

St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

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Archdiocese of Melbourne

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23 February 2025
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY

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

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

1st Reading

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial
Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd Reading

1 Cor 15:45-49

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

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on

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OFFICE HOURS

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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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earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel **Alleluia, alleluia!** I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia.**
Acclamation

Gospel **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.**
 Lk 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.
Antiphon

Next Week's Readings **Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45**

ST PETERS YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group sessions for youth 12 to 17 years recommence from **Sunday 27th April 2025** after the Parish Alpha Youth Sessions are completed. If you like to find out more or join the youth group, please contact Anthea 0418458662.

ST. PETER'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP MEETING for this **Saturday, 22 February is cancelled.** The next meeting will be the **Healing Mass on Saturday, 8th March 2025.** After that, meetings will proceed as normal unless otherwise advised.

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 2 Mar 25

Bill Coghlan / Paul Mulquiney / George Socrates

Roster for Readers – 1/2 Mar 25

6:00pm	Davy Fernandes
8:30am	Kitty Stuttard
10:30am	Sunil Vaz
5:00pm	Romayne Albuquerque

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 1/2 Mar 25

6:00pm	K. Fernando / G. Aldcroft / S. Fernando / K. Pham
8:30am	G. Sharman / Karen D / S. Graham / I. D'Lima
10:30am	N. Golaw / B. Fernandes / G. Schembri / N. Pereira
5:00pm	E. Angeles / M. Marip / P&S Albuquerque

Music Ministry – 1/2 Mar 25

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

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 Theatrette, 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 - Healing Mass on 1st Saturday of the month. 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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TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL (TWG) UPDATE

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY – 5TH MARCH 2025

A reminder that Ash Wednesday is an **obligatory day of fast and abstinence**. It is also the start of Lent which is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. Masses, including the distribution of Ashes, will be as follows:

8:30am, 10:00am (School Mass, everyone welcome) and 7:00pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross will be held **every Friday at 7:00pm** followed by Mass. This will **commence on Friday 7th March.**

PARISH LENTEN PILGRIMAGE – TA PINU, 15TH MARCH

Come and join us in our yearly Lenten pilgrimage at Ta Pinu to pray and reflect on Jesus' passion and death. **SATURDAY 15TH MARCH 2025** at Our Lady of Ta' Pinu Shrine, 15 Flanagan Dr., Merrimu Vic 3340. Program starts at 10:30am with the 14 Stations of the Cross followed by Mass at 12:00pm. Shared Fellowship at Ta Pinu after Mass – BYO lunch to share. As this is the Jubilee Year, this pilgrimage will be part of our Jubilee Year celebrations.

GOSPEL FOCUS – COMPASSION

The compassion of God is a very strong theme that runs through the Gospel of Luke. Throughout the gospel, the compassion and mercy of God is emphasised and a defining feature of the gospel is the number of healings and parables that relate to people who were regarded as the outcasts of society. In this gospel, Jesus is the embodiment of God's compassion. Jesus wants all people to experience first hand the abundant love God holds for them. Today's gospel passage is a reminder that when we experience God's compassion we are also called to show it to others.



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Perhaps one of the most difficult lessons to learn is forgiveness of those whom we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to a very high standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves, but through the power of the risen Lord whose image we bear.

Paul plays with the theology of creation. In the beginning, we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own well being. Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality.

Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness.


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RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Edna Lising, Jerome Rodrigues, 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 Eduardo Medina, Gliceria Tacata, Rebecca Tacata, Roberto Lopez, Dante Lopez, Agatha Borg, Anthony Azzopardi. Michael Sarpi, Arturo Santos, Monica Soriano, Apolonia Dela Cruz 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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