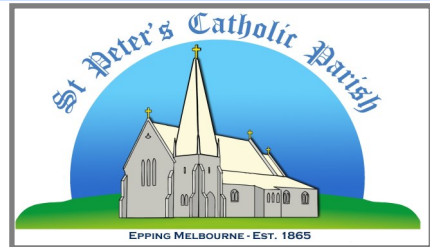


**5th Sunday of  
Lent  
Year C  
6th April 2025**

The Parish of St. Peter's, Epping, Epping North and Wollert as a community of faith inspired by Love for God welcomes everyone who joins us as we worship together the same Lord in the same Tradition. Our vocation is to listen, share and live the Word of God actively.



**Parish Priest:** Fr Anh Nguyen  
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**Sick & Homebound Co-Ordinator:** Sr Phuong Nguyen LHC

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**WEEKEND MASSES**

**St Peter's** Saturday 9.15am, 6.30pm,  
Sunday 9am & 10.30am

**St Mary of the Cross:** Saturday 5.00pm

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**St Peter's**

9.15am Tuesday - Friday

(Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

**St Mary of the Cross**

12 noon on Fridays during school terms only

**Baptism**

Baptism is celebrated on the Second and Fourth Sunday of each month at 12pm. A Baptism preparation class for parents of the child to be baptised is required.

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 9.45-10.30am following the 9.15am Mass

**Marriage**

By appointment and three month notice required. Please contact the parish office.

**Sacramental Programs for non-parish school children**

9401 6300

**Parish Schools / College**

St Peter's Catholic Primary School

32 Wedge Street, Epping

Principal: Angela Tonkin Ph: 9401 1157

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

47 Farmhouse Boulevard, Epping North

Principal: Claire Pitcher Ph: 8432 4500

Mary Glowrey Catholic Primary School

10 Baltrum Drive, Wollert

Principal: Tim Kelly Ph: 8579 6505

Carlo Acutis Catholic Primary School

58 Jardin Road, Wollert West. 3750

Principal: Damian Howard

St Monica's College

400 Dalton Road, Epping

Principal: Brian Hanley Ph: 9409 8800

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Free Call 1800 305 330



Give  
Generously  
to God and  
to Others

**Faith, Service, Generosity, Courage**

The official Opening Ceremony and Rite of Blessing of Carlo Acutis Catholic Primary School - the fourth primary school in our parish - was held on Thursday 27th March.

Archbishop Peter Comensoli blessed the school and Father Anh and other guests were there to celebrate this event.

Foundation Principal:- Mr Damian Howard

Address:- 58 Jardin Road Wollert 3750  
[www.carloacutis.catholic.edu.au](http://www.carloacutis.catholic.edu.au)



If you do not know the story of Carlo Acutis (who will be canonized this year) look up his story and see why he is a wonderful role model for children of today.



**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

**The Gaze of Jesus**

The accusers of this woman make her 'stand there in *full view* of everybody.' She is surrounded by the hostile glare of eyes filled with blood lust.

It is only when the accusers have left in embarrassment that Jesus, who has been bent to the ground, looks up at her. He adopts the posture of a slave, seeing her as she could be if she gives up her current pattern of behaviour.

Up till now, *no-one* has spoken to this woman. Now Jesus treats her as a human being worth speaking to. And what does she hear? That he does not condemn her but points her to a new sort of life in the future.

Do you have the courage to 'look eyes' with Jesus and live out the consequences?

**Pray for the Sick:** Roni & Michael Donovan, Robbie Abdelnour, Olga Olypius, Mary Hill, Emma Anderson, Rachel Gormley, Sairandree Fernando, Daniel Zammit, Veronica King, Bernadette Sexton, Elliott Donovan, Ernesto Bergamin, Ashley Koomen, Tereza Sada

**Offering Masses this week for:-**

Death Anniversary:- Vincent Zammit, Ottavio Cardamone

Recent Death:- A. Prakash Mary

**CHILD SAFETY STATEMENT**

*St Peter's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all our children, young people and vulnerable adults.*

*Children are to be supervised by a parent / guardian at all times in the church and when leaving the church for any reason.*



**Rite of Welcome for Baptism**

Jaxon Laureano  
Isabella Pearl Broglio  
Jeziah John Jeffrey  
Gia Patricia Musolino  
Beau Anthony Bernardi



Our Parish recognises the Aboriginal heritage of this country and acknowledges the Wurundjeri Willum Clan as the traditional owners of this place.

# 5th Sunday of Lent Year C

## 6th April 2025

### Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

### First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord,  
who made a way through the sea,  
a path in the great waters;  
who put chariots and horse in the field  
and a powerful army,  
which lay there never to rise again,  
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,  
no need to think about what was done before.  
See, I am doing a new deed,  
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?  
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,  
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,  
jackals and ostriches,  
because I am putting water in the wilderness  
(rivers in the wild)  
to give my chosen people drink.  
The people I have formed for myself  
will sing my praises.

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

### Second Reading Philippians 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For

him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of  
endless glory!

### Gospel John 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'



### Communion Antiphon

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.  
Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

## **Palm Sunday – 13th April**

o Normal weekend masses and regular choirs and rostered Readers, Leaders & Special Ministers



o With the long reading the Rostered Leader for the day will also be the 'Narrator', and the Rostered Reader will be 'Other' and lead the parishioners as the "Crowd."



