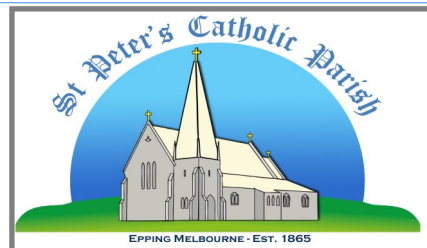


**19th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A
9th August 2026**

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
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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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Free Call 1800 305 330

**SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by
Brendan Byrne SJ**

The **Gospel** follows on directly from the miraculous provision of food for the multitude, as described in last week's Gospel. Jesus sends his disciples off to cross the lake by boat while he disperses the crowd and goes up the mountain alone to pray. The disciples struggling to make headway in a boat out on the lake are symbolic of the later Church in a situation in which it so often finds itself.



In biblical thought wind and water out of control are stock images of chaos and destruction. The scene of the disciples battling a head-wind and heavy seas while Jesus remains apart on the mountain evokes a sense of the Church struggling

against forces that threaten to engulf it, keenly sensing all the while the physical absence of its Lord.

Eventually, of course, Jesus joins the disciples, walking on the sea.

What prompts Peter's bid to come to Jesus across the sea? Love, boldness, bravado? Perhaps all three – but also a measure of faith. Faith in Jesus enables Peter, for a time at least, to tread underfoot the watery forces of destruction. But his faith, like that of all disciples in Matthew's Gospel, is prone to doubt. Jesus' gentle word of remonstrance, after he has rescued Peter, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?', addresses all members of the Church. Peter 'models' the mixture of boldness and fear, strength and weakness, characteristic of us all. We can make our own his cry for rescue ('Lord, save me') and feel as he felt the Lord's strong hand of rescue reaching out to raise us from the deep.

Members of the Church, especially perhaps at the present time, can take great comfort from this scene. The Gospel recognises that there will be times of stress and danger when faith will be sorely tested and sometimes fail. But this does not mean that 'Emmanuel' is not with us, swift and sure to rescue, when, like Peter, we cry 'Lord, save us'.

Pray for the Sick: Keith Lambert, Hirumali Dias, Marilyn Marquis

Offering Masses this week for:-

Death Anniversaries:- Mario Bignoux, Antonio Peduto, Gaetano Conduro,
Mondin Family

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

Veamakshi Vitaliaa Kumanan
Massimo Frank Parisi
Joseph Edgar Scrimizzi
Ethan Balakrishnan



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

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading 1 Kings 19:9.11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Communion Antiphon

The bread that I will give, says the Lord,
is my flesh for the life of the world.



Legion of Mary hosting Bible Study Online

The Mother of Divine Grace Praesidium invites you to join Bible Study sessions lead by resident seminarian Xavier Ryan.

Next meeting dates at 8.30pm on Tuesdays, 11th August and 25th August

Zoom link: <https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/83929824448pwd=TCtkNUFFSS9SK3o4U3ExZEYxZmxsQT09>

Also accessible via QR code:



RCIA is now OCIA

“The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults” (RCIA) has recently had its title changed to “The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults” (OCIA)



If you would like to learn about the Catholic Faith through this program, and be Baptized into the faith, please contact the Parish Office on 9401-6300 and ask to speak to Sister Huyen or email epping@cam.org.au

Dates: Wednesday Evenings –7pm-8pm

Part 1: Sept 2nd –Dec 9th 2026

Part 2: Jan 27th –Mar 17th 2027

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Celebration

Sacred Space. Saturday August 8th is the Feast of St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop). There will be a celebration after 5pm Mass. We would like to ask if parishioners could bring a plate on the 8/8/26 for the SMCM feast day.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Saturday 15th August Mass Times

A Holy Day of Obligation

With the Feast of the Assumption on a Saturday there is a requirement to attend mass twice on the weekend of the 15th & 16th August.



Mass times for the Feast of the Assumption are:- Friday 14th August –Rosary at 7pm and Mass at 7.30 pm OR Morning Mass on Saturday 15th August at 9.15am.

