

St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

38 Guinane Avenue, Hoppers Crossing 3029
Archdiocese of Melbourne

Committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults



27 April 2025

Divine Mercy Sunday



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR APRIL

Divine Mercy Prayer

You expired, O Jesus,
But the source of life gushed forth for souls
And an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world
O Fount of Life,
Unfathomable Divine Mercy,
Envelope the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.
O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus
As a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You. Amen.

Entrance Antiphon

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

1st Reading Acts 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

2nd Reading Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! **Alleluia!**

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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: 6:00pm
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
Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Bring your hand and feel the place of the
Antiphon nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Next Week's **Acts 5:27-32,40-41; Rev 5:11-14,**
Readings **Jn 21:1-19**

Feasts of the **St. Peter Chanel** **Mon, 28 Apr**
Week **St. Catherine of Siena** **Tue, 29 Apr**
St. Athanasius **Fri, 2 May**
Sts Philip & James **Sat, 3 May**

SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP 2025

The 2025 session of the Joint Parishes of St Peter's & St James initiative - School of Discipleship will commence from **Sunday 25th May at 6:30 pm at St Peter's Church Hall.** This is a faith outreach program aimed to teach members more about our Catholic faith with three purposes – to learn it, live it and share it. All are welcome to join. Enquiries to Anita D'Souza on 0411772320 or Jennifer on 0421173396. There will be a **promotion of School of Discipleship and sausage sizzle at all weekend masses (except 8.30am) on 3rd / 4th May.** All funds raised will be used to support the School of Discipleship program. For further details, please scan the QR code or register at <https://bit.ly/3EFg96N>.



ROSTERS

Money Counters – 4 May 25

Bill Coghlan / Paul Mulquiney / George Socrates

Roster for Readers – 3/4 May 25

6:00pm	Adele Vesty
8:30am	Kitty Stuttard
10:30am	Cleophas Peters
5:00pm	Valerian D'Souza

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 3/4 May 25

6:00pm	G. Aldcroft / K. Pham / G. Linning / S. Fernando
8:30am	Karen F. / G. Sharman / Clarence D'S / A. Hankins
10:30am	Bernadina F. / G. Schembri / N. Golaw / N. Pereira
5:00pm	Sunita D'S / E. Chio / E. Angeles / C. Skinner

Music Ministry – 3/4 May 25

6:00pm	Eagles Wings
8:30am	St. Philomena
10:30am	Naufahu Family Choir
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.
Mondays	St Peter's Men for Christ Ministry meetings on 2 nd Mondays in the Community Centre from 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Tuesdays	7:00pm Online Zoom Rosary - Meeting ID: 893 5477 8556. Passcode: rosary.
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 10th May 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 5th May 2025 at 7:00pm in Church.

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT: \$5297.35
ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR: \$3611.30
CHURCH A/C: \$4895.75
HOLY PLACES COLLECTIO: \$2811.70
CHAPLAINCY (SPANISH): \$ 191.30

MEN ALIVE WEEKEND RETREAT, 17 & 18 MAY 2025

All Men in our parish are invited for a transformational weekend designed by men for men. Men Alive is a National Catholic Ministry for Men established to address the profound needs in men's lives. St Peter Apostle Mission parish is hosting a Men Alive Weekend on May 17th and 18th 2025 in the Thomas Carr building at St Peter's Primary School. We invite you to participate in this event containing relevant talks, personal testimonies and opportunities for discussion in small groups, providing the space and environment for men to personally reflect and connect with each other. Please use the QR code to register or use the link: <https://hopperscrossing.menalivevic.au/> For details, contact Dario 0438525148.



THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS, HOPPERS CROSSING BRANCH is conducting a Bunnings BBQ on **Saturday, 3rd May** at the Old Geelong Road premises, and are seeking assistance from available Parishioners. The BBQ operates from 8:30am to 4:00pm. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Funds raised go towards scholarships for MacKillop and Thomas Carr Colleges, our Youth Groups and Priests Support and Education Fund. If you can spare a couple of hours, please contact Paul Mulquiney on 0418 113 955.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The overarching theme for the Second Sunday of Easter is the celebration of the presence of the Risen Lord in several manifestations. He is there in the very throes of sickness, in fear and doubt, in the celebration of the liturgy. These presences challenge us to go beneath appearances, beneath the mundane and banal of life, and there discover the risen Lord in personal mystical experience, in the ministry of the believing community, and in the transformative possibilities of the liturgy. Experiences of the Risen Lord are not reserved for extraordinarily holy people. Any one of us can be invited into a deep personal encounter when we least expect it, in the most unlikely places, with effects that overwhelm us. In fact, the Risen Christ is always just around the next corner, eager to enter our lives with the transforming power of the resurrection. Being part of a community of believers in prayer can be one of the most profound religious experiences. It not only transforms the present, but it also entrusts us with a vision of what is yet to be, hope for a glorious future.



Happy are those who have not seen
and yet believe Jn 20:29

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ANNUAL PARISH DINNER, FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST 2025 – SAVE THE DATE !!

Parishioners, we are excited to let you know that our **Annual Parish Dinner will be held at the Italian Social Club on Friday, 22nd August 2025**. More details to follow over the coming weeks.

SILENT AUCTION SPONSOR REQUEST

As part of the Parish Dinner on Friday 22 August, we plan to hold a 'Silent Auction to enable us to raise funds. We are looking for items for the Silent Auction and need your support in donating/sponsoring items such as:

- Travel or Unique experiences, vouchers for beauty treatments, massages, etc,
- Kitchen Appliances, Bags, jewellery, paintings, musical instruments.
- Handmade items like sweaters, rugs, throws, shawls, etc.

All items must be new and preferably in original packaging. A good opportunity to declutter and give away items that you have not used. Please drop off items at the parish office or contact Praful on 0431 068 125 to arrange pick up. Please let us have your items by **Friday, 1st August at the latest**.

PARISH DINNER SPONSORSHIP

As part of the fundraising process, we are looking for sponsors from organizations or individuals. If you can assist in finding sponsors or sponsoring the event, please contact the parish office. Sponsorship can be either in cash, hampers or Gift Vouchers, which can then be offered as prizes.

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION SESSION 3 MAY 2025

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. It is an ordained ministry of service. The information session is open to **everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate**. Wives most welcome. The session will be on **Saturday 3rd May 10am to 11:30am** at Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne and will be in person. If you are interested, email Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au with full name and parish, but if you forget, then just turn up on Saturday morning. All are welcome.

REMEMBERING POPE FRANCIS

The news of the passing of our beloved Holy Father Pope Francis leaves us deeply saddened, but our faith in the Resurrection comforts us. "Life does not end with death, and Christian hope is a gift that urges us to move forward," he wrote in his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*. With him, the Church experienced a season of profound renewal, founded on mercy, closeness to the least among us, attention to God's creation and universal brotherhood, on an unceasing dialogue with the contemporary world, and on the promotion of peace. We at St Peters held a mass on Wednesday 23rd April at 7:00pm for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. Please remember Pope Francis in your prayers.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Pope Francis, Ida Mascarenhas, Christopher Fernandez, Marcos Mangahas, Geir Osnes, Janine Webster, Honorine Rosario, Fred Calvin, Dagmar Kelaart, Ralston Balasingham, Duke Alburo, Joseph Alburo, Eric Cabuang, Patricia Hegarty, Robert Hart, Marcia King, Mavis D'Cruz, Arsenio Mendoza Snr, and all who have passed away recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Joseph Di Benedetto, Michael Buttigieg, Anthony Borg, Anna Marie Medel, Rey Medina, Nirmala Tisseverasinghe, Vlado Vekic, Katerina Vujica, Elizabeth Jacob,s, Maurice Dalton Snr., William Shanks 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, Gina Linning, Teresita Grisancich, Roland Arigadas, Delfor Fernandez, Wilfrid D'Cruz, Bettina Coli, Conchita Jones, Tony Don Paul, Carmela Saragozza, Navin Nicholas, John Galea, Nathan Pimenta, Annie Ico, Mary Harlow, Lynne Worsley, Joseph Zanatta, Kelly Jennings, Hung Van Truong, Linda Wareham, Romano Apostoli, Bernadette Lewis, Dorothy Rayner, Karen Pountney, Cynthia Middleton, Lisa Taqala, Maureen Ryan and all who are ill in our Parish.