St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

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25 October 2026
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR OCTOBER
MULTICULTURAL PRAYER

Dear Lord, we are amazed by the way of your creation.
You created us all different but in Your own image, and You said, 'It is good!" with full satisfaction.
You scattered us in different languages.
Now we can see that You are gathering us back.
People are moving into safe places to live, forming multicultural communities together.
Lord, we look up to you, searching for Your work.
Show us Your ways, O Lord.
Guide us in Your truth.
Teach us how to live together in harmony and unity.
We are all different, but together, we want to please You and glorify You, as Your precious and holy people. Amen..

Entrance Antiphon — Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

1st Reading — ***A reading from the Book of Exodus.***
Ex 22:20-26
The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this: '"You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. '"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. '"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.'" The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm — I love you, Lord, my strength.

2nd Reading — ***A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.***
1 Thes 1:5-10
You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.
The Word of the Lord.

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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!** All who love me will keep my words,and my Father will love them and we will come to them. **Alleluia!**.

Gospel Mt 22:34-40 ***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew***.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'
The Gospel of the Lord.

Next Week's Readings **Rev 7:2-4,9-14 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12**

Feasts of the Week **Sts Simon & Jude Wed 28 Oct**

MULTICULTURAL MASS, SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER
Parishioners, a reminder that our Multicultural Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, 25th October 2026 at 10:30am**. The host nation this year is Latin America. Please come and join in the celebration of our multicultural community. We request that you kindly bring a plate of traditional food to share at the fellowship thereafter. It is also an opportunity to dress in your national dress. Thank you.

MEMORIAL BOOK – MONTH OF NOVEMBER
The Memorial Book will be placed near the Sanctuary. All are welcome to write down the names of their departed loved ones. The book will be taken to the Altar during all the Masses in November to remember and pray for their souls.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED – FRIDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER 7:00PM
All parishioners who have lost a loved one are invited to attend this special Memorial Mass for the Deceased. Invitations have been sent to families who have lost a loved one in the past 12 months. You are welcome to bring a photo of the Deceased and place it on the table near the Sanctuary. Please join us for light refreshments in the hall after mass. Thank you.

ALPHA CHURCH CAFE
The Alpha Team will be hosting the **10:30am Mass next Sunday 1st November** with hospitality & fellowship. There will be a free sausage sizzle, finger food, tea & coffee, drinks and sweets. St Peters Book Club will be open. Please bring a plate to share if you can. Gold coin donation will be appreciated.

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.

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 1 November 26

Kitty Stuttard / Eileen Lewis / Bonny D'Souza / Rosemary Hibbert

Roster for Readers – 31 Oct / 1 Nov 26

6:00PM	Lerna Vasquez
8:30am	Rosemary Hibbert
10:30am	Cleophas Peters
5:00pm	Valerian D'Souza

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 31 Oct / 1 Nov 26

6:00pm	B Fernandes/Godwin S/C Pham/Michelle N/ P Cooray/Volunteer
8:30am	F Graham/Clarence D/Karen F/Paul F/Gail T/Vol
10:30am	M Peters/Neeta P/Sophia D/G Schembri/3 Volunteers
5:00pm	Sunita D/Ayesha A/Elden P/Connie S/Mary M/Vol

Music Ministry – 31 Oct / 1 Nov 26

6:00pm	Footsteps
8:30am	St. Philomena
10:30am	Naufahu Family Choir
5:00pm	FilOz

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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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.

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.

It is with great pleasure that we would also like to inform all our parishioners that **Br. Anthony Wright** who was a Seminarian with us in 2024 **will be ordained as a Deacon** at the same Mass as Francis Thomas.

SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH, SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 12PM

This year, St Peters Circle of Hope Ministry is delighted to be reinstating a cherished tradition in our parish — a Christmas lunch for our Senior Parishioners. Unfortunately, this lovely tradition had to be discontinued for a while due to limited resources, but we are excited to bring it back this year! All Seniors (60 and above) and their partners are invited for a fun filled afternoon to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. There will be delicious food and desserts, Christmas Carols, a few games, Santa will bring gifts and time permitting some dancing. Cost is only $10 per person. Limited seats. So please register with the link, Bitly | bit.ly/4ypu1g1 or through the QR code or call the parish office on 9749 4300 and book your seats. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

GOSPEL FOCUS – LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF



You must love your neighbour as yourself."
Matthew 22:39

There is an implicit, or understood, commandment within the command to love your neighbour as yourself. That is, we must first love ourselves. Whilst to say someone 'loves themself' is used as a criticism of a person who is a bit too vain, that is not what is intended here. If we are to love others as we love ourselves we must first be content and happy with who we are. It is only when we are comfortable with who we are that we are able to reach out to those around us with compassion.

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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.

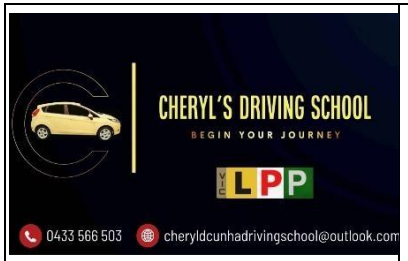
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RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Daniel Castro, Priscilla Pineda, Nikola Paletua, Ted Fraser, John Tudor, Philomena D'Souza, Aida Tangalin, Ike Arboleda, Josephine Brennan and all who have passed away recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Sylvester Surrao, Slavko Takac, Leo Linehan, Joe Spiteri, Angelica Elrich de Leon, Meliton Ballesteros, Marjorie Pertzel, Rufino Policarpio Jr., Mayene Gomezz, 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, Gaudelia Javier 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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