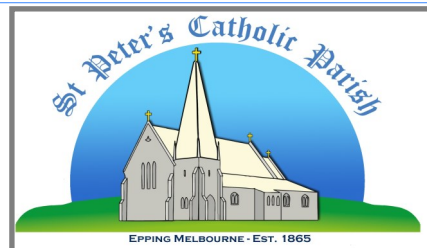


# 3rd Sunday of Easter Year C 4th May 2025

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.



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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

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL ASSISTANCE**  
Free Call 1800 305 330



## The conclave

This secretive council of cardinals has met in the Sistine Chapel to vote for the next pope since 1878. Up to 120 cardinals can take part, but each must be younger than 80 on the day they conclave opens. The conclave will meet 15 to 20 days after the pope's death.

The word, which comes from "conclave," Latin for "with key," dates to 1274, when Pope Gregory X said electors should be locked away and unable to leave until they had chosen a new pope.

Each elector swears an oath to protect the church's freedom and the secrecy of the conclave. As the last oath is complete, the master of ceremonies chants "Extra omnes," meaning "Everyone out." Electors are now forbidden from accessing the outside world.

The first vote happens on the first

day the electors are in the Sistine Chapel, and voting continues with four ballots every day until on the fifth day the cardinals pause for a day of prayer.

The next day the voting continues, and after the sixth day of conclave there will have been up to 17 votes — and that continues for as long as necessary until there is a two-thirds majority.

The cardinals are allowed to leave at the end of each day, and they will stay at the Casa Santa Marta, a guesthouse on the grounds of the Apostolic Palace. All staff members are required to take an oath of secrecy.

Two stoves are placed near the chapel entrance — one to issue black smoke, meaning there has been no successful election yet, and one to issue white smoke, meaning a new pope has been chosen.

The current stove system, which was first used in 1939, stretches from the chapel floor to its roof 98 feet above.

Bells and smoke are the only permitted ways to communicate the election of the pope.

In recent history, it's not typical for the conclave to last too long, because it's a symbol of the trust in the winning candidate. If it goes on it automatically, gives the impression that there is not a lot of certainty in this person.

**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 :- Frances Geslicki

## 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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## 4th May 2025

### Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

### First Reading Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32. 40-41

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

### Responsorial Psalm

#### **(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,  
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.  
**(R.)**
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life.  
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **(R.)**
3. The Lord listened and had pity.  
The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing;  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **(R.)**

### Second Reading Revelation 5:11-14

#### A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;  
he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

### Gospel John 21:1-19

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

'I tell you most solemnly,  
when you were young  
you put on your own belt and walked where you liked;  
but when you grow old  
you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else  
will put a belt round you  
and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

### Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

## Prayer for the Conclave

Almighty God, we pray that the conclave brings us a Pope who pleases You by guiding Your Church to grow in faithfulness to You.

We pray together with the intercession of our Mother Mary and all the Saints.

Please Lord, protect and guide your Church during this time of transition. Amen.



## CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August).

CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, and those experiencing grief and trauma.

Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available, donate online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9967 2515.

All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.



Please return your Project Compassion boxes to the Parish Office as soon as possible so that the funds may be forwarded to Caritas Australia.

Thank-you for your support.



## Help Please



Epping St. Vincent de Paul members visit local families, who have asked for help. A roll or 2 of toilet paper is one item we try to give on each visit. We currently have no supplies left.

If you can help by donating a packet of toilet paper it will be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be left in the basket in St. Peter's Church foyer and the Parish office.

**Thank you in advance for any support you are able to provide**

**13th May :- Our Lady of Fatima**

**24th May:- Our Lady Help of Christians, Patron of Australia**

**31st May:- The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

## The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions Entrusted to the Worldwide Prayer Network for the Year 2025

### May :- for Working Conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person may find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

## THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Thank-you to those who have collected their new envelopes. There are still sets of envelopes to be collected. They are now in the Parish Office.

## TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO ST PETER'S PARISH

### 1st Collection / Presbytery

Supports our priests and the retired priests of the Archdiocese.

**Presbytery Acc:- BSB 083 347 Acc. No. 65892 7670**

**Acc. Name:- EPPING CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE**

### 2nd Collection / Church

Supports our Parish

**Church Acc:- BSB 083 347 Acc No. 65880 7871**

**Acc. Name:- EPPING CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH**

### St Peter's Parish Donation QR Code

To make a payment, simply scan our QR code with your mobile phone and follow a few easy steps.

Thank you for your support of our Parish



**SCHOOL FAMILIES REMINDER**  
**2025 PARISH CONTRIBUTION OF \$520 . Thank-you to those who have paid this contribution.**

## NOTICES FOR NEWSHEET

Items for the Parish Newsheet must be sent to the Parish Office by **12 Noon Wednesday** as the newsheet is emailed to parishioners and the schools that afternoon.

**Contact 9401 6300 or email [Epping@cam.org.au](mailto:Epping@cam.org.au)**

If you would like the newsheet emailed to you please subscribe via our website.



Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
10/5	5pm	Chrystal	Emma	Melinda Pereyra-Henriques	
	6.30pm	Sherwin Moreno	Jaelene Jijo	Charlie Aganetti	
11/5	9am	Cassandra Martin	Dhihana Dias	Des Madden	
	10.30am	Youth	Youth	Julie Cowell	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
3/5		Elizabeth Rozario, Shenelle Toshack	17/5		Anthony Fakhry,
10/5		Cyriac George, Binoey John	24/5		Raju Sankaranarayan, Delphine Fruvall



### Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

**5/5 Monday:** 3rd Week of Easter  
**Readings:** Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29;

**6/6 Tuesday:** 3rd Week of Easter  
**Readings:** Acts 7:51-8:1; Jn 6:30-35;

**7/5 Wednesday:** 3rd Week of Easter  
**Readings:** Acts 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40;

**8/5 Thursday:** 3rd Week of Easter  
**Readings:** Acts 8:36-40; Jn 6:44-51;

**9/5 Friday:** 3rd Week of Easter  
**Readings:** Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59;

**10/5 Saturday:** 3rd Week of Easter  
**Readings:** Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69;

**11/5 Sunday :** 4th Sunday of Easter  
**Readings:** Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rev 7:9, 14-17;  
Jn 10:27-30

### THE PARISH IS IN NEED OF MORE VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH SOME OF THE MINISTRIES.

Please consider helping on these rosters:-

#### Church Cleaning

**Readers & Leaders at the Saturday evening masses.**

Many of the volunteers on these Rosters have been doing so for many years.

We need new parishioners to assist or in a few years, as the older volunteers can no longer assist, we will have no-one on rosters.

We need to maintain the inclusion of parishioners in the volunteer tasks.

**CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO OFFER  
YOUR ASSISTANCE PLEASE.**

### 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 16th June @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 - 10th June @ 7pm

**Legion of Mary** - 5.30pm Thursdays

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

#### Parish Based Sacramental Programs:-

**1st Reconciliation:** - Finished for this year.

**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 Completed.  
New program begins late 2025

**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