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4 October 2026
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR OCTOBER
PRAYER TO OUR LADY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN

O Mary, Queen of Heaven, on this blessed Sunday morning, we come before you with a humble and grateful heart. Thank you for your loving care and powerful intercession. Heavenly Mother, lead us closer to your Son Jesus Christ. Fill our hearts with faith, hope and charity. Help us to worship God with reverence today and to receive every grace He desires to give us. Queen of Heaven, protect our families, guide our decisions, strengthen us in every trial and keep us faithful to the Gospel. Cover us beneath your mantle and obtain for us the grace to live this day in holiness, peace and joy. O Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

1st Reading
Is 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

2nd Reading
Phil 4:6-9

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

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.
The Word of the Lord.

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 9:00am – 3:30pm

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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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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. **Alleluia!**

Gospel
Mt 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.' The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Next Week's Readings

Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

Feasts of the Week

Our Lady of the Rosary Wed, 7 Oct

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS



Remember to **turn your clocks forward on Sunday, 4th Oct at 2:00am**.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Church community **Charlie Burnett, Cruz Logan, Elliot Sto Domingo & Mia Skubevski Nieto,** 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.

SENIORS SHARED LUNCH, WEDNESDAY 7th October 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.

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 11 October 26

Lerna Vasquez / Teresita Grisancich / Luzviminda De La Cruz

Roster for Readers – 10/11 October 26

6:00PM	Adele Vesty
8:30am	Sandra Graham
10:30am	Betty Caolboy
5:00pm	Connie Skinner

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 10/11 Oct. 26

6:00pm	Bernadina F/Kathy P/Keith F/Michelle N/Rowel T/ Vol
8:30am	Paul F/Clarence D/Frank G/Rosemary H/Karen F/Vol
10:30am	Analyn C/Fred C/A&A Cortez/Sophia D/Vol
5:00pm	Ellen C/Evelyn M/Mary M/Yvette M/2 Volunteers

Music Ministry 10/11 October 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
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 – **Next Bible Study on 12 October** 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.
1st 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 7th November 2026.**
Baptisms	12 noon – Baptisms held 1st & 3rd 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**

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:	**$4104.35**
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PRESBYTERY A/C:	**$1249.05**
CHAPLAINCY (SPANISH):	**$ 126.50**

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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.

LIFE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY SUNDAY – 11TH OCTOBER

Fr Laurence will give a special blessing to all pregnant mothers and their unborn babies at the conclusion of the Sat 10th - 6pm Mass and the Sun 11th - 8:30am and 5.00pm Masses. A special blessing will be given at the 10:30am Mass to couples celebrating their significant wedding anniversaries.

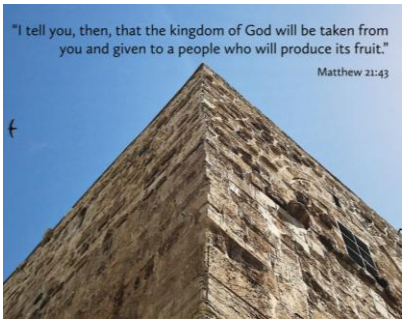
FUEL FOR THE SOUL EVENING – FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER, 6.30PM ONWARDS

St Peters Emmaus Circle invites all youth and young adults to **Fuel for the Soul Evenings.** An evening consisting of Praise & Worship, Talk, Eucharistic Adoration, Prayer Ministry, Fellowship & Fun on Friday 9th October 2026 from 6.30 pm onwards in the Church Hall. Talk by **Gudrun Philipp, Arete Graduate & Youth Leader and will speak on her journey of Blooming where God plants you. Open to boys and girls, men and women from ages 14 to 35.** Gold Coin Donation Appreciated. For further details and to register please scan the QR code or @ https://bit.ly/4sZDrw.

MULTICULTURAL MASS, SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER

The Annual Multicultural Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, 25th October 2026 at 10:30am**. The host nation this year is Latin America. There will be fellowship after Mass. You are all invited to come and celebrate our unity despite our multicultural diversity. Please bring a plate of your cultural food to share. It is also an opportunity to dress in your national dress. Thank you.

GOSPEL REFLECTION



The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

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ST. PETER'S MEN FOR CHRIST MINISTRY invites all men aged 18+ to an evening of real conversation, faith and fellowship on **Monday 12th October from 7 to 9pm in the Community Centre.** When life doesn't go to plan, positive thinking only gets us so far. Together we will explore the difference between optimism and Christian hope, and what it means for work, family and the struggles men carry quietly. It is an interactive evening, with small-group discussion and plenty of good company.

Speaker: Francis Thomas

Topic: Hope & Optimism: What's left when the fire dies down?

Gold coin donation. Limited seats. To register please click **https://bit.ly/4u7C7Ic** or scan the QR code. Contact Francis on 0401787372 for more information.

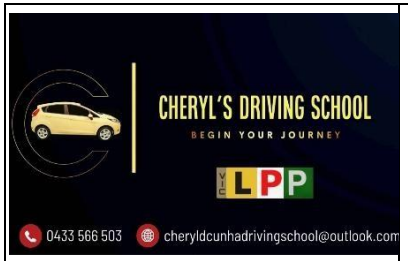
VOLUNTEERS' THANKSGIVING MASS

Thank you to all our Parish Volunteers who give of their time, talents and gifts to serve our parish. Fr Laurence and the Parish Pastoral Council would like to invite all the volunteers in the parish to a special Thanksgiving Mass on **Friday, 16th October at 7:00pm** followed by fellowship. **Finger Food will be provided. You are welcome to bring sweets / desserts to share.** The mass will be offered for the personal intentions of all our volunteers and a special blessing will be given. **For catering purposes, please register by Sunday 11th October**: http://bit.ly/3TvW8Iu or scan the QR code. If you need assistance, please call the parish office on 97494300 or email: hopperscrossing@cam.org.au.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for John Tudor, Philomena D'Souza, Aida Tangalin, Ike Arboleda, Josephine Brennan, Frank Fortuna, Rose Kerr, Kerrie Brown, Paolo Genovese, Peter Bool, and all who have passed away recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Kevin McLoughlin, Djoanna Josue, Luciano Pettinella, Jose Austria, Sr Melitta SRA 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, Wilfrid D'Cruz, Myrna Butler, Thais Long, Wendy Van Hoos, Vincent Ho, James Vaz, M. Manuel Manalastas, Soane Tuungahala, Brian Aldcroft, Matilde Villamayor, Analyn Gonzales, Nina Costa, Patricia Fernando, Anna, Alan Pountney, Marilyn Pinto, Tracey Ruth, Linda Lowe, Elizabeth Palmieri, Shirley Poppen, Max Waters, Edna Sanchez, Wilfy & June D'Sylva, and all who are ill in our Parish.



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St Peter Apostle Mission Parish
Fourth Sunday 12 noon

No Mass in October
22 November 2026
No Mass in December

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