### **The Sacred Paschal Triduum**

#### **Thursday of the Lord's Supper – 17th April**

\*7.30 pm in the Galilee Space and Adoration until midnight in the Church

**\*Adoration:- at St Peter's - Three sessions**

9pm – 10pm Hildegard & choir to lead

10pm - 11pm Winston & choir to lead

11pm – Midnight – Fr Anh & Legion of Mary to lead

**Leader & Reader & Special Minister required please**

\*7.30pm SMCM and Adoration

\* **At SMCM** - Angela & Don to organise times & people

**\*Washing of Feet - 12 volunteers are needed for St Peter's & 12 volunteers for SMCM**

#### **Good Friday- The Passion of the Lord: –**

**18th April – in the GALILEE SPACE**

\* 10.30 am Stations of the Cross in the car park

\* 3.00 pm Veneration of the Cross – Galilee space.

**We need 5 volunteers to read please**

\*SMCM – 3.00 pm. Veneration of the Cross

**We need 5 volunteers to read** Angela will organise these volunteers



#### **Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil. – 19th April**

\* 5.30 pm SMCM.

\*7.30 pm In the Galilee space.

**IF YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY OF THE ROLES LISTED ABOVE PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE WITH YOUR NAME AND WHEN YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP**

#### **Easter Sunday- Resurrection of the Lord**

**20th April – in the Galilee Space**

\*Mass 9.00 am \*10.30 am

With the rostered Readers, Leaders and Special Ministers

#### **Stations of the Cross**

**Friday 11th April @ 8.45am & 7pm**

**An evening Reconciliation this Tuesday**

**8th April at 7pm**

**(the only evening Reconciliation before Easter)**

**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES**  
**Please collect them this weekend**  
**From the porch in the church**



**The Month of April is the month of the Blessed Sacrament**

#### **The Pope's Prayer Intention for April is:-**

**For the use of the new technologies**

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

#### **READERS FOR PALM SUNDAY 13th April**

**Leader & Narrator of the Gospel:-**

5pm Leeni Joshua

6.30pm Sheriz Moreno

9am Kay Whelan

10.30am Anne Toshack

**Reader & Other in the Gospel**

5pm Grace O'Brien

6.30pm Joan Bahen

9am Dhihana Dias

10.30am Oswald Correya

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO LEAD / READ ON THIS DAY PLEASE LET THE PARISH OFFICE KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**



Date	Mass	Leader & Narrator	Reader & Other	Special Ministers	
12/4	5pm	Leeni Joshua	Grace O’Brien	Angela Vandenberg	
	6.30pm	Sheriz Moreno	Joan Bahen	VOLUNTEER	
13/4	9am	Kay Whelan	Dhihana Dias	Victor St George	
	10.30am	Anne Toshack	Oswald Correya	Andrew Dipierdomenico	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
5/4		Delphine Fruvall, Russel Sequeria	19/4		Anna Arimatea, Martin Family
12/4		Anjith Abraham, VOLUNTEER	26/4		Thi Nguyen, Bessy Mathews

## Regular Events / Meetings in the Parish

### Baptism Preparation-

Baptisms are on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Contact the Parish office and speak to Sister Huyen.

**Catholic Women's League** Next meeting 14th April @10am in Parish Meeting Room

**Charismatic Prayer Group** 6.45pm—9pm Fridays  
6.45pm-7pm Rosary; 7pm –7.30pm Praise & Worship;  
7.30pm-8.30pm **1st Friday of the Month –Mass**  
**2nd & 4th Fridays –Talks; 3rd Fridays—Adoration;**  
8.30pm –9pm Fellowship & packing up.

**Finance Committee** - Next meeting - 10th June @ 7pm

**Legion of Mary** - 5.30pm Thursdays

**Liturgy Group** - Next meeting - TBC @ 7pm

### Parish Based Sacramental Programs:-

**1st Reconciliation:** - Celebration of Sacrament- 7pm  
Tues 1st April

**First Eucharist:** - 6 Tuesdays from 29th April.  
Celebration of the Sacrament:- 12pm Sat 7th June

**Confirmation:-** 7 Wednesdays from 21st May  
Celebration of the Sacrament:- 12pm Sat August 9th

**Reach Out** - Communion to the Sick and Homebound –  
Parishioners finding it difficult to come to Mass and  
would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please  
call the Parish Office and speak to Sr Phuong

**RCIA** - 2024 to 2025 Program 11th Sept to 7th Dec.  
Resuming 5th Feb to 19th Apr

**SMCM Catechism**—4.15pm-5pm Saturdays

### St Vincent de Paul

**First Tuesday** of the month at 6pm in the Parish House  
**Third Tuesday** of the month at 6pm via Teams

**Youth Group** 2nd Friday of the month @7pm



## Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

**7/4 Monday:** 5th Week of Lent  
**Readings:** Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11;

**8/4 Tuesday:** 5th Week of Lent  
**Readings:** Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30;

**9/4 Wednesday:** 5th Week of Lent  
**Readings:** Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28; Jn 8:31-42;

**10/4 Thursday:** 5th Week of Lent  
**Readings:** Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59;

**11/4 Friday:** 5th Week of Lent  
**Readings:** Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42;

**12/4 Saturday:** 5th Week of Lent  
**Readings:** Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56;

**13/4 Sunday :** **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
**Readings:** Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 - 23-56;

### PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem.

Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage.

Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday.

The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.