

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



23 August 2026
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR AUGUST

Prayer for the Synod

Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



Entrance
Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

1st Reading

Is 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial
Psalm

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

2nd Reading

Rom 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel
Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. **Alleluia!**

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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
Mt 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion The earth is replete with the fruits of your work,
Antiphon O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Next Week's Readings Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

<u>Feasts of the Week</u>	St Bartholomew	Mon, 24 Aug
	St. Monica	Thu, 27 Aug
	St Augustine	Fri, 28 Aug
	Passion of St. John the Baptist	Sat, 29 Aug

ANNUAL PARISH DINNER 22 AUGUST 2026

The wait is OVER—our Annual Parish Dinner is finally here! Thank you to everyone who registered to attend. We are so grateful for your support and can't wait to share a fantastic evening of food, fellowship, and celebration as a community.

Important Reminder: This is strictly a **BYO (Bring Your Own) drinks** event. There will be no bar or beverages available for purchase at the venue, so please remember to bring your own drinks for the evening.

Please arrive on time; we plan to start promptly at 7:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you all there and making this a memorable night for our parish!

2026 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made via the QR code. You can also donate via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly in the special collection at this weekend's masses.



ROSTERS

Money Counters – 30 August 26

John Allen / Jules & Neeta Pereira

Roster for Readers – 29/30 August 26

6:00PM	Jeffery Poppen
8:30am	Savita D'Souza
10:30am	Rosemary Hibbert
5:00pm	Elden Pereira

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 29/30 August 26

6:00pm	Michelle N/Kathy P/Sharon A/Shiran F/Godwin S/Vol
8:30am	Karen D/Clarence D/J Roga/Paul B/Romayne A/Vol
10:30am	B Fernandes/Neeta P/N Golaw/4 Vols
5:00pm	Ayesha A/Connie S/E Mills/E Chio/M Marip/Y Mohan

Music Ministry – 29/30 August 26

6:00pm	Footsteps
8:30am	St. Philomena
10:30am	Youth Band
5:00pm	Anavah

PARISH NEWS

WEEKLY PARISH DATES

Sundays	10:30am Mass – Children's Liturgy held every alternate Sundays. 6pm in Hall – Youth Group for youth 12 to 17 years on 2nd and 4th Sundays. 6:00pm in Community Centre – Young Adults meeting on 1st & 3rd Sundays. 6:30pm in Hall – School of Discipleship.
Mondays	- St Peter's Men for Christ Ministry meetings on 2nd Mondays in the Community Centre from 7 to 9pm. - St Peter's Women Together in Christ Ministry meeting 3rd Monday in the Community Centre from 7pm to 9pm. 7:00pm to 8:15pm – Bible Study on Zoom. Meeting ID: 826 5359 2389 Passcode: Bible Contact Gary 0424456166.
Tuesdays	6:30pm – RCIA Meeting in Theatrette, contact Marcela Blanco on 0425857770.
Wednesdays	7:00pm Mass followed by Mother of Perpetual Succour Novena.
1 st Fridays	7:00pm to 8:15pm Mass & Adoration
Saturdays	2.30pm to 4.30pm St. Peter's Charismatic Prayer Community. 1.30pm to 4:00pm - Next Healing Mass on Saturday 5th September 2026.
Baptisms	12 noon – Baptisms held 1 st & 3 rd Sundays. Next Baptism Preparation Meeting Monday 7th September 2026 at 7:00pm in Church.
Rosary Statue	Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available for you to host at home on a weekly roster with changeovers on Sundays. To book contact Yvette on 0435820469 or email: y.judith@yahoo.com

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MULTICULTURAL MASS PLANNING MEETING

The next planning meeting for the annual MCMASS will be held on **Saturday, 29th August 2026 at 10:00 am** in the meeting room off the church hall. All are welcome to attend.

JESUS YOUTH VICTORIA – YOUNG ADULTS EVENT, FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER, 6PM - 8.30PM

Jesus Youth Victoria invite all young adults (ages 18-35 years) along for a night of encountering the Lord and real connection with other youth on Friday 11th September from 6-8:30pm at St Peter Apostle Mission Parish in the Church Hall. Register using the QR Code. This is an evening for everyone - whether you are rooted in your faith, just beginning your journey, or simply curious! It is completely free so do not miss out, come along, and bring your friends for lively praise and worship, an inspiring talk, adoration, fellowship, food and more!



