

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



11 May 2025 4th Sunday of Easter Year C



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR MAY

Prayer for Mother's Day

Creator God, we thank You for the miracle of motherhood and the sacred bond formed in the womb. Thank You for faithful mothers and grandmothers who pass on a legacy of love and belief. Strengthen their spirits and bless their ministry at home. Bless every mother with awe at Your handiwork. Encourage every weary mother today. Remind them that their daily acts of love have eternal significance. Help us to always honor our mothers, not just today, but every day. Let our actions and words reflect our deep appreciation. May every mother feel the blessing of her family. Amen.

Entrance
Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

1st Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next Sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial
Psalm

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

2nd Reading

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

Apoc 7:9, 14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The Word of the Lord

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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: 6:00pm

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
Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel
Jn 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said: The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion
Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Next Week's
Readings

Acts 14:21-27; Apoc 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

Feasts of the
Week

St. Matthias

Wed, 14 May

HABEMUS PAPUM POPE LEO XIV

Cardinal Robert F. Prevost was elected as the 267th Pope on 8th May 2025 choosing the name Pope Leo XIV. Let us join in prayers for Pope Leo XIV.



WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Church community **Raphael Gunawardena** who is to be baptised this Sunday. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the love of Parents, Godparents, family and friends, we pray that Raphael will lead a life full of happiness, faith and love.

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS ROSTER

We are currently working on the next Roster for June to August 2025. If you haven't already done so, please inform the parish office of your availability as soon as possible. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

FIRST RECONCILIATIONS

Please keep the Year 3 students from St. Peter's school and the children from the Sunday School in your prayers as they prepare to make their First Reconciliations this coming Tuesday and Thursday evenings. We pray that they will receive many blessings during their faith journey.



MOTHER'S DAY – SUNDAY 11TH MAY

To celebrate and acknowledge the wonderful Mothers in our Parish, Father will give a special blessing to all Mothers at all Masses this weekend.

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 18 May 25

Pravin Albuquerque / Clarence D'Souza / Grace Sharman

Roster for Readers – 17/18 May 25

6:00pm	David Roga
8:30am	Rosemary Hibbert
10:30am	Lionel D'Cruz
5:00pm	Young Adults Reader

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 17/18 May 25

6:00pm	J. Roga / K. Pham / P&S Albuquerque
8:30am	Karen D / N&N Gooneratne / K. Fernandes
10:30am	Sophia D / S. Delos Reyes / V. Petkovic / S. Vaz
5:00pm	Sunita D / E. Angeles / B. Palatty / M. Marip

Music Ministry – 17/18 May 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.
Mondays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Peter's Men for Christ Ministry meetings on 2nd Mondays in the Community Centre from 7 to 9pm
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 14th June 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 2nd June 2025 at 7:00pm in Church.

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GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – 11 MAY 2025

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis told us: *There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.* Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

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. Please use the QR code to register or use the link: <https://hopperscrossing.menalivevic.au/> There will be a promotion at all the masses this weekend. For details, contact Dario 0438525148.



SPYA MOTHER'S DAY BAKE SALE 11TH MAY

Join us after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses this Sunday 11th May for a special Mother's Day Bake Sale, lovingly organised by SPYA our young adults group. Come along, grab a sweet treat, and support our young adults as we celebrate all the wonderful mothers and mother figures in our lives!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This Sunday is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. However, the readings for today focus more on the flock than on the shepherd. The overarching theme appears to be unity in diversity. Placing this theme within the context of the Easter season, we might refocus it slightly and suggest that today we celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord in communities of difference. Unity in diversity is first found in the divine union of the Trinity. All other models of unity flow from it. Both the first and the second readings depict communities made up of people from every nation, race, people and tongue, Jews and Gentile alike. This is precisely the makeup of most communities today. Despite the obvious differences, all are children of the one God, all are joined in their common confession of faith.



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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 25 May at 6:30 pm at St Peter's Church Hall**, Hoppers Crossing. 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. For further details, Please scan the QR code or register at <https://bit.ly/3EFq96N>.



ANNUAL PARISH DINNER, FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST 2025 SILENT AUCTION SPONSOR REQUEST

As part of the Parish Dinner on Friday 22 August at the Italian Social Club, 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.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES SUNDAY 1ST JUNE 2025, 11:00AM, ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Couples and their families are invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family, coinciding with the Jubilee of Families. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries – 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above – will receive a commemorative certificate. Registrations close on Sunday 25th May 25. <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1377731>



MONTH OF MAY MASS COUNT


Parishioners, please note that as required by our Archdiocese each year, there will be a mass count at all masses **this weekend.**

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Pope Francis, Joyce D'Rozario, John Portelli, Adriel Collantes, Irene Mary Portelli, Mary Harlow, Ida Mascarenhas, Christopher Fernandez, Marcos Mangahas, Geir Osnes, Janine Webster, Honorine Rosario, Fred Calvin, Dagmar Kelaart, Ralston Balasingham, and all who have passed away recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Eardley Beck, Mary Shanks, John Meddings, Flor Golaw, Evelyn & Betty Lazaro, Maria Nardacchione 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, Delflor Fernandez, Wilfrid D'Cruz, Bettina Coli, Conchita Jones, Tony Don Paul, Carmela Saragozza, Navin Nicholas, John Galea, Nathan Pimenta, Annie Ico, Lynne Worsley, Kelly Jennings, Hung Van Truong, Linda Wareham, Romano Apostoli, Bernadette Lewis, Dorothy Rayner, Karen Pountney, Cynthia Middleton, Lisa Tagala, Maureen Ryan, Summer Swiderski and all who are ill in our Parish.

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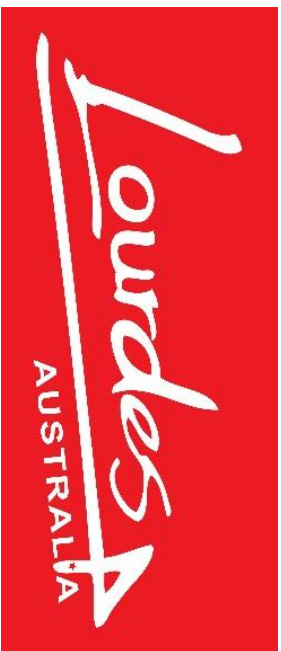


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