

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



30 August 2026
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR AUGUST SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Loving God, you made each of us in your image and likeness. Open our eyes to recognise one another as equals, replacing domination and control, violence, and abuse, with mutuality, reciprocity, respect, and freedom. Help us to love like you. Jesus Christ, you rejected the use of religious traditions to justify violence. Teach us to unmask manipulations of our faith used to justify violent, abusive, or coercive behaviour. Teach us to be people who show tenderness, respect and care for others as you did. Holy Spirit, you are with us always, showing us the way. Move us to assist those who experience violence and abuse, and support their call for justice. Empower us to hold perpetrators of violence and abuse responsible, encouraging them to change their behaviour. Amen.

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

1st Reading Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

2nd Reading Rom 12:1-2

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

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. **Alleluia!**

Phone: (03) 9749-4300
E-mail: hopperscrossing@cam.org.au
Website: <http://stpeterapostlemission.org.au>
Facebook link: <https://m.facebook.com/stpetershoppers/>

OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 9:00am – 3:30pm

CONTACT DETAILS

Parish Priest
Fr. Laurence Cortez
hopperscrossing@cam.org.au
Safeguarding Officer (Tue/Thu/Fri)
Lorena Ford
Parish Secretary (Tue/Wed/Fri)
Anita D'Souza
Parish School Principal
Karen Wilson (9749-1055)
MacKillop Catholic College
Principal
Chris Caldwell (8734 5200)
Thomas Carr Catholic College
Principal
Rose Connolly (8734 2444)

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
Mass with Anointing of the Sick
Fourth Saturday - 9:00am

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

Acknowledgements

Excerpts from the English Translation of The Roman Missal, copyright © 2010 International Committee on English in the Liturgy Inc. (ICEL). Scripture Readings from the Jerusalem Bible, copyright © 1966, 1967, 1968, 1985, by Darton, Longman & Todd, Publishers, 89 Lillie Road, London, SW6 1UD. United Kingdom.

Gospel Reflection & Gospel Focus from copyright © liturgyhelp.com

Gospel
Mt 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.' The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion How great is the goodness, Lord, that you
Antiphon keep for those who fear you.

Next Week's **Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20**
Readings

Feasts of **St. Gregory the Great** **Thu, 3 Sept**
the Week

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTISED

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

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER, 8:30AM MASS

In celebration of Mary's birthday, parishioners are invited to bring their own statues or icons of Our Blessed Virgin Mary and place them on the tables near the Sanctuary. Father Laurence will bless them during the 8:30am Mass.

ST. PETER'S PARISH MINISTRY EXPO - WEEKEND OF 12TH/13TH SEPTEMBER

On behalf of Father Laurence and the PPC we are pleased to announce **St. Peter's Parish Ministry Expo**, to be held in the hall after all the Masses on the weekend of 12th/13th September. The Expo will showcase the many Ministries in our Parish run by our many dedicated volunteers. So come along and learn what each Ministry has to offer and perhaps you will be inspired to join one of these wonderful Ministries.

THANK YOU – PARISH DINNER 2026

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, Fr Laurence would like to thank everyone for the wonderful support in making our Parish Dinner a great success. A special thank you to our Parish Dinner Committee and volunteers who worked tirelessly over the last few months to plan, arrange and execute a mammoth task. God bless you and your families abundantly. Thank you to all the Sponsors and those who donated items for the Auction. Thank you and God bless.

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 6 September 26

T&I Dayao / A&M Espedido / L&R Buenaventura

Roster for Readers – 5/6 September 26

6:00PM	David Roga
8:30am	Rosemary Hibbert
10:30am	Sunil Vaz
5:00pm	Joel Joseph

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 5/6 September 26

6:00pm	Jean R./Evelyn M./Cecilia P./Gillian A./Susan C./Vol
8:30am	Karen F/Anthea H/Paul F/Karen D/Sandra G/Vol
10:30am	Cleophas P/Meresiana P/Neeta P/Loyda B/Sophia D/ 2 Volunteers
5:00pm	Elenita A/E Chio/Grace C/M Marip/2 Volunteers

Music Ministry 5/6 September 26

6:00pm	Enzo Ensemble
8:30am	St. Philomena
10:30am	Naufahu Family choir
5:00pm	FilOz

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 Community Centre, 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

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT: \$4080.50
ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR: \$3673.35
CHURCH A/C: \$1796.60
PRESBYTERY A/C: \$1507.60
ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN: \$1746.40
CHAPLAINCY (SPANISH): \$ 244.10

FATHER'S DAY - SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

To celebrate Father's Day, a Special Blessing will be given to Fathers at all the weekend Masses of 5th/6th September.

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 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.



