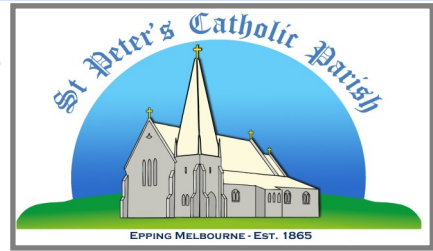


**Feast of Sts Peter
& Paul Year A
28th June 2026**

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 Isaac Zaki
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

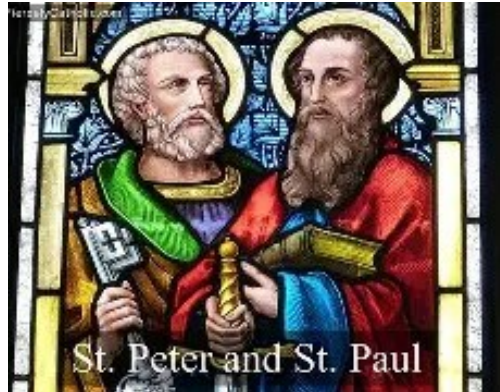
St Mary of the Cross Mackillop
47 Farmhouse Boulevard, Epping North
Principal: Claire Pitcher Ph: 8432 4500

Mary Glowrey Catholic Primary School
10 Baltrum Drive, Wollert
Principal: Tim Kelly Ph: 8579 6505

Carlo Acutis Catholic Primary School
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



**REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant
CSA from 'Liturgy Help'**

Peter is associated with the community in Jerusalem and Paul with the Gentile converts. Together they represent the universality of the church. The red vestments worn today remind us of the price their commitment exacted of them.

The followers of Christ come from every race and culture, every generation and social class. It is not a common culture that draws them together, but a common faith.

The church has been strengthened by the blood of the martyrs. This

was the case in its earliest years, and it is the case today.

Both Peter and Paul are examples of how God takes those weak in faith and transforms them into champions of the gospel. Once transformed, each man threw himself wholeheartedly into the mission that was his. Their fate should not surprise us, for they were disciples of one who gave his last breath for the life of the world.

In so many places in the world today modern martyrs pay the ultimate price for their faith. We see this in Latin America, in many African countries, in the Middle East, and in Asia, to name but a few areas.

Although the word martyr usually refers to one who dies for the faith, the Greek word (*mártys*) really means witness, one who gives testimony. Like Peter and Paul, the martyr is one whose life gives witness to the faith. However, when this witness is too much of a challenge, the witness' life is placed in jeopardy. Peter and Paul call us all to this kind of testimony to faith.

Pray for the Sick: Keith Lambert, Hiramali Dias

Offering Masses this week for:-

Death Anniversary:- Salvatore Gioffre, Francesca Lagana

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

Evelyn Eleni Lauretig
Evelyn Victoria Moio
Sienna Veronica Zappone



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 his 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

There is an extra collection this weekend for PETER'S PENCE

Offerings are designated for the Pope's apostolic and charitable ministry



“May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all”

On **Sunday 28 June 2026** the traditional [Peter's Pence](#) collection takes place.

This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church.

Peter's Pence is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity.

Caritas Australia Ukraine Emergency Appeal

Caritas Australia is urging the Australian community not to look away as the war in Ukraine continues for a fifth straight year. As violence escalates in other parts of the world, Ukraine is slipping from headlines, but for millions of people the suffering has not stopped. In 2026, an estimated 10.8 million people in Ukraine will require humanitarian assistance. Caritas Australia's local partners in Ukraine are providing emergency shelter, water, food assistance, psychosocial support and cash assistance to displaced families.



Learn more or make a donation today at

www.caritas.org.au/ukraine



July :- the Month of The Precious Blood

The Pope's Prayer Intention for July

For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

2nd July - **First Thursday** of the Month:- Pray for consecrated vocations

3rd July -**First Friday** of the Month :- Pray to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

4th July -**First Saturday** of the Month:- Pray for Devotion to Mary

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday
Mass 5 July 2026, 11.00am St Patrick's Cathedral,
We gather as one in Christ

St. Thomas the Apostle



St. Thomas the Apostle is most known for being the Apostle who said he wouldn't believe Christ truly rose from the dead until he placed his finger on His side. He is commonly known as "Doubting Thomas." He redeemed himself, however, upon seeing the Resurrected Lord, uttering the expression of faith used by Christians ever since, "My Lord and My God!".

