St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

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Archdiocese of Melbourne
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15 November 2026
33rd 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

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

1st Reading
Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

2nd Reading
1 Thes 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. **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 25:14-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. 'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." 'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon — To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Next Week's Readings — **Ezek 34:11-12,15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26,28; Mt 25:31-46**

Feasts of the Week

St. Elizabeth of Hungary	**Tue, 17 Nov**
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	**Sat, 21 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.

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 **at the earliest** so we are able to prepare the roster for the next quarter. Thank you.

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 request that you please bring a plate of sweet/savoury finger food to be shared for the fellowship after the Mass.** Thank you.

RCIA: RITE OF ACCEPTANCE AND WELCOME

This Sunday, **15th November, at the 10:30 am Mass**, we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome for our RCIA participants. We joyfully welcome our catechumens preparing for Baptism: **Kaya Tahana, Reni Lim, Keera Mercer, Tianna Spiteri and Sophia Tanner**. We also welcome our baptised candidates preparing to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church: **David Aguila, Rodney Crowe and Simon Coutsouvelis**. We invite our parish community to keep them in your prayers as they take this important step in their journey of faith. May they feel God's love and the support of our parish family.

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ROSTERS

Money Counters – 22 November 26

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Roster for Readers – 21/22 November 26

6:00PM	David Roga
8:30am	KSC Reader
10:30am	Cleophas Peters
5:00pm	Joel Joseph

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 21/22 Nov 26

6:00pm	J Roga/K Pham/Josie T/Shiran F/S Craven/Volunteer
8:30am	A Vesty/Anthea H/Ignes D/Karen F/N&N Gooneratne
10:30am	Stephen DR/Neeta P/Nonoy G/G Schembri/ 3 Volunteers
5:00pm	Connie S/E Chio/Kit A/Bismi P/Valerian D/Volunteer

Music Ministry – 21/22 Nov 26

6:00pm	Mater Dolorosa
8:30am	St. Philomena
10:30am	St Padre Pio
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.
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 5th December 2026.**
Baptisms	12 noon – Baptisms held 1st & 3rd Sundays. **Next Baptism Preparation Meeting Monday 7th December 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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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.**

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. 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. Please register with the link, Bitly | bit.ly/4ypu1g1 or scan the QR code or call the parish office and book your seats. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

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.

ALPHA CHRISTMAS CAROLS NIGHT, SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER AFTER 6:00PM MASS

To celebrate the spirit of Christmas, the Alpha team have organised a Carols Night in the Hall starting at 7pm. Choirs from our parish will perform Carols from 7:15pm. You are requested to bring a plate of food to share. All are welcome.

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.

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-30 YEARS)!

Are you interested in attending World Youth Day in 2027? The next World Youth Day will be August 3-8 in Seoul, South Korea. If you are interested in joining us or want more information, please scan the QR code to complete the Expression of Interest form. Looking to meet other young adults in the community? Join us for our St Peter's Young Adult sessions held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month in the Community Centre. We would love to see you there!

WORLD YOUTH DAY - SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

The official theme for this year's World Youth Day is ***"Take courage! I have overcome the world" (Jn 16:33)***. Pope Leo XIV encourages young people to allow Christ into their lives and the divisions that afflict their communities. To mark this special day Fr. Laurence will give a special blessing to the youth of our Parish at all Masses for the weekend of 21/22 November.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE APPEAL

Help us share a little Christmas joy with families in our local community. Please take a tag from the Christmas Tree and return your donated items to the baskets beneath the tree by Sunday, 14 December 2026. You are also warmly invited to include a Christmas card with your gifts to let the receiving family know they are being thought of this Christmas. If you know of a family who may need a little extra support, please speak with Fr. Laurence in confidence. Enquiries: Kitty – 0433 710 310. Thank you for your kindness and generosity this Christmas.

MINISTRY FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING GRIEF & LOSS

The Holy Spirit Missionaries invite all those grieving the loss of a loved one to an afternoon of prayer and healing on **21st November 2026 at 3.00 pm** at **St Martin de Porres Church, Laverton**. The gathering will include the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Mass for the faithful departed, and special healing prayers. Participants are welcome to bring a photograph of their deceased loved ones to be placed before the altar. For details, contact **Jince Mathew on 0421 612 333**. Organised by the Holy Spirit Missionaries.

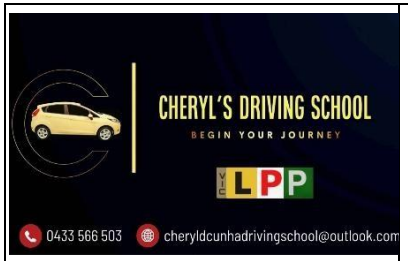
FAITH IN ACTION: AN ELECTION GUIDE FROM THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA

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 Mario Mangion, 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 Michael Lewis, Claude Barber, Edward Palmer, Joquin Hari, Eugenia Hari, Mary Goveas, Paul Crasta, Analinda Bergenholtz, Dollar Sharman 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, 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, Cylinda Dela Cruz, Gaudelia Javier, Monica Jawn Lu, Gerald Flynn, Vicky Issa , and all who are ill in our Parish.



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Fourth Sunday 12 noon

22 November 2026
No Mass in December

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