St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

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Archdiocese of Melbourne
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8 November 2026
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER
PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Almighty Father,

You made everyone in your own image and likeness, and when that image was defaced by sin, you restored it through Christ:

Hear our prayers, we pray you, for all our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection, and show them the glory of your face.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Entrance Antiphon — Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

1st Reading — ***A reading from the book of Wisdom.***
Wis 6:12-16
Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.'
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

2nd Reading — ***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians***
1 Thes 4:13-18
We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.
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! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. **Alleluia!**

Gospel
Mt 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'
The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Next Week's Readings

Prov 31:10-13,19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

Feasts of the Week

Dedicaton of the Lateran Basilica	**Mon, 9 Nov**
St. Leo the Great	**Tue, 10 Nov**
St. Martin of Tours	**Wed, 11 Nov**
St. Josaphat	**Thu, 12 Nov**

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 NOV 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.

MASS CANCELLED ON SATURDAY 14TH NOV, 9:00AM

Parishioners, please note that as Fr. Laurence will be attending Francis Thomas' and Anthony Wright's Ordination at the Cathedral, **there will be no morning 9:00am Mass on this Saturday 14th November at 9:00am.**

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 15 November 26

Bill Coghlan / Paul Mulquiney / George Socrates

Roster for Readers – 14/15 November 26

6:00PM	Lerna Vasques
8:30am	Grace Sharman
10:30am	Betty Caolboy
5:00pm	Elden Pereira

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 14/15 Nov 26

6:00pm	B Fernandes/Godwin S/Keith F/Selora S/Rowel T/Vol
8:30am	F&S Graham/Paul F/Karen F/Clarence D/Gail T
10:30am	A&A Cortez/S Colla/Fred C/Analyn C/Rosemary H/Vol
5:00pm	Ayesha A/V&S D'Souza/Sophia D/Y Mohan/Vol

Music Ministry – 14/15 Nov 26

6:00pm	Footsteps
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. There will be NO prayer meeting on Saturday 14 November. • 1.30pm to 4:00pm - Next Healing Mass on **Saturday 5th December 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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CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR AVAILABILITY FORMS & DATES FROM DEC 2026 TO FEB 2027 have been emailed to Readers and Communion Ministers. Kindly return your forms to the parish office **by Sunday 8th November** so we are able to prepare the roster for the next quarter. Thank you.

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 parishioners (60 and above) and their partners are invited to a joyful Christmas lunch with delicious food, carols, games and gifts. Cost: $10 per person. Limited seats available. Register at https://bit.ly/4ypu1g1 or call the parish office on 9749 4300. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

FRANCIS THOMAS ORDINATION AS PERMANENT DEACON

Our long-time parishioner, **Francis Thomas & Br. Anthony Wright,** who was a Seminarian with us in 2024 will be ordained as Deacons on **Saturday, 14th November 2026, at 10:00 am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral.** A bus is organised by the parish and is available for $10 per person (return trip), departing at 8:30am and returning at 1pm. Please register your names including children via https://bit.ly/4eXZH3V or scan the QR Code. Payment can be made by bank transfer or at the parish office. Limited seats available. For those who are unable to attend in person, the ceremony will be live-streamed via https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKNj0-OKhgg.

THANKSGIVING MASS TO CELEBRATE FRANCIS THOMAS' ORDINATION INTO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE - Sunday 15th November, 10:30am Mass

Please join us for this special Thanksgiving Mass for Francis Thomas who will assist Fr. Laurence at the 10:30am Mass for the first time as Deacon. **We ask that you please bring a plate of sweet/savoury finger food to be shared for the fellowship after the Mass.**

WOMEN TOGETHER IN CHRIST MINISTRY MEETING

Join us for our monthly meeting on **Monday 16th November from 7:00pm,** at the Community Centre. The event features fellowship and a **talk on "Advent – how can I prepare for the birth of Jesus in 2026" with Q&A by Dcn Royden D'Souza.** All women aged 18+ are welcome. A gold coin donation would be appreciated. For more details contact **Romayne on 0405571135.**

ST PETERS MEN FOR CHRIST MINISTRY MEETING, Monday 9th November, 7pm in the Community Centre.
Guest Speaker: Dcn Royden D'Souza
Topic: Advent – How can I prepare for the birth of Jesus in 2026

All men aged 18+ are invited to an evening of real conversation, faith and fellowship. For further details, please contact Praful on 0431068125. Please register @ https://bit.ly/4u7C7Ic or scan the QR code.

SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP GRADUATION

After 6 months of sessions, the School of Discipleship will celebrate completion of their studies with a Graduation Mass this Sunday at the 10.30am Mass, when they will be presented with their graduation certificates. Congratulations to the graduates on the successful completion of the school. Please keep the graduates in your prayers.

MONTHLY HOLY MASS & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us on **Thursday 12th November 2026**, for an evening of prayer and reflection. Rosary, Praise & Worship, followed by Holy Mass & Eucharistic Adoration: **6.30pm to 9:00pm.** Celebrant: Fr. Rojan George VC. Come and spend time in the presence of the Lord. All are welcome!

ST PETERS CIRCLE OF HOPE CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING SERVICE

Come and get your Christmas Gifts wrapped for a small fee at our Christmas Gift Wrapping service every **Sunday before the 10.30 am and 5 pm mass starting November 15, 2026.** Drop your presents before mass at the desk in the Church Hall where you will be given a token and collect your wrapped Christmas gift after mass. Costs are a minimal $2 (small), $4 (medium) and $6 (Large). Extra donations welcome. All proceeds go towards the operations of St Peters Circle of Hope that assists struggling families in our community

GEELONG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS – INAUGURAL LUNCHEON

The Archdiocese is launching its first ever Geelong Catholic Professionals luncheon on **Thursday 19 November, 12pm–2pm,** in the Captain's Room at GMHBA Stadium. Our guest speaker Dr Edward Simons, Executive Director of Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools. All Catholic professionals are welcome. Register at trybooking.com/DQVIR.

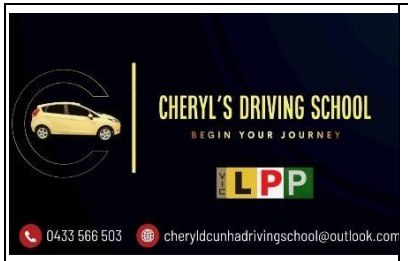
FAITH IN ACTION: AN ELECTION GUIDE FROM THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA

Ahead of the 2026 Victorian election, the Bishops of Victoria have issued an election statement highlighting key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding their vote. You are invited to read the statement and prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. View the statement online at: bit.ly/StateElection2026.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Philly Roberts, Patolo Salesa, Patricia Fernando, Edna Sanchez, Greg Smith, Daniel Castro, Priscilla Pineda, Nikola Paletua, Ted Fraser, John Tudor, and all who have passed away recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Charles Maple, Emilio Marquez, Pedro Ermitaño, Timothy Crough, Matthew Materia Snr 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, Anna, Alan Pountney, Marilyn Pinto, Tracey Ruth, Linda Lowe, Elizabeth Palmieri, Shirley Poppen, Wilfy & June D'Sylva, Mario Mangion, Cylinda Dela Cruz, Gaudelia Javier, Monica Jawn Lu and all who are ill in our Parish.



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St Peter Apostle Mission Parish
Fourth Sunday 12 noon

22 November 2026
No Mass in December

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