St. Thomas is represented by a spear and a ruler. The ruler refers to his profession as a builder and the spear represents his martyrdom.

PRAYER TO ST PETER



O Holy Apostle, because you are the Rock upon which Almighty God has built His Church; obtain for me, I pray you, a lively faith, firm hope, and burning love.

Grant me complete detachment from myself, patience in adversity, humility in prosperity, and perseverance in the grace of God even unto death. Guide us O blessed Apostle, through all the dangers of this life, that by your glorious intercession, I may be made worthy to appear before Jesus Christ, our Lord Amen

Persecution & Faith: A Witness of Courage and Forgiveness from Pakistan

Twenty-year-old Akash Bashir was serving as a volunteer security guard at his parish in Lahore, Pakistan, when a terrorist with explosives tried to enter the church. Akash said, "I would rather die than let you in," and then gave his life to prevent a massacre.

In the years since, his parents have offered an extraordinary witness of Christian faith. Asked whether they had forgiven those responsible for their son's death, they replied: "Yes, we have forgiven them and pray that they may find the right path to God."

Their example reminds us that the Gospel calls us not only to courage, but also to forgiveness.

Reflection: Where may God be asking you to make a sacrifice out of love, or to forgive an injustice against you?

Read more testimonies of faith from *Aid to the Church in Need* at: aidtochurch.org/welcome

DATE	Mass	LEADER	READER	Special Minister
4/7	5pm	Leeni Joahua	Volunteer	Angela Vandenberg
	6.30pm	Volunteer	Joan Bahen	Volunteer
5/7	9am	Cassie Martin	Kaye Whelan	Lesleigh Madden
	10.30am	Youth	Youth	Cathy Gatt
11/7	5pm	Volunteer	Grace O'Brien	Volunteer
	6.30pm	Joan Bahen	Tanya Johnston	Charlie Aganetti
12/7	9am	Chris Paterson	David Howard	Dinesh Dias
	10.30am	Anne Toshack	Candice Correya	Julie Cowell
18/7	5pm			
	6.30pm			
19/7	9am			
	10.30am			
	5pm			
	6.30pm			
	9am			
	10.30am			
27/6	5pm	Volunteer	Leeni Joshua	Melinda Pereyra-Henriques
	6.30pm	Sherwin Moreno	Sheriz Morena	Joan Bahen
28/6	9am	Kaye Whelan	Lesleigh Madden	Des Madden
	10.30am	Julie Cowell	Cathy GAtt	Stella Galea

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 of 2026 contribution of \$520 Thank-you to those who have paid this contribution.

CHURCH CLEANING

27/6 Anjith Abraham, Binoey John,

4/7 Thi Nguyen, Leeni Joshua & family

11/7 Maria Vizcaino

18/7 Shenelle Toshack, Elizabeth Rozario

25/7 Russel Sequeria, Merli Inovejas



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 to arrange a Baptism

Catholic Women's League Next meeting 17th Aug @ 10am

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 & Benediction; 8.30pm – 9pm Fellowship & packing up.

Finance Committee - Next meeting - @ 7pm

Legion of Mary - 5.30pm Wednesdays

Liturgy Group - Next meeting ??? @ 7pm

Parish Based Sacramental Programs:-

First Reconciliation: Completed

First Holy Communion:- Began 2nd June 2026

Confirmation:- Completed

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 - 2025—2026 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

Liturgy Readings of Next Week

29/6 Monday: **Sts Peter & Paul**, apostles

Readings: Day Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16 13-19:

30/6 Tuesday: Week 13 Ordinary Time

Readings Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27;

1/7 Wednesday: Week 13 Ordinary Time

Readings: Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34;

2/7 Thursday: Week 13 Ordinary Time

Readings: Amos 7:10-17; Mt 9: 1-8;

3/7 Friday: **St Thomas**, apostle

Readings: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29;

4/7 Saturday: Week 13 Ordinary Time

Readings: Amos 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17

5/7 Sunday : 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30