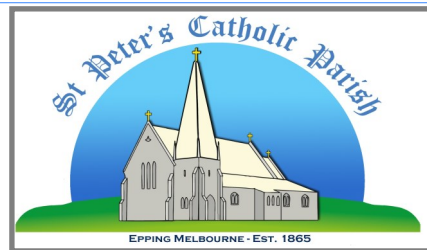


**28th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year B
13th October 2024**

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 Van Tran
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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
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Principal: Damian Howard

St Monica's College
400 Dalton Road, Epping
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ST VINCENT DE PAUL ASSISTANCE
Free Call 1800 305 330



Offertory Giving Program Wk. 2

Dear Parishioners, thank you to everyone who promptly collected their offertory giving envelope last weekend. However, we kindly remind those who have yet to retrieve theirs to do so this weekend.

Additionally, for those who wish to submit their filled-out pledge cards, you have several convenient options: you may place them in either the first or second collections during Mass, drop them off at the parish office, or deposit them into the designated box located in the church. Thank you for your ongoing dedication and generosity.

If you did not fill in the Census Card that is still available in the church please do so this week and return it to the parish office or to the church next weekend.

Farewell to Father Tien

Father Tien will finish here at St Peter's on the weekend of 26th & 27th October. There are envelopes in the church if you would like to donate as a

gift for father.

There will be gathering in the Galilee Space after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday the 27th October. Tea & coffee and sandwiches will be available.



2025 Columban Calendar - \$10

We will be ordering next year's Columban Calendar in late October. If you would like to order a copy please leave your

name and phone number at the parish office and indicate how many calendars you wish to order.

You will be notified when the calendars arrive and can pay when you collect them.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

Thank-you to all those who have followed up with renewing their WWCC.

If your WWCC has expired please apply for a new one.

If you would like to volunteer with one of the parish ministries please contact the office and also provide your WWCC

Prayers for the Sick: Roni & Michael Donovan, Robbie Abdelnour, Olga Olypios, Mary Hill, Emma Anderson, Rachel Gormley, Sairandree Fernando, Daniel Zammit, Bernadette Sexton, Elliott Donovan, Ernesto & Maria Bergamin

Other:

Recent Death:

Anniversary:

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
Spencer Aloe
Inara Jade Van Biene
Amelia Josephine Raciti



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

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First Reading Wisdom 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!**

1. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
2. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune. **(R.)**
3. Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading Hebrews 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely; it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!



Gospel Mark 10:17-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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

The QR Code is on the end of each pew in the church and also near the two doors of the Church.



SCHOOL FAMILIES REMINDER 2024 PARISH CONTRIBUTION OF \$520

When you decided to send your children to the Parish Schools you also decided to support the life of the Parish practically and vitally.

Please note the Parish banking details for Direct Deposit are the Church Account as listed above and please include the reference: - Your eldest child & family name.

In the recent month a letter from the Parish Priest was forwarded to all school families regarding this contribution and the QR Code was added to the letter to make this easy for families.

UPCOMING ADDITIONAL MASSES & FURTHER INFORMATION

Friday 1st November –All Saints Day

Regular 9.15am Mass plus 7.30pm Mass

The **Memorial Book** will be displayed for the month of November.

There will not be names read out at Masses during November as we pray for all those listed in the Memorial Book. Please list the names of those you wish to pray for in this book.

There will be no morning mass or Reconciliation on **Saturday 23rd November**

Monday 9th December –Feast of the Immaculate Conception. There will be a 9.15am Mass

WARNING :- PARKING IN WEDGE STREET FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Recently a couple of parishioners received a Parking Ticket when parked in Wedge Street for mass on the weekend.

Please be aware that most of the street is fine for parking on the weekend as restrictions are for school days only, but there are a few places that are signed as 'No Standing' so be careful where you park.



REFLECTION by

Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday's readings confront us with the need to make choices in life, choices for God. They also remind us that no significant choice

is without its price. However, if we make the right choice, we are assured that we will be richly rewarded.

