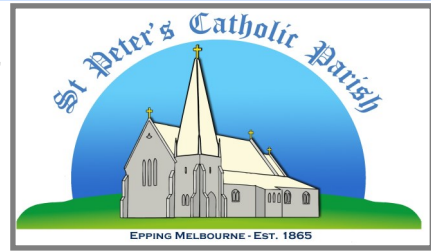


**6th Sunday of  
Easter, Year B  
5th May, 2024**

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  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Tien Tran  
**Sacrament Co-Ordinator:**  
Sr Huyen Nguyen LHC  
**Sick & Homebound Co-Ordinator:**  
Sr Phuong Nguyen LHC  
**Parish Secretary:** Michelle Hood  
(Mon- 9-3pm, Tue-Wed 9.30am-3.30pm)  
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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  
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



**MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY**

Hail Mary full of grace, our Lord is with you  
Blessed are you among all women and all the women to come,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of my Lord, Queen of Heaven, You are most generous.

Thank you for being there for me throughout my life.  
Your protection and guidance to me, with your Son our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank You for pulling me out of all misery when I needed You most,

You have never failed to listen to me with all the warmth and comfort you gave as a mother.

Pray for all my sins now and at the hour of my death.  
Pray for all those sinners too and help them to join You,  
the Lord our Father and Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Be there with me at the hour of my death,  
I will feel no pain but the feeling of Your presence and Your fragrance.

Hold my hand my dear Mother, with Jesus so that I will be guided during that final journey.

Appear to me O Mother, in that hour so that I will see Your welcome smile into our Lord's kingdom for eternal life when I close my eyes and release my final breath.  
Amen

*Written by a parishioner.*

**THERE ARE FREE ROSARY BEADS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE DURING MAY.**

**THERE ARE ALSO SOME VERY SMALL BEAD BRACELETS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN.**

**Prayers for the Sick:** Roni & Michael Donovan, Glen Arathoon, Robbie Abdelnour, Olga Olypios, Mary Hill, Fr Brendon Dillon, Emma Anderson, Rachel Gormley, Mario Casha, Sairandree Fernando, Daniel Zammit

**Other:**

**Recent Death:** Peter Short

**Anniversary:** Connie Brancati, Brendan Nugent, Joan Short, 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.*



**Rite of Welcome**

Laney Paterson  
Logan Paterson  
Cody Paterson  
Amelie Rose Suurland  
Ava Grace Dimopoulos



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

# 6th Sunday of Easter, Year B

## 5th May, 2024

### Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

### First Reading Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

### Responsorial Psalm

**The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)

2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)

3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

### Second Reading 1 John 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

**or**

### 1 John 4:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St John

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans.

I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia!

### Gospel John 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's Commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

**or**

### John 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the World no more than I belong to the world.'

I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

**Communion Antiphon**

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for May.**

**For the formation of men and women religious, and seminarians**

Let us Pray that men and women religious and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

**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 unemployment and homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, 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) 9287 5513.

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

*Thank you for supporting CatholicCare Victoria's Sunday Appeal.*



**MASS COUNT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY**

During May there will be a count of the people attending every mass over the four weekends of the month.

We are asking if there are some volunteers at each mass who would be willing to count over the four weeks.

**FEAST DAYS IN MAY**

- 1st St Joseph the Worker
- 12th The Ascension of the Lord
- 13th Our Lady of Fatima
- 19th Pentecost Sunday
- 20th Mary, Mother of the Church
- 24th Our Lady, Help of Christians, Patron of Australia
- 26th The Most Holy Trinity
- 31st The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Catholic Women's League Notices**

1. **Milk for the 'Children First Foundation'**  
We are asking for your assistance with donations of milk over the next few weeks up until the 19th May. It will then be delivered to the foundation. Thank-you again to all the parishioners who generously assist with the milk.

**2. Mother's Day Stall.**

We will be holding our Mother's Day Stall this Sunday 5th May so please come along and assist us with our fundraising.

**INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS  
-to join us for the BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

**Date :** Tuesday 28th May.

**Place :** St Monica's College Meeting Room. Straight across the road through the college carpark.

**Time :** Approx. 10.15am following the 9.15am Mass.

**Purpose :** To raise funds through donations for cancer research and to have the opportunity for parishioners to share a cup of tea/coffee, snacks and a chat.

*All welcome*

**REPAIR OF OLD ROSARY BEADS.**

You may have a an old Rosary that is important to you, and it is in need of repair.

We have a parishioner who is willing to try to repair the rosary for you. You can put the rosary beads in an envelop with your contact details, and label the envelop "Rosary Repair" and leave it at the parish office.



**TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO ST PETER'S PARISH**

**1st Collection / Presbytery**

Supports our parish Priests and priests of the Archdiocese.

**Presbytery Acc:-**

**BSB 083 347 Acc. No. 65892 7670**

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

**2nd Collection / Church**

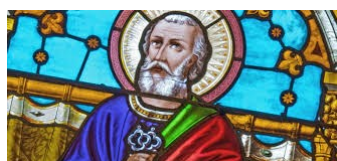
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**Church Acc:-**

**BSB 083 347 Acc. No. 65880 7871**

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

Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
11/5	5pm	<b>Volunteer please</b>	Grace O'Brien	Noel Henrisson	
	6.30pm	Joan Bahen	Sheriz Moreno	Charlie Aganetti	
12/5	9am	Lesleigh Madden	Des Madden	David Howard	
	10.30am	Anne Toshack	Julie Cowell	Cathy Gatt	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
4/5		Anna Arimatea , Martin Family	18/5		Russel Sequeria, Delphine Fruvall
11/5		Cyriac George, Anjith Abraham	25/5		Raju Sankaranarayan , <b>Volunteer</b>



## Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

6/5 Monday: 6th Week of Easter

**Readings:** Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 – 16:4;

7/5 Tuesday: 6th Week of Easter

**Readings:** Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11;

8/5 Wednesday: 6th Week of Easter

**Readings:** Acts 17:15, 22 -18:1; Jn 16:12-15;

9/5 Thursday: 6th Week of Easter

**Readings:** Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20;

10/5 Friday: 6th Week of Easter

**Readings:** Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23;

11/5 Saturday: 6th Week of Easter

**Readings:** Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28;

12/5 Sunday : **The Ascension of the Lord**

**Readings:** Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 OR Eph4:1-13;  
Mk 16:15-20;

## NOTICES FOR NEWSHEET

Items for the Parish Newsheet must be sent to the Parish Office by **12 Noon Wednesday**.

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

The newsheet is completed by noon on Wednesday and emailed to parishioners and the schools that afternoon.

If you would like the newsheet emailed to you please provide the office with your email details.

Please do not ring the parish office on a Saturday to ask to offer a Mass as the office is closed from 3pm Friday

## Regular Events / Meetings in the Parish

### Baptism Preparation-

Please contact the Parish office and speak to Sister Huyen to arrange Baptism & preparation meeting.

**Catholic Women's League** -Next meeting Monday 17th June @10am at St Monica's College

**Charismatic Prayer Group** 6.45pm—8.30pm Fridays

**1st Friday** Rosary, Sacrament of Reconciliation & Praise followed by Mass- led by St.Peter's Youth

**2nd & 4th Fridays** Rosary, Praise, worship & Talk.

**3rd Friday** Rosary, Praise, worship & Adoration

**Finance Committee** - Next meeting - 9th July @ 7pm

**Legion of Mary** - 5.30pm Thursdays

**Bible Study:-** Monthly (4th Tuesday) Next 28th May

**Liturgy Group** - Next meeting -

**Reach Out** - Communion to the Sick and Homebound –

If you are a parishioner or have a family member finding it difficult to come to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please call the Parish Office - 9401 6300 and speak to St Phuong

**RCIA** - completed for 2024

**Parish Based Sacramental Programs:-**

Classes have begun for 2024. Next Programs in 2025

**St Vincent de Paul**—

**Third Tuesday** of the month at 7.30pm

**Syro Malabar** - Monday evenings in the church