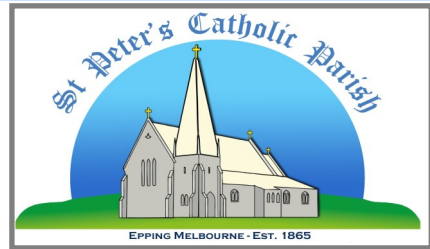


**17th Sunday of
Ordinary Time
Year C
27th July 2025**

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

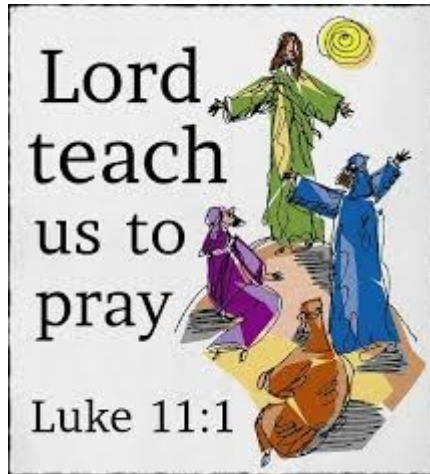
St Mary of the Cross Mackillop
47 Farmhouse Boulevard, Epping North
Principal: Claire Pitcher Ph: 8432 4500

Mary Glowrey Catholic Primary School
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Principal: Tim Kelly Ph: 8579 6505

Carlo Acutis Catholic Primary School
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400 Dalton Road, Epping
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REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings invite us to reflect on prayer. Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it always recognises our need for God. In the gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge our need.

The most obvious characteristic of prayer depicted in the readings for this Sunday is persistence. Neither Abraham nor the man in the gospel was deterred by any obstacle. They show that it is not so much that we persist in prayer in order to change God's mind as it is that

we persist in order to discover what God's mind might be.

The salutariness of prayer is often found in the change that it effects in us, not in God. By persevering in genuine prayer we may come to acknowledge that all things are in God's hands, and that we can rest content to leave them there, trusting that the situation will be cared for as God sees fit. It seems trite to say that God hears all prayer and sometimes the answer is 'No!' It is better to say that God respects the freedom of people and will seldom intervene to change the way events unfold. Still, prayer can change the one who prays and also the one for whom the prayer is offered if only human need is recognised and divine solicitude is acknowledged.

**THERE ARE NO MORNING MASSES ON
THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST AND
TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST**



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, Mitchell Connors, Sara Brundell, Colin Williams

Offering Masses this week for:-

Anniversaries:- Augusto Mondin, Goetono Conurso, Shelton Fernando, Annalisa Tonietto, Charlie Gatt

R.I.P.:- Carlton & Cynthia Garrett

Memorial:- Lizzy John

Birthday Anniversary:- Greg Short

Thanksgiving:- Riccardo Garrett & 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
Cruz Jarrod Harrower
Ambrose Folino



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

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading Genesis 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. **(R.)**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading Colossians 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

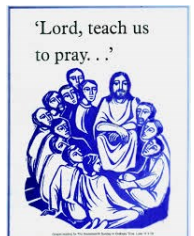
"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.





26th July Feast of St Joachim & Anne The Grandparents of Mary The Role of Grandparents in Completing the Family Unit

As we reflect on the legacy of Saints Anne and Joachim, let us also reflect on the vital role played by all grandparents in completing the loving family unit and nurturing the faith of future generations.

Grandparents can take a vital part in the training of their grandchildren, teaching them to love the ways of the Lord and honor his commandments. It was Saints Anne and Joachim who cultivated in the young Mary a love for God, preparing her for her role in the story of divine redemption.

There is also something to be said for grandparents' roles as repositories of wisdom and history. Their experience in faith and life has enriched their judgment, rendering them invaluable counsels for the generations that follow. They remember the heritage of the family and share it with future generations.

A Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly

"We thank you for the wonderful gift of our grandparents and the elderly. We pray that they will always be a source of enrichment for families, for the Church, and for all of society."



29th July Feast of Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Quote:

In the household of Bethany the Lord Jesus experienced the family spirit and friendship of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and for this reason the Gospel of John states that he loved them. Martha generously offered him hospitality, Mary listened attentively to his words and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the One who humiliated death.

~Congregation for Divine Worship, February 2, 2021

Almighty ever-living God,
whose Son was pleased to be welcomed in Saint Martha's house as a guest,
grant, we pray, that through her intercession,
serving Christ faithfully in our brothers and sisters,
we may merit to be received by you in the halls of heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2025

In 2024, the Archdiocesan Development Office introduced a streamlined approach to fundraising. This approach, called the Archbishop's Campaign, is a single annual campaign and reduces the number of separate special Sunday plate collections in parishes each year.

The Campaign supports key Archdiocesan ministries and reduces the number of times parishioners are asked to give each year. One major collection for the Archdiocese of Melbourne Archbishop's Tax-deductible gifts.

WHO WILL THE MONIES BE GOING TO?

A key focus for the Archbishop's Campaign is supporting the formation of new priests and caring for our retired priests. Money will also support other key ministries of the Church as outlined below.

Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund, which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, the University of Divinity Building Fund and other deductible gift recipient entities such as Catholic community agencies and service organisations.

Non-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund, which supports seminarian formation and evangelisation initiatives such as the Australian Catholic Youth Festival and World Youth Day.

Any unallocated and loose collections will go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund

The Archbishop's Campaign will run over three weekends in August:

**• 9-10 August • 16-17 August • 23-24 August
PLUS • 30-31 August (Follow-up Weekend)**

St. Alphonsus Liguori Patron saint of Lawyers, Vocations, and Confessors



St. Alphonsus Liguori was born in Naples in 1696. he was ordained a priest in 1726.

In 1732, he began the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, known as the Redemptorists.

At the age of 66, he was made bishop. He died in 1787. He was canonized by Pope Gregory XVI in 1839 and was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1871. He is the patron saint of confessors. Feast Day: 1st August

Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
2/8	5pm	Don Vandenberg	Leeni Joshua	Melinda Pereyra-Henriques	
	6.30pm	Joah Bahen	Jaelene Jijo	Charlie Aganetti	
3/8	9am	Lesleigh Madden	Kay Whelan	Des Madden	
	10.30am	Youth	Youth	Cathy Gatt	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
	26/7	Anjith Abraham, Binoey John	9/8		Thi Nguyen, Bessy Mathews
	2/8	VOLUNTEERS	16/8		VOLUNTEERS

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1st Collection / Presbytery - for our priest & retired priests

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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

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

Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

28/7 Monday: Week 17 Ordinary Time

Readings: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35;

29/7 Tuesday: **Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus**

Readings: 1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27

30/7 Wednesday: Week 17 Ordinary Time

Readings: Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46;

31/7 Thursday: **St Ignatius of Loyola**, priest

Readings: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53;

1/8 Friday: **St Alphonsus Liguori**, bishop, doctor

Readings: Lev 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37;
 Mt 13:54-58

First Friday:- Pray to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

2/8 Saturday: Week 17 Ordinary Time

Readings: Lev 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12;

First Saturday:- Pray for Devotion to Mary

3/8 Sunday : 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23;
 Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21;



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 18th August @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 - 9th Sept @ 7pm

Legion of Mary - 5.30pm Thursdays

Liturgy Group - Next meeting - TBC @ 7pm

Parish Based Sacramental Programs:-

First Reconciliation: Completed for 2025

First Eucharist:- Completed for 2025

Confirmation:- Program Completed

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

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 @7pm