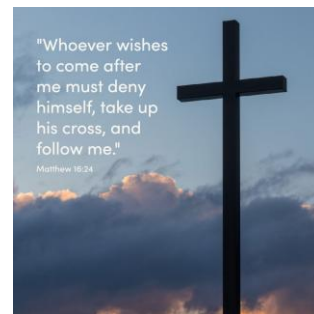
MASS FOR MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES - SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2026, 10.30AM

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: hopperscrossing@cam.org.au



LIVING THE GOSPEL...HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES?

For some people, to be a Christian is a 'soft option' – they see being Christian as being a bit 'fluffy'. This week's gospel is a reminder of the real challenge of being a Christian. Jesus reminds us that to be one of his followers we must be prepared to pick up our cross – whatever our particular cross might be – and still follow his example. To be a Christian means that we don't fall in a heap when difficulty comes our way; we take up the burden – our cross – and continue to look forward with hope. To live like Jesus is no easy option.



© Greg Sunter

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 any queries, contact Dario on 0438525148 or Praful on 0431068125.



BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA)- SESSIONS STARTING SOON

RCIA is the program that welcomes adults into the Catholic Church. This is a transformational journey that aims to form seekers into the teachings of the Church but more importantly, to develop a personal relationship with Jesus. Sessions will run on **Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm starting on 1st September**. The program is open to adults who have not been baptised in the Catholic Church, have been baptised Catholic but have not received the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation and also to parishioners who want to accompany seekers in the journey. If you or anyone in your family or friends wish to join the program, please contact **Marcela Blanco** on **0425857770** or mcbl2002@hotmail.com.

SENIORS SHARED LUNCH, WEDNESDAY 2nd September 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 Ann Allen on 0419718301 for further details.

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

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Natividad Medel, Floreswinda Fernandez, Douglas & Kenneth Lazaro, Marshall Gomes, 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.

 CHERYL'S DRIVING SCHOOL BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY LPP 0433 566 503 cheryldcunhadrivingschool@outlook.com Tel: 0433 566 503 Email: cheryldcunhadrivingschool@outlook.com	 Finance ★ Conveyancing ★ Financial planning Thinking of Buying or Selling <i>For all your finance needs</i> * RESIDENTIAL * RURAL * STRATA * COMMERCIAL * SUBDIVISIONS * OFF THE PLAN * SALES & PURCHASE * REFINANCE * CAR/TRUCK LOANS ADDRESS: U207/41-55 LEAKES RD, LAVERTON NORTH VIC 3026 CONTACT US M:0455505767; EMAIL: info@fulqrum.com.au ; www.fulqrum.com.au	
 PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE DUE ? Business Insurance Public Liability Insurance Trades cover EVIE CARVALHO 0430 542 333 evie@3pointinsurance.com.au		
<u>Wyndham Rostrum Speaking Club 55</u> Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays 7.30-9pm. Wayaperri House, Room 9, 106 Duncans Road, Werribee (opp Werribee Secondary College) Visitors Welcome contact: <u>Chris 0407301317,</u> <u>or Neil</u> <u>0409504684</u>  ROSTRUM <i>find your voice</i>		

Best wishes for a blessed weekend!! www.lourdesaustralia.com 	NEVER QUIT FITNESS Exercise Physiologist and Personal Trainer:  Medicare, DVA, NDIS, Private Health Insurance & Work Cover payments accepted <i>Scan for more details!</i> Home gym targets & includes: • Injury Rehab and Prevention. • Reformer Plates, Boxing & Strength/Weight training. • Open to all ages & fitness levels. Lucas Nardella 0427 470 589 Lucasnardella00@gmail.com	 Jayco Airconditioning • Installation of all types of Split Systems • Repairs and maintenance to all types of air-conditioning Residential, Commercial and Industrial GAVIN 0418 808 737 Email: gavinrval@me.com	 INNOVATIVE GREENS Landscaping + Construction Keith Fernando info@innovativegreens.com.au 0406610111
--	--	---	---

For short or long term loan • Heavy duty Stair Climbing trolley and smaller heavy-duty trolley (hand truck) • Builders' wheelbarrows and medium and light duty wheelbarrows Cheap rates. Photo ID and cash deposit required. Ring ANTHONY on 0408-141-337	 Shutterstock. Photography & Videography Wedding Baptism Holy communion Maternity & Family Photo sessions Check us out: www.shutterstock.com Contact Edwin: 0481812992 or scan the QR for bookings 	Filipino Mass 2026 St Peter Apostle Mission Parish Fourth Sunday 12 noon No Mass in September No Mass in October 22 November 2026	Empowering Lives Building Independence ☎ 0461 292 141 🌐 avcel.com.au Your trusted NDIS provider in Victoria ✓ Personal & Household Support ✓ Supported Independent Living ✓ Community Participation ✓ Employer & Education Assistance Our Values: Respect • Collaboration • Courage • Creativity  
---	---	--	--

Disclaimer: Please note that whilst we appreciate the contributions of these advertisers, their inclusion in the Parish Weekly Bulletin does not mean they are endorsed by the Parish. Advertisements included in this Bulletin are for information only for parishioners.