St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

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18 October 2026
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR OCTOBER
World Mission Sunday

Dear Lord, I thank you for the gift of faith with which you have blessed me. Thank you for the profound difference this has made in my life since I have come to know you - for the peace, hope and joy I now experience everyday thanks to your love, grace and mercy.
Lord, with the intercession of the Virgin Mary, I pray that every person, family and community, throughout the whole world, can experience the joy of your love and have their lives changed for the better.
I pray for continued strength and perseverance for the missionaries who are sharing the Gospel in often extremely difficult circumstances.
I pray that more community churches can be built, and catechists and missionaries trained, so that more people in need can have the opportunity to hear the Good News of Jesus and be healed in their bodies and souls.
I ask you this in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Entrance Antiphon To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

1st Reading ***A reading from the prophet Isaiah.***
Is 45:1,4-6
Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Give the Lord glory and honour.

2nd Reading ***A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.***
1 Thes 1:1-5
From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia!** Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. **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 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'
The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Behold the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Next Week's Readings

Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Church community **Lana Maiyo and Ilaisaane Faka'osi** 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 lives full of happiness, faith and love.

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, and online giving.
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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.**

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.

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 25 October 26

Tini & Barrie Hope

Roster for Readers – 24/25 October 26

6:00PM	Jeffery Poppen
8:30am	Sunil Vaz
10:30am	MULTICULTURAL MASS
5:00pm	Sherwin Simangan

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 24/25 Oct. 26

6:00pm	Keith F/Praful A/Godwin S/K Pham/S Craven/Volunteer
8:30am	Clarence D/G Sharman/Paul F/R Hibbert/S Graham/ Karen D
10:30am	MULTICULTURAL MASS
5:00pm	Iris S/Emily A/E Chio/Y Mohan/Bismi P/Volunteer

Music Ministry 24/25 October 26

6:00pm	St. Cecilia
8:30am	St. Philomena
10:30am	MULTICULTURAL MASS
5:00pm	KNK

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**

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT:	**$4095.10**
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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.

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK – SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER, 9:00AM
A reminder that there will be '**Anointing of the Sick' during the 9:00am Mass on the fourth Saturday of every month**. Everyone, particularly the sick and elderly, are invited to attend and receive this special anointing.

ALL SAINTS DAY – SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER – ALL WEEKEND MASSES
The Solemnity of all saints, both known and unknown, who have achieved heavenly glory will be celebrated at the **Saturday 31st October 6:00pm Mass and the Sunday 1st November 8:30am, 10:30am and 5:00pm Masses.** This is a special time to reflect on the lives of the saints as examples of how to live a holy life.

ALL SOULS' DAY – MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER, 7:00PM MASS
On this day the Church prays for and remembers all the faithfully departed, especially all who, in the purifying suffering of purgatory, await the day when they will enter heaven. **All Souls' Day Mass will be celebrated on Monday 2nd November at 7:00pm. Liturgy of the Word/Communion Service will be as usual at 8:30am.** As November is a special time to pray for the dead, a Plenary Indulgence may be granted for the dead, by visiting a Church on this day and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the Indulgence: Confession, Holy Communion and praying for the Pope's intentions.

LOOKING FOR FLEXIBLE WORK AND A CHANCE TO SUPPORT PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS?
Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Australia is seeking a Diocesan Outreach Assistant to give short presentations at weekend Masses across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. This part-time role involves sharing stories of the suffering Church and helping build prayerful support within parish communities. If you are comfortable speaking in front of others and have a heart for this mission, we would love to hear from you. Details at www.aidtochurch.org/work

ALL HALLOWS' EVE SAINT FESTIVAL & TRUNK OF TREATS - Saturday, 31 October 2026 | 4:15–5:45 pm Parish Parking Lot (Basketball Court) & Hall.
All parish families, children and grandchildren are warmly invited to our **All Hallows' Eve Saint Festival**! ✝
Join us for a fun and faith-filled celebration as we prepare for All Saints' Day, with:
🎭 Saint Costume Parade – Come dressed as your favourite Saint, Biblical figure or in a wholesome family-friendly costume.
🚗 Saint Trunk-or-Treat – Enjoy decorated car trunks, treats and Saint trivia.
🎪 Games & Prizes – Fun activities and prizes for the best-dressed children.
🍿 Food & Treats – Party pies, sausage rolls, fairy bread, soft drinks and more!
We need your help! Parishioners are invited to host a decorated Trunk and provide nut-free treats, or donate treats/cash towards the event. For more details **contact Anthea Hankins 0418458662 or Sharon Albuquerque 0431068130.** All donations of lollies/sweets can be placed in the basket placed in the hall at the back of the church. Please register for catering purposes by using the QR code or clicking on https://forms.gle/XyVDo2AtuKBjaY8m9.
Come dressed as a Saint, bring your family, and let's celebrate the joy of our faith.

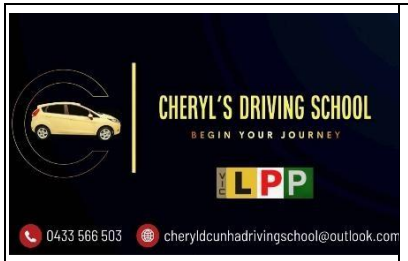
FRANCIS THOMAS ORDINATION AS PERMANENT DEACON
Our long-time parishioner Francis Thomas will be ordained as a Permanent Deacon on **Saturday, 14th November 2026 at the 10:00am Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral.** A bus service to the Cathedral has been organised by the parish at a cost of $10.00 per person (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.

VICTORIAN STATE ELECTION
Epiphany Anglican Church is hosting a "meet your candidates" forum for all Christians in the electorate of Tarneit, to hear from the major parties for the upcoming state election. Come and hear from the candidates on issues that you care about. There will be a few set questions on issues of concern to Christians, and time for questions from the audience. Epiphany Anglican Church, 60 Mossfiel Drive, Hoppers Crossing, on Wednesday Oct 21, 7:00pm. https://meetyourcandidates.org.au/forum/?id=vic26-tarneit for more details.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Daniel Castro, Priscilla Pineda, Nikola Paletua, Ted Fraser, John Tudor, Philomena D'Souza, Aida Tangalin, Ike Arboleda, Josephine Brennan, Frank Fortuna, Paolo Genovese and all who have passed away recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Glen Maple, Rita Mangion, Peter D'Lima, Mariazinha Fernandes, Charles & Elisa D'Souza, 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, 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, Mario Mangion, Cylinda Dela Cruz and all who are ill in our Parish.



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Filipino Mass 2026

St Peter Apostle Mission Parish
Fourth Sunday 12 noon

No Mass in October
22 November 2026
No Mass in December

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