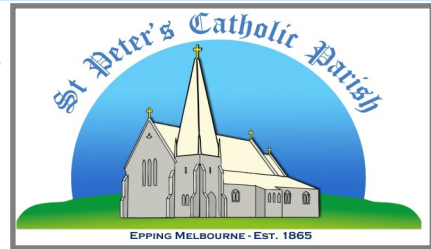


Sts Peter & Paul Year C 29th June 2025

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

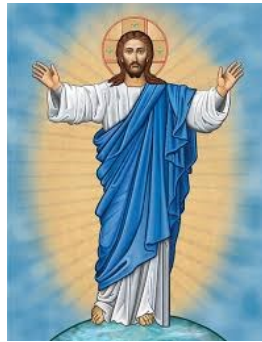
Principal: Damian Howard

St Monica's College

400 Dalton Road, Epping

Principal: Brian Hanley Ph: 9409 8800

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....being a follower of Christ means more than just believing in him; it involves actively striving to live according to his teachings and example, becoming a disciple through faith, obedience, spiritual growth, and evangelization. It's about a personal relationship with Jesus and aligning one's life with God's will.

Here's a more detailed explanation:

1. Faith and Belief: A follower of Christ accepts Jesus as the Son of God, the Savior of humanity, and believes in his death for the forgiveness of sins and his resurrection.

This faith is not just intellectual assent but a deep, personal trust in Jesus and his promises.

2. Obedience to Teachings:

Following Christ means adhering to his commandments, such as loving God and others, forgiving those who wrong you, and living a humble and serving life.

It involves striving to live out the virtues

he exemplified, like compassion, kindness, and patience.

3. Spiritual Growth: A follower of Christ seeks to grow in relationship with God through prayer, worship, and studying the scriptures.

This ongoing growth aims to make one more like Christ in character and to deepen one's understanding of God's will.

4. Evangelization: Sharing the message of Jesus with others and living as a witness to his love and grace is an integral part of being a follower.

This involves not only proclaiming the Gospel but also demonstrating it through one's actions and interactions with others.

5. Community with Other Believers:

Being part of the Catholic Church, which is seen as the Body of Christ, is essential for Christian growth.

This community provides support, encouragement, and opportunities for worship and service.

In essence, being a follower of Christ, according to the Catholic Church, is a lifelong journey of transformation, striving to become more like Jesus in every aspect of life.

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

Offering Masses this week for:-

Death Anniversary:- Domenico Schipano, Carmela Schipano, Giovanni Galgano, Elisabetta Niceforo, Pablo Lim, Crispina Lagapa, Reginald & Manel Dias

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.



Parish Baptisms



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

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Entrance Antiphon

These are the ones who, living in the flesh,
planted the Church with their blood;
they drank the chalice of the Lord
and became the friends of God.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped



around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 16:13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

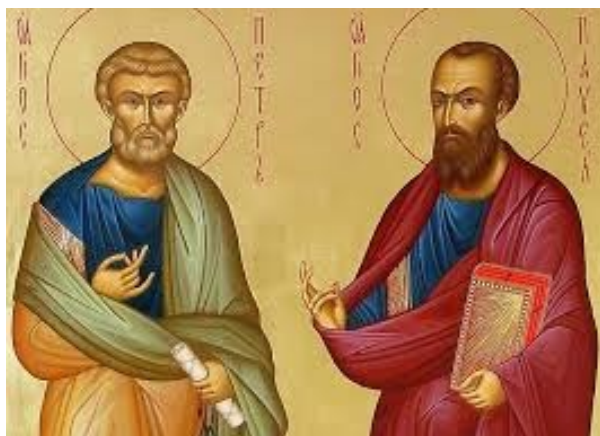
When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

And Jesus replied: You are Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my Church.





STS PETER & PAUL

From "Catholic News Agency"

On June 29 the Church celebrates the feast day of Sts. Peter & Paul. As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means 'Rock,' because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church.

Peter was a bold follower of the Lord. He was the first to recognize that Jesus was "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. In his boldness, he also made many mistakes, however, such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion.

Yet despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock. The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith.

St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

St. Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church.

Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen.

Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. As he was traveling along the road, he was suddenly surrounded by a great light from heaven. He was blinded and fell off his horse. He then heard a voice saying to

him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He answered: "Who are you, Lord?" Christ said: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."

Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptized and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world. Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of Sts. Peter and Paul: "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."

A MESSAGE FROM PARISH OFFICE REGARDING 2025 PARISH CONTRIBUTION OF \$520 FROM SCHOOL FAMILIES

There are still many school families who have not paid their contribution. As you decided to send your children to the Parish Schools you also decided to support the life of Parish practically and vitally.

Thank you to all the school families who have already contributed and are still contributing on a regular basis.

Please note the Parish banking details for Direct Deposit.

INTERNET BANKING:

ACCOUNT NAME: EPPING CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH

BSB: 083 347 **A/C NO.** 65880 7871

REF: Your eldest child & family name

If you are experiencing difficulty please contact the Parish office on 9401 6300 or eppling@cam.org.au.

Today 29th June PETER'S PENCE SUNDAY

To support the Holy Father's mission, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples: thanks also to the many activities of service carried out by the **dicasteries, bodies and organs of the Holy See** who assist him every day.

To support the numerous charitable works in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development.

EXTRA COLLECTION TODAY

Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
5/7	5pm	Leeni Joshua	Volunteer	Angela Vandenberg	
	6.30pm	Volunteer	Jaelene Jijo	Volunteer	
6/7	9am	Nicholas Sceneay	Dhiana Dias	Victor St George	
	10.30am	Youth	Youth	Andrew Dipierdomenico	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
28/6		Anthony Fakhry, Cyriac George	12/7		Martin Family, Anna Arimatea
5/7		VOLUNTEERS	19/7		VOLUNTEERS

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St Peter's Parish Donation QR Code

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Thank you for your support of our Parish



Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

30/6 Monday: Week 13 Ordinary Time
Readings: Gen 18:16-33; Mt 8:18-22;

1/7 Tuesday: Week 13 Ordinary Time
Readings: Gen 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27;

2/7 Wednesday: Week 13 Ordinary Time
Readings: Gen 21:5, 8-20; Mt 8:28-34;

3/7 Thursday: **St Thomas**, apostle
Readings: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29;
First Thursday:- Pray for Consecrated Vocations

4/7 Friday: Week 13 Ordinary Time
Readings: Gen 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13;
First Friday:- Pray to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

5/7 Saturday: Week 13 Ordinary Time
Readings: Gen 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17;
First Saturday:- Pray for Devotion to Mary

6/7 Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Is 66:10-14; Gal 6:14-18;
Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday



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 18th August @10am at St Monica's College

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 - 9th Sept @ 7pm

Legion of Mary - 5.30pm Thursdays

Liturgy Group - Next meeting - 22nd July @ 7pm

Parish Based Sacramental Programs:-

First Reconciliation: Completed for 2025

First Eucharist:- Completed for 2025

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 Completed

SMCM Catechism—4.15pm-5pm Saturdays @ SMCM

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