

St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

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Archdiocese of Melbourne

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9 March 2025
1st Sunday of Lent
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

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and
give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

1st Reading
Deut 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay
it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you
must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went
down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation,
great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and
inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The
Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord
brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror,
and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land
where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the
soil that you, Lord, have given me." 'You must then lay them before the Lord your
God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial
Psalm

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

2nd Reading
Rom 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Scripture says: *The word* (that is the faith we proclaim) *is very near to you, it is on
your lips and in your heart.* If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe
in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By
believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you
are saved. When scripture says: *those who believe in him will have no cause for
shame,* it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same
Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, *for everyone who calls on
the name of the Lord will be saved.*

The Word of the Lord.

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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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Gospel
Lk 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion
Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Next Week's
Readings

Gen 15:12,17-18; Phil 3:17 – 4:1
Lk 9:28-36

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.

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.**

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 16 Mar 25

L. Vasquez / T. Grisancich / L. De La Cruz

Roster for Readers – 15/16 Mar 25

6:00pm	Lerna Vasquez
8:30am	Michelle Nelthropp
10:30am	Cleophas Peters
5:00pm	Youth Reader

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 15/16 Mar 25

6:00pm	S. Fernando / Josie T. / K. Fernando / Sophia D
8:30am	Karen F. / R. Hibbert / P. Simonides / Volunteer
10:30am	M. Peters / S. Delos Reyes / V. Petkovic / S. Vaz
5:00pm	E. Mills / E. Chio / B. Palatty / R. Albuquerque

Music Ministry – 15/16 Mar 25

6:00pm	Mater Dolorosa
8:30am	St. Philomena
10:30am	FilOz
5:00pm	Young Adults

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 - Healing Mass on 1st Saturday of the month. Next Healing Mass on Saturday 5th April 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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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.

MONTHLY HOLY MASS & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us on the second Thursday of the month, **13th March 2025**, for an evening of prayer and reflection at St. Peter's Church. Holy Mass & Eucharistic Adoration: 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Celebrant: Fr. Rojan George VC. Come and spend time in the presence of the Lord. All are welcome!

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! All men aged 18+ are welcome. Link to register is <https://tinyurl.com/SPMensLent>. Please register for catering purposes. Contact Francis Thomas at 0401787372 for more information.



ROSTERS FOR PIETY STALL

Rosters for Piety Stall have been emailed and a hard copy is available for collection from the glass table in the church hall.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Fr Peter Carrucan PE, Ben Fletcher, Glenda Pace, 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 Austin Gracias, Oscar Rego, Vincent D'Souza, Victor Pereira, Joseph Vella, George Bellard, George Mangion, Theresa Spiteri, Eugenia Hari, Athene Carreon, Felizardo Dimanlig, Bibiano Penaflor, Josephine Catania, Raymond Linning, Alice Billings 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, Conchita Jones, Tony Don Paul, Christopher Fernandez, Carmela Saragozza and all who are ill in our Parish.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – LENT

The 40 days that Jesus spent praying and preparing in the wilderness is reflected in the season of Lent that lasts 40 days from Ash Wednesday until the day before Easter Sunday (not counting Sundays in the season). It has been traditional that during the time of Lent Christian people renew their efforts in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. All three of these practices are actions of preparation. Just as Jesus prepared for his ministry in the wilderness, so too is



Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness being tempted there by the devil for forty days.....Lk 4:1

Lent an opportunity for us to be deliberate about our reflection on what we are called to do in this world.


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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Lent is a time when we are reminded that there is nothing we can do to win our salvation. It is a pure gift from God. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us. Lent is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us. The temptations of Jesus are the same temptations that we face when we are inclined to think that somehow we are in control. While the goals of the temptations may be admirable – feed the hungry, bring the world under the control of good, trust in God's power to protect us – we often choose to accomplish them in ways that are less than admirable. We try to perform the extraordinary so that what we do reflects favourably on us. We use brute force in order to achieve control. We put God to the test rather than live peacefully with God's plan as it unfolds within and around us. We seek to become the super-hero, the super-minister, the super-Christian on our own. In his responses to the tempter, we see Jesus constantly deferring to the power of God: It is not by bread alone . . . worship only God . . . do not put God to the test. In a real sense, these temptations are a reminder that the fundamental temptation is to deny our human limitations and refuse to let God be God for us.

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