated in this way is in fact something of an affirmation that one's words and actions are reflecting the message of God. The Word of God is confronting and challenging!



Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. LUKE 6:22

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Paul teaches us that, united to Christ through faith and in baptism, we are united in his death and resurrection. With Christ we die to sin; with him we rise to a new life. We cannot wait to see proof of our transformation before we change our actions. The proof is in the lives we live in faith. To deny that we have died and been raised is to deny the resurrection of Christ. Paul insists that they cannot be separated. The challenge is to live in and out of this faith. Both Jeremiah and Jesus introduce us to such a way of living. It is a way of paradox, a way that moves us beyond the self-centred standards of the world. The poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those who are persecuted are really the ones who are blessed. The victims of our social and economic systems, those who have been ravaged by war or have been made vulnerable by life itself are the ones who, if they place their trust in God, will be blessed in the end. They may appear to be the outcasts of this world, but, if they are filled with faith, they will inherit heaven. The wealth of this world and its pleasures are not the blessings that we might think they are. They can blind us to the real values of life and prevent us from dying to the world and living resurrected lives in Christ.


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RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Aileen Teresa Fonseca, Graham Wood, Michael Mariadas, Iluminada Saliendra, Keith Gill, Lucas Slee, Rosendo Madeloso, Bill Kotow, Remigio Vasquez, Andrea Prea, Elizabeth Cura, Willem Christ, and all who have died in disasters all over the world.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Alex Doss, Pitchaya, Dhanaceli, Anton & Nithin Vaz, Fabian Morias, Marina & Edwin Carvalho, Finanapragasam, Tharsilammal, Manoharam, Maybird & Theresian Fernando, John Edward, Gertrude Machado, Alexander Edward and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We pray for Violet Lawrence, Elaine & 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, June Shaw, Elizabeth Palmeiri, Michael Benedict, Kerri Jewell, Wilfrid D'Cruz, Bettina Coli, Luz Viviana Sastre, Frida Silva, Juan Antonio Mena, Ellen Angeles, Noelle Tenney, Conchita Jones, Tony Don Paul and all who are ill in our Parish.

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