

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



13 September 2026
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

We adore You, O Christ,
And we praise You,
Because by Your Holy cross
You have Redeemed the world.

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

1st Reading Sir 27:30-28:7

A reading from the prophet Sirach.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

2nd Reading Rom 14:7-9

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

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Mt 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and

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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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children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Next Week's Readings **Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24,27; Mt 20:1-16**

<u>Feasts of the Week</u>	The Exaltation of the Cross	Mon, 14 Sep
	Our Lady of Sorrows	Tue, 15 Sep
	Sts Cornelius & Cyprian	Wed, 16 Sep

ST. PETER'S PARISH MINISTRY EXPO WEEKEND - 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 this 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.

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.

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 20 September 26

Bill Coghlan / Paul Mulquiney / George Socrates

Roster for Readers – 19/20 September 26

6:00PM	Eric Soares
8:30am	KSC Reader
10:30am	Savita D'Souza
5:00pm	Ayesha Albuquerque

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 19/20 Sept. 26

6:00pm	S Soares/C Pham/E Mills/Michelle N/Shiran F/Vol
8:30am	Paul B/Anthea H/Sandra G/Ignes D/Paul F/Vol
10:30am	S Vaz/C&M Peters/N Pereira/R Hibbert/2 X Vols
5:00pm	Elden P/Ellen C/Kit A/Bismi P/Connie S/Volunteer

Music Ministry 19/20 September 26

6:00pm	Mater Dolorosa
8:30am	St Philomena
10:30am	FilOz
5:00pm	Young Adults

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 5th October 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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**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.



**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.



LIVING THE GOSPEL – JUST LIKE PETER

Throughout the gospels, Peter is a fantastic example of the common person. He has insights of faith at times but usually messes it up with his next breath. His question in this week's gospel is one that any one of us might ask. I try to do what's right, but how long do I have to hang in there? There has to be a limit to patience with someone who keeps upsetting me, surely? Jesus shows us that if we operate from a motivation of compassion and a desire to constantly build relationships that are life-giving for both parties, then there is no end to the number of times that we try to re-build that relationship.



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WOMEN TOGETHER IN CHRIST MINISTRY MEETING

Join us for our monthly meeting on **Monday 21st September from 7:00pm**, at the Community Centre. The event features fellowship and a **talk on "Intercession of the Saints" with Q&A by Sindhy Ladegourdie**. All women aged 18+ are welcome. A gold coin donation would be appreciated. For more details contact **Romayne on 0405571135**.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY - 13TH SEPTEMBER

In the Catholic Church, Child Protection Week culminates with Safeguarding Sunday. On Safeguarding Sunday, we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by anyone in Church settings and acknowledge the vulnerability of some within our parishes and communities. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. This year the theme is "Love Protects" and the readings show us that real love is not passive goodwill. Rather it actively shields the vulnerable, tells the truth, and never lets silence stand in for safety.

**FRANCIS THOMAS – RITE OF ADMISSION TO
CANDIDACY – SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER, 8:30AM MASS**

Please keep our parishioner Francis Thomas in your prayers, as he will publicly express his intention to complete formation and offer himself for Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate, on Sunday 20th September during the 8:30am Mass. Francis will be ordained a Permanent Deacon, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, later on in the year.

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 David Matheson, Numeriano Villareal, Barbara, Hamid, Jackie & Peter Bazouni, Nevin Nicholas, Gwenda Macdonald, Mary Vella, Maureen Morgan, Raymond Taylor, Arokianathan Alphons, 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, Tracey Ruth, Linda Lowe and all who are ill in our Parish.

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