FILLED TO THE BRIM – COUPLES RETREAT, SATURDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 10AM – 4PM

Take a day to pause, reconnect and rediscover the joy of your vocation as a couple. Join **Steve Lawrence and his wife Annie for “Filled to the Brim”, a special Couples Retreat** which is geared towards the deepening of a couple's love for one another through the grace of the Sacrament of Marriage and to the nurturing of their family's faith and life. Whether you have been married for years or are just beginning your journey together, come and reflect, renew and reconnect in your vocation to love. \$25 per couple. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/SPcouplesretreat> or scan the QR Code. All couples are warmly invited. For any queries, please contact the parish office.



MASS FOR MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES - SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2026, 10.30AM

Our parish will host a special Mass on Sunday 11th October at 10:30am to celebrate significant marriage anniversaries. Couples who are celebrating the following significant marriage anniversaries - 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above from 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2026 are invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family. Married couples who register will receive a commemorative certificate, please register by scanning the QR Code or using the link <https://bit.ly/4pdwGGC>, registrations close on 30 September 2026. Couples who are celebrating 60 years and over, please register as early as possible, no later than Monday 31 August 2026. For any queries, please contact the parish office on 9749 4300 or by emailing:



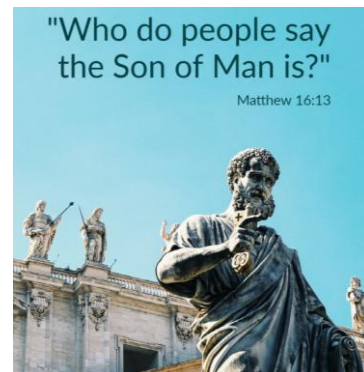
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LIVING THE GOSPEL ... WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

The question that Jesus asks the disciples is a question he asks of all of us.

How we answer that question reflects our relationship with Jesus. But more importantly, how we answer that question reflects the way we live our life in response to who we believe Jesus to be. If we truly say that we believe in Jesus as the son of God, then how do we live our lives in such a way that we act on that belief? The gospel shows us that an inadequate answer to that question leads to missing the point of all that Jesus is.

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RAISING FATHERS SESSION MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER @ 7PM PARISH HALL

On the Occasion of Father's Day, St Peter Men for Christ Ministry is holding a special event called **"Raising Fathers - Fathering from the Frontline"** led by the Men Alive Team for all men and their partners. The evening will unpack actionable insights to thrive amidst the challenges of fatherhood in today's world, impactful, informative testimonies and stories of other fathers that resonate with your own challenges and joys of modern-day fatherhood. There is an invitation to participate in candid conversations with other fathers and community leaders navigating the frontiers of contemporary fatherhood. For further information and to register please click on <https://bit.ly/4fSRrCX> or scan the QR code. For more details, contact Dario on 0438525148 or Praful on 0431068125.



NOVENA DAY SEVEN TO ST JOHN PAUL THE GREAT LED BY FR EDWIN AGIUS MSSP

St Leo the Great Parish (Altona North) invites all parishioners to join the Day Seven of the Novena to Saint John Paul II to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of his visit to their parish in 1986. **Novena Mass will be led by Fr Edwin Agius MSSP on Tuesday, 28 August 2026. Mass at 7:00pm, followed by Novena Prayers, Benediction, and fellowship afterwards.**

COMMUNITY MASS

There will not be a Community Mass on Wednesday 26th August.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Alfredo Angeles, Mila Buenaventura, Dave Andrew Prea, Efren de Jesus, Macrine Gatdula, Edna Said, Merna Larkins, Umberto Laretta, Mark Valdez, Bill Gregory, Edna Domingo, John O'Regan, and all who have passed away recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Bill Fairney, Edwin Albuquerque, Enri Sait, Sylvia Cachia, Martin Lopez, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We pray for Violet Lawrence, Elaine & Jeffrey Dalton, Sean Donaldson, Draga Vekic, Gina Linning, Teresita Grisancich, Delflor Fernandez, Steven Murray, Wilfrid D'Cruz, Myrna Butler, Thais Long, Wendy Van Hoos, Vincent Ho, James Vaz, Tania Kelaart, Kerrie Brown, M. Manuel Manalastas, Soane Tuungahala, Brian Aldcroft, Matilde Villamayor, Analyn Gonzales, Nina Costa, Patricia Fernando and all who are ill in our Parish.

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