

St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

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Archdiocese of Melbourne

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2 March 2025
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR MARCH PRAYER FOR LENT

Merciful God, you called us forth from the dust of the earth;
You claimed us for Christ in the waters of Baptism.
Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days bearing the mark of
ashes, and bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of
rebirth.
May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace;
our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.
All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus, for in his Cross we
proclaim your love forever.
Amen.

Entrance
Antiphon

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place
of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

1st Reading
Sirach 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear
in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his
conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its
fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before
he has spoken, since this is the test of men.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial
Psalm

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

2nd Reading
1 Cor 15:54-58

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

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal
nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death
is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your
sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let
us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never
give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the
Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel
Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you
are offering it the word of life. **Alleluia!**

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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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Gospel
Lk 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye. There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful
Antiphon with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

Next Week's Readings **Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13**

Feasts of the Week **ASH WEDNESDAY Wed, 5 Mar**

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 would like to find out more or join the youth group, please contact Anthea on 0418 458 662.

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.

SENIORS SHARED LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH, will be held at the Community Centre from **11:30am to 1:30pm**. Please bring a plate of food to share. Tea, coffee provided. Contact Margaret Craigie on 0456914652 for further details. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE.**

SICK LIST

Parishioners, please note that our sick list is growing each week. We request that you kindly contact the Parish office as soon as your sick family member is well again so we can remove the name from the sick list. Names will be reviewed at the end of the month. Please contact the parish office at the start of each month to submit names for the sick as we are unable to keep a record of names for more than a month. We thank you for your understanding.

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 9 Mar 25

Tini & Barrie Hope

Roster for Readers – 8/9 Mar 25

6:00pm	Adele Vesty
8:30am	Dominic Hankins
10:30am	Lionel D'Cruz
5:00pm	Valerian D/Souza

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 8/9 Mar 25

6:00pm	G. Linning / M. Maple / S. Craven / S. Martis
8:30am	A. Hankins / Clarence D'S / N&N Gooneratne
10:30am	S. Colla / F. Caruana / M&C Peters
5:00pm	E. Angeles / C. Skinner / Sunita D / E. Chio

Music Ministry – 8/9 Mar 25

6:00pm	Footsteps
8:30am	St. Philomena
10:30am	Youth Band
5:00pm	Shepherds of Christ

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 7th April 2025 at 7:00pm in Church.

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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.

RITE OF ELECTION is an important part of the process of a person's journey to full membership in the Catholic Church community. Our catechumens **Grant Caldwell & Richard Mckinnes** will be attending the 'Rite of Election' along with their sponsors, family and RCIA team at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 9th March. This will be an important step in their journey towards receiving the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Let us keep all of them in our prayers as they make this important and lifelong journey of faith.

LENT: A TIME FOR TRANSFORMATION

An invitation to all men in our parish to come join **St. Peter's Men for Christ Ministry at the Community Centre on Monday 10th March from 7 to 9pm** for a special event focused on embracing the season of Lent as a time for personal growth and transformation. This gathering will feature dinner and fellowship, an insightful talk by Fr Silvio Bezzina and meaningful discussions to help you deepen your spiritual journey during this sacred time. Don't miss out on this opportunity to reflect, renew, and transform!

Link to register is <https://tinyurl.com/SPMensLent>. Please register for catering purposes. Contact Francis Thomas at 0401 787 372 for more information.



GOSPEL FOCUS – GOOD FROM GOOD

'The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good.' What makes a person good? Is it that they have had good things happen in their life? There are plenty of people who have had good things in their life but they remain cynical and spiteful people. Similarly, there are plenty who have had the hardest of circumstances yet



There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit
Lk6:43

goodness constantly flows from them. It's not the external influences but what we do with them that determines whether we are nurturing 'good treasure' or harbouring 'evil treasure'. This is not just sugary sweetness but a deliberate decision to be a person of hope.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

In our post-modern world, the lesson of the hypocrite seeking to remove the speck from their neighbour's eye before removing the log from their own has at times been taken too far and too literally. We are often confronted with a minimalist notion that nobody can be corrected or criticised because one person's opinion is just as good as the next person's. In this view, there is no room for universal truths; no room for authority; no room for an over-arching view of the world or a meta-narrative – an underlying 'big picture' story for life.

On the surface, the idea that one person's opinion is as valid as any other's seems very democratic and sociable. However, it is fundamentally not true. Someone who has spent a lifetime studying and practising in a particular field of endeavour cannot be lightly dismissed as 'that's just your opinion'. Yet, all too often, such learned knowledge and experience is given the same weight as ill-informed and sometimes mischievous opinion – frequently in the name of 'balanced' discussion


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RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Stanis Smith, Divina Pascual Dabu, Palmira Fernandes, Edna Lising, Jerome Rodrigues, Aileen Teresa Fonseca, Graham Wood, Michael Mariadas, Iluminada Saliendra, Keith Gill, Lucas Slee, Rosendo Madeloso, and all who have died in disasters all over the world.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Pedro Alinea, Eugenia Hari, Renel & Simone Bignoux, Carmen Turner, David Gowe, Margie Fernando, Michael Sarpi 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, Roland Arigadas, Delfor Fernandez, Mavis D'Cruz, Wilfrid D'Cruz, Bettina Coli, Noelle Tenney, Conchita Jones, Tony Don Paul, Christopher Fernandez, Carmela Saragozza and all who are ill in our Parish.

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St Peter Apostle Mission Parish
 Fourth Sunday 12 noon

23 March 2025
27 April 2025
25 May 2025

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