

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



6 September 2026
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER

PRAYER FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

God Our Father,
Give your chosen people your help and strength.
The birth of the Virgin Mary's son was the dawn of our salvation.
May our celebration of her nativity bring us closer to lasting peace and may the virtues that she modelled develop in our lives, to love you and our neighbours more perfectly.
Grant this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

1st Reading Ez 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

2nd Reading Rom 13:8-10

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

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Mt 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to

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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
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

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the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
Antiphon so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Next Week's Readings **Sirach 27:30 - 28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35**

Feasts of the Week **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tue, 8 Sep**

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Church community **Thais Zambrano**, 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 Thais will lead a life full of happiness, faith and love.

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.

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. Volunteers will be available to share their experiences and provide information about each ministry. Everyone is welcome to come and learn more about our ministries and get involved if you are interested.

JESUS YOUTH VICTORIA – YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS EVENT, FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER, 6:00PM - 8.30PM

Jesus Youth Victoria invite all youth and young adults (ages 16-35 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!



ROSTERS

Money Counters – 13 September 26

Art & Ana Cortez / Jessica Escoton / Renato de la Pena

Roster for Readers – 12/13 September 26

6:00PM	Adele Vesty
8:30am	Nellie Bautista
10:30am	Lionel D'Cruz
5:00pm	Valerian D'Souza

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 12/13 Sept. 26

6:00pm	Bernadina F/Josie T/Kathy P/Rowel T/Stan M/Vol
8:30am	Clarence D/Frank G/G. Sharman/Sunil V/Gail T/Vol
10:30am	A&A Cortez/S Colla/Fred C/G Schembri/A Caolboy/Vol
5:00pm	Sunita D/Connie S/Elenita A/Y Mohan/2 X Vols.

Music Ministry 12/13 September 26

6:00pm	Footsteps
8:30am	Filiorum Dei
10:30am	Youth Band
5:00pm	Shepherds of Christ

PARISH NEWS

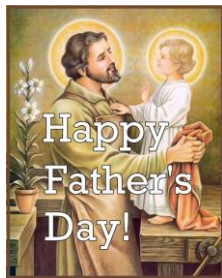
WEEKLY PARISH DATES

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 – No session on Sunday 6 September.
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 3rd October 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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FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.



FILLED TO THE BRIM – COUPLES RETREAT, SATURDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 10:00AM – 4:00PM

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.



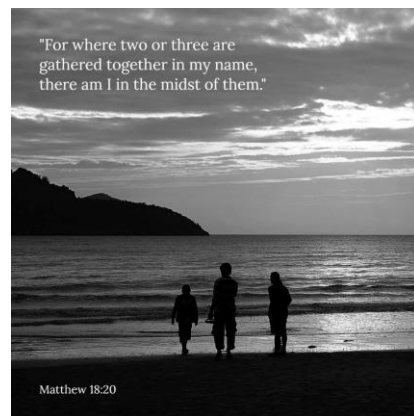
MONTHLY HOLY MASS & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us on **Thursday 10th September 2026**, for an evening of prayer and reflection. Rosary, Praise & Worship, followed by Holy Mass & Eucharistic Adoration: **6.30pm to 9:00pm**. Celebrant: Fr. Rojan George VC. Come and spend time in the presence of the Lord. All are welcome!

LIVING THE GOSPEL – FACING THE ISSUE

It can be very difficult when we feel that someone has hurt us to actually go and speak to them about how we are feeling. It is so much easier to revel in our hurt or seek payback for the hurt. Sometimes we feel that we might ruin a friendship by speaking to our friend about a way in which they have hurt us. But a hurt that goes unaddressed will continue to hurt and will probably be repeated. This week's gospel reminds us of the need to challenge our friends when they hurt us, but it also reminds us that when we have hurt others, we need to be challenged about it and called to account for our actions.

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RAISING FATHERS SESSION MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER @ 7:00PM - 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

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 have commenced on 1st September and run on Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm in the Community Centre**. 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Peter Bool, Cicilia D'Mello, Charlie Catania, Alfredo Angeles, Mila Buenaventura, Dave Andrew Prea, Efren de Jesus, Macrine Gatdula, Edna Said, Merna Larkins, and all who have passed away recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Brian Rego, Raymond Linning, Shirley Linehan, Edgardo Baltero, Errol Baltero, Mary Vella, Agustina & Josephine Cutajar, Peppi & Rosaria Ferlazzo, John Tanti, Norma Lord, Agatha Azzopardi, 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, Kerrie Brown, M. Manuel Manalastas, Soane Tuungahala, Brian Aldcroft, Matilde Villamayor, Analyn Gonzales, Nina Costa, Patricia Fernando, Anna, Alan Pountney, Marilyn Pinto, and all who are ill in our Parish.

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