The regular mass times on Saturday evening and Sunday morning are the masses for Sunday 16th August.

15 /8 Saturday: **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Readings**

Vigil 7.30pm Mass (Friday 14th)

1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2

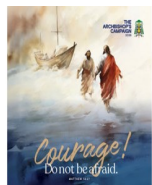
Ps 131:6-7, 9-10, 13-14;

1 Cor 15:54-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day 9.15am Mass (Saturday 15th)

Rev 11;19, 12:1-6, 10; Ps 44:10-12, 16;

1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56;



The Archbishop's Campaign 2026

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese.

Tax-deductable donations go to the Archbishop's

Charitable Fund which supports the Priests Retirement Foundation, the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program, Melbourne Overseas Mission, John Pierce Centre, University of Divinity for the Catholic Theological College as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants.

Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation.

Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift.

Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishops campaign or via the QR codes on the campaign material.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS



Last weekend the children of our parish celebrated their First Holy Communion. We congratulate them all for achieving this step in their growth into the faith.

We pray that all these children will understand the importance of this Sacrament and continue to receive the Eucharist each week at mass.



Simplicity September

This September, simplify one thing in your life and discover what truly matters.

Sponsor yourself, your family or a friend to participate and raise money for **Palms International Volunteering**, Australia's only Catholic lay organisation that delivers international development and formation through long term international volunteering.

Join Australians across the country supporting Palms' work in the Asia-Pacific.

02 9560 5333 / 0422 472 567

www.simplicityseptember.org.au

Catholic Family Market

Sunday 16 August 2026 • From 12pm - 3pm

Our Lady of Lourdes, 631 High Street, Prahran

Join Catholic families from around Melbourne for a fun, relaxing day to come together and connect with others.

The afternoon will include market stalls, food, music, jumping castle, and animal farm for the kids.

DATE	Mass	LEADER	READER	Special Minister
25/7	5pm			
	6.30pm			
26/7	9am			
	10.30am			
1/8	5pm			
	6.30pm			
2/8	9am			
	10.30am			
8/8	5pm	Volunteer	Leeni Joshua	Melinda Pereyra-Henriques
	6.30pm	Sheriz Moreno	Sherwin Moreno	Joan Bahen
9/8	9am	Cassie Martin	Kay Whelan	Dinesh Dias
	10.30am	Candice Correya	Gabrielle Godinho	Julie Cowell
15/8	5pm	Don Vandenberg	Volunteer	Angela Vandenberg
	6.30pm	Volunteer	Jaelene Jijo	Volunteer
16/8	9am	Chris Paterson	Lesleith Madden	David Howard
	10.30am	Julie Cowell	Oswald Correya	Andrew Dipierdomenico
22/8	5pm	Volunteer	Grace O'Brien	Volunteer
	6.30pm	Sherwin Moreno	Sheriz Moreno	Charlie Aganetti
23/8	9am	Des Madden	David Howard	Bernie Dias
	10.30am	Anne Toshack	Tanya Johnston	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

8/8 Raju Sankaranrayan, Deepak Bura

15/8 Anthony Fakhry, Cyriac George

22/8 Maria Vizcaino

29/8 Dinesh Dias Family



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:-

All Sacraments have been completed for 2026

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

OCIA - Wednesday Evenings 7pm –8pm

Pt 1: Sept 2nd –Dec 9th. 2026

Pt 2: Jan 27th –Mar 17th 2027

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

10/8 Monday: St Lawrence, deacon, martyr
Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26;

11/8 Tuesday: St Clare, virgin
Readings: Ezek 2:8 –3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14;

12/8 Wednesday: 19th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Ezek 9:1-7; 10-18-22; Mt 18:15-20;

13/8 Thursday: 19th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Ezek 12:1-12; Mt 18:21 –19:1;

14/8 Friday: St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr
Readings: Ezek 16:1-15, 60,63; Mt 19:3-12;

15/8 Saturday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Readings: are on page 3 of this newssheet.

16/8 Sunday : 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: ; Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32;
Mt 15:21-28;