St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

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11 October 2026
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR OCTOBER

PRAYER FOR SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE

Almighty and Eternal God, you have exalted the unbreakable bond of marriage so that it has become the sacramental sign of Your Son's union with the Church as His spouse.
Look with favour on all you have united in marriage and all couples contemplating this Sacrament.
We pray that in good times and in bad they will grow in love for each other and know that you Lord are there to help them in all their struggles.
Dear Lord help all married couples to know that You are the source and completion of every happiness. Amen

Entrance Antiphon — If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

1st Reading — ***A reading from the prophet Isaiah.***
Is 25:6-10
On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

2nd Reading — ***A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.***
Phil 4:12-14,19-20
I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.
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!**

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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
Mt 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'
The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Next Week's Readings: **IS 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21**

Feasts of the Week:

St. Teresa of Jesus	**Thu, 15 Oct**
St. Ignatius of Antioch	**Sat, 17 Oct**

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.

LIFE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY SUNDAY – 11TH OCTOBER

Father 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.

OUR NEWLY DESIGNED & DEVELOPED PARISH WEBSITE IS LIVE!

We are excited to announce the launch of our new Parish website! 🌐 **stpeterapostlemission.org.au.** Visit us online for Mass times, events, parish updates, ministries, faith resources, volunteering opportunities, & online giving.
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ROSTERS

Money Counters – 18 October 26

Art & Ana Cortez / Jessica Escoton / Renato De La Pena

Roster for Readers – 17/18 October 26

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

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 17/18 Oct. 26

6:00pm	Selora S/C Pham/Josie T/P Cooray/Sharon A/Vol
8:30am	Paul B/Adele V/Anthea H/N&N Gooneratne /I D'Lima
10:30am	M Peters /Stephen DR/Lloyda B/Nonoy G/G.Schembri/ 2 Volunteers
5:00pm	Elden P/Elenita A/Kit A/Bismi P/Sophia D/Vol

Music Ministry 17/18 October 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.
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.
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 9th November 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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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.

WOMEN TOGETHER IN CHRIST MINISTRY MEETING

Join us for our monthly meeting on **Monday 19th October from 7:00pm,** at the Community Centre. The event features fellowship and a **talk on "Gift of Tongues – A Spiritual Gift for all" with Q&A by Dominic Hankins.** All women aged 18+ are welcome. A gold coin donation would be appreciated. For more details contact **Romayne on 0405571135.**

FRANCIS THOMAS ORDINATION AS PERMANENT DEACON

Our long-time parishioner Francis Thomas will be ordained as a Permanent Deacon on **Saturday, 14th November 2026 at the 10:00am Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral.** A bus service to the Cathedral has been organised by the parish at a cost of $10.00 per person (return trip). If you would like to avail of this bus service, kindly register your names including children using the link https://bit.ly/4eXZH3V or scan the QR Code. Payment can be made by bank transfer or in cash at the parish office. Limited seats. The bus will **leave the church carpark at 8:30am sharp** and return at 1pm from the Cathedral. For more information, contact the parish office.

ENCOUNTER – Friday 23 October, 6.30–9.30pm

St James the Apostle Parish, 336 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing North. An evening for high school students with food, games, friends, inspiring speakers, prayer, Adoration and Reconciliation.

Parents' evening: *Anchored – Preparing your child (and yourself!) for adolescence.* Enquiries: proclaim@cam.org.au. See posters on the hall notice board for details and registration.

GOSPEL REFLECTION



For many are called but few are chosen
Matthew 22:14

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none. One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.

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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 latest 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.

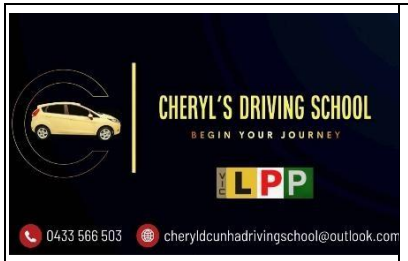
ST JAMES PARISH FETE

St James Parish, 336 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing North will be holding their fete **10-4pm on Saturday 17th October** on the church grounds. There will be hot food, rides, entertainment and all the usual stalls and bargains. A great fun day for the family. All welcome.

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

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Fr Donald Lourensz, Kathleen Alexander, Sam Bonnici, Loretta Micallef, Michael Smith 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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