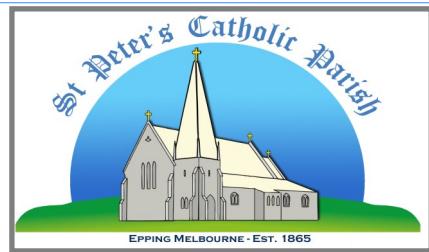


**20th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year B
18th August, 2024**

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
Sacrament Co-Ordinator: Sr Huyen 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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ASSISTANCE
 Free Call 1800 305 330

**REFLECTION
by Nick Brodie
From Liturgy Help**



'The Eucharist', Pope Francis famously said, 'is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.' Reflecting on today's Gospel passage, the Pope encourages us to avoid becoming 'arbiters of grace'. Rather, he says, we should be 'its facilitators'.

As the Pope points out, Jesus gives us the Eucharist 'with a specific purpose: that we may become one with him.'

'The Eucharist is Jesus himself who gives himself entirely to us', the Pope reminds us, which helps us to become a living 'gift to God and to our brothers and sisters.'

In one sense, we do this individually. Being nourished by the Eucharist, the Pope explains, 'means entering into harmony with the heart of Christ, assim-

ilating his choices, his thoughts, his behaviour.' Each of us therefore seeks to become what we consume.

But we do not do so alone. Communion is a celebration of the Body of Christ – the Church – which means we are being transformed together as the pilgrim People of God. Communion, the Pope says, 'means entering into a dynamism of love and becoming people of peace, people of forgiveness, of reconciliation, of sharing in solidarity.'

What this all means is that we should approach the Eucharist with openness to being changed, individually and collectively, into the Bread of Life for all.



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

Other: Joseph Stanley Noronha (prayers for good health on his 75th birthday)

Recent Death: Dorothy Foley, George Cardona, Carmena Cardona

Anniversary: Mary Xavier, Yolaine Bignoux, Christian, Lilliane & Guy Mootealoo, Doris & Donald Browne & Lydia Joseph, Georgina Facciol

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



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

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading Proverbs 9:1-6

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Wisdom has built herself a house,
she has erected her seven pillars,
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine,
she has laid her table.
She has despatched her maidservants
and proclaimed from the city's heights:
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'
To the fool she says,
'Come and eat my bread,
drink the wine I have prepared!
Leave your folly and you will live,
walk in the ways of perception.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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. Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. (R.)
3. Come children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? (R.)
4. Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace. (R.)

Second Reading Ephesians 5:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which
has come down from
heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Communion Antiphon

I am the living bread that came down from heaven,
says the Lord.

Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.



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 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.

If you have not yet paid this year's contribution please note the Parish banking details for Direct Deposit is the **Church Account as listed above** and please include the reference: - Your eldest child & family name.

The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign

is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductible.

Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund 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 and evangelisation ministries.

Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift to help us continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials. I invite you to give generously to this important campaign.

**Donation Sundays are the
18th August and 25th August**

PARISH HOLY HOUR

"If we stand in front of the sun, we get a tan, but if we stand before the Blessed Sacrament, we become saints."

Blessed Carlo Acutis

Join for an hour of silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday evenings, concluding with the Office of Compline (Night Prayer of the Church).

7.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7.50pm Compline and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Seminarian Rhys Lowther

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online Diaconate information meeting
Tuesday, 24 September / 19:30 – 21:00

Location: via ZOOM

Attendance will be by invitation.

Express your interest by emailing
Deacon Kevin Pattison

Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest



Prayer for Life

**Saturday 31st August 2024
Mass in Reparation For Abortion**

9.00am at St Patrick's Cathedral
Celebrant: Fr. Victor Farrugia

Followed by a

Rosary Procession

To the edge of the 150m zone from the abortion centre in Wellington Parade, (opposite Jolimont Station ramp exit) East Melbourne **to pray and witness**

**Concluding with morning tea
In the Fitzroy Gardens**
Parking available off Lansdowne Street

ALL WELCOME

Sponsored by:-
Helpers of God's Precious Infants
PO Box 2108 Gladstone Park 3043
Ph. 0407 090 367

Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
24/8	5pm	Leeni Joshua	Don Vandenberg	Noel Henrisson	
	6.30pm	Joah Bahen	Jaelene Jijo	Charlie Aganetti	
25/8	9am	Nicholas Sceneay	Christine Paterson	Bernie Dias	
	10.30am	Candice Correya	Gabrielle Godinho	Stella Galea	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
17/8		Bessy Matthews, Volunteer	31/8		Elizabeth Rozario, Shenelle Toshack
24/8		Thi Nguyen, Binoey John	7/9		Anna Arimatea, Martin Family



Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

19/8 Monday: Week 20 Ordinary Time

Readings: Ezek 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22;

20/8 Tuesday: **St Bernard**, abbot, doctoe

Readings: Ezek 28:1-10, Mt 19:23-30

21/8 Wednesday: **St Pius X**, pope

Readings: Ezek 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16;

22/8 Thursday: **The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Readings: Ezek 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14;

23/8 Friday: Week 20 Ordinary Time

Readings: Ezek 37:1-14, Mt 22:34-40;

24/8 Saturday: **St Bartholomew**, apostle

Readings: Rev 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51;

25/8 Sunday : 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Josh 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32;
Jn 6:60-69;

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 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.

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 19th August @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 - 24th September @ 7pm

Legion of Mary - 5.30pm Thursdays

Bible Study:- (via Zoom) Next date 27th August @ 8pm

Meeting ID: 839 2982 4448 **Code:-** 985806

Liturgy Group - Next meeting - 25th September @ 7pm

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 - Next program late 2024 to early 2025

Parish Based Sacramental Programs:-

Next Programs are in 2025

St Vincent de Paul—

Third Tuesday of the month at 7pm

Syuro Malabar - Monday evenings in the church