We all want to be happy in life. We just don't always know which doors to open, and how far to enter them. We need wisdom for that. The more options that are open to us, the more difficult it is to choose, but choose we must. To choose one option is to relinquish the others. The young man in the gospel wanted eternal life. Surely there is nothing more worthy than that. However, the price he was asked to pay was more than he had expected, and he went away saddened. To choose is to face the consequences of the word of God, and sometimes this is as sharp as a two-edged sword.

One of the mysteries of faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God. We choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of the world, and we receive these good things along with wisdom itself. We are asked to relinquish all of the things that we value, and we get them back a hundredfold. We are invited to take a step into the unknown. We are told that we will not fall. However, we are never sure of this until we take the step and discover that we have not fallen. God demands so much, but gives so much more.

BIOETHICS from the Archdiocese of Melbourne Website

At the heart of the Catholic approach to life is the understanding that God created man and woman in his image and likeness. We recognise that human life is sacred and that each person has an intrinsic value and dignity that cannot be altered. Furthermore, nothing we 'do' or 'achieve', gives us this dignity and worth. It is part of who we are and how we have been created.

Human life is a precious gift from the moment of conception to the moment of death. God has given us the gift of creation, the gift of life, and it is in respecting this order and design that we experience genuine human happiness and flourishing.

Although there have been great technological advancements in medicine and the health sciences, we must ensure these developments are serving of the good of the human person and respecting the dignity of all of God's creation. The Church rejoices in modern technology to the extent that it aids and supports the genuine care and well-being of all people. However, there can be a serious misuse of our knowledge and technology when it actively works towards an end that is contrary to the dignity of man, such as abortion or euthanasia. There are many issues relating to bioethics and each raises its own challenges, but we cannot lose sight that every single person has innate value and a person should never be seen as merely material or expendable.

Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
19/10	5pm	Noel Henrisson	Don Vandenberg	Angela Vandenberg	
	6.30pm	Joan Bahen	Bryan Johnston	VOLUNTEER	
20/10	9am	Kay Whelan	Lesleigh Madden	Sebastian Antony	
	10.30am	Ophelia Francis	Lilian Abbew	Andrew Dipierdomenico	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
5/10		Russel Sequeria, Delphine Fruvall	19/10		Jeanelle Extross, VOLUNTEER
12/10		Raju Sankaranarayan, VOLUNTEER	26/10		Thi Nguyen, Anjith Abraham



Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

14/10 Monday: 28th Week in Ordinary Time

Readings: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Lk 11:29-32;

15/10 Tuesday: **St Teresa of Jesus**, virgin, doctor

Readings: Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41;

16/10 Wednesday: 28th Week in Ordinary Time

Readings: Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46;

17/10 Thursday: **St Ignatius of Antioch**, bishop, martyr

Readings: Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54;

18/10 Friday: **St Luke**, evangelist

Readings: 2 Tim 4:10-17; Lk 10:1-9;

19/10 Saturday: 28th Week in Ordinary Time

Readings: Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12;

20/10 Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45;

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**

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 subscribe via our website.

Please do not ring the parish office on a Saturday to ask to offer a Mass as the office is closed.

Regular Events / Meetings in the Parish

Baptism Preparation-

Please contact the Parish office and speak to Sister Huyen to arrange Baptism & preparation meeting. Baptisms are on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.

Catechesis with Rhys :- 4.15pm Saturday @ SMCM

Catholic Women's League Next meeting Monday 21st October @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 - 10th Dec @ 7pm

Legion of Mary - 5.30pm Thursdays

Liturgy Group - Next meeting - TBC @ 7pm

Parish Based Sacramental Programs:-

Next Programs are in 2025

Parish Holy Hour - Eucharistic Adoration @ 7pm Tuesdays

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 Sr Phuong

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

St Vincent de Paul

Third Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Parish House

Syro Malabar - Monday evenings in the church