

**16th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Year B  
21st July, 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  
**Sick & Homebound Co-Ordinator:** Sr Phuong Nguyen LHC  
**Parish Secretary:** Michelle Hood  
*(Mon- 9-3pm, Tue-Wed 9.30am-3.30pm)*  
**Office Admin:** Christine Paterson  
*(Wed & Fri 10am—3pm)*  
**Seminarian:** Rhys Lowther

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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 Fr Michael Tate  
 Dividing Walls of Enmity**

In the Temple precinct in Jerusalem there was a stone barrier separating the inner area into which only Jewish people could enter. A non-Jew would cross the barrier under pain of death. This is the 'dividing wall of enmity' to which St Paul refers, and which has been torn down by Jesus Christ in whom a new humanity is being created where discrimination or segregation is to have no place.

It is to the great shame of the Catholic Church that it collaborated in putting the Jewish people behind dividing walls of enmity in the ghettos of Europe. It is to the great credit of St John Paul II that much of this enmity was overcome, symbolised when he pressed a prayer into a cleft between stones of the Wailing Wall of the Old Temple.

Every week we come to Mass in response to Our Lord's invitation in to-

day's gospel: 'Come away and rest a while.' Our Lord is saying 'Come away by yourselves so that I can nourish you with Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink which is my Holy Communion with you.'

Yes, we do that as a moment celebrating our distinctive identity, but always as a prelude to the great task. We are to go out and break down the various 'dividing walls of enmity': racism, caste and class, historical grievances, sexist subjugation.

We could take a moment to pray that we imitate St John Paul II in pressing our prayers and actions into whatever opportunities present themselves so as to break down dividing walls of enmity within our families, local communities and even around the world.

**Requests to Offer Mass**

All requests to Offer Mass must be sent to the Parish Office by Wednesday afternoon. These requests are then forwarded to the priests.

It is not appropriate to approach the priest just before the beginning of mass, as he already has the names of those he has been asked to offer mass for.

Thank-you to those who have been forwarding their requests early as this makes it very easy for the priests to be prepared.

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

**Other:**

**Recent Death:**

**Anniversary:** Charlie Gatt, Eunice Moore

**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.*



**Rite of Welcome for Baptism**

Aurelia Fogas



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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## 21st July, 2024

### Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

### First Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff,  
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

### Second Reading Ephesians 2:13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Mark 6:30-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

### Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,  
has made a memorial of his wonders;  
he gives food to those who fear him.



**TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO  
ST PETER'S PARISH**

**1st Collection / Presbytery**

Supports our parish Priests and 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**

**Parish Census**

Over the next three weeks, we invite each member of our parish to participate in our census process. By completing the census form, which will be made available during Mass from this week, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community.

Data from this census will also enable the parish to strategically plan for important events, ministries, and other future endeavours. Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality.

Thank you

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!**

Parents of those interested in serving at Mass are invited to email or speak with Seminarian Rhys Lowther: [Rhys.Lowther@cam.org.au](mailto:Rhys.Lowther@cam.org.au).

Parents of existing servers are also asked to supply their email so we can co-ordinate a roster and training. Primary and secondary students (boys & girls) and young adults are welcome.

We will have a training session on **Saturday 10 August**. More details will be sent by email.

“To be Christ’s page at the altar, to serve Him freely there.

Where even the Angels falter, bowed low in reverent prayer.

To touch the throne most holy, To hand the gifts for the feast,

To see Him meekly, lowly, Descend at the word of the priest.”

- St John Berchmans, *Poem to an Altar Server*.



**OUR WEEKLY THANK-YOU –Number 7**

Visiting those in need.

Thanks to the parishioners who visit the sick, the elderly and the needy in their homes or in hospital.

Companionship and communication with others is so important and for those taking the Eucharist to these people enables them to continue the practice of their faith.

**PRAYER:-** God of all goodness, Look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted. Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them. When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties. When they are afraid, give them strength and courage.

**SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY**

The annual Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College is on **Saturday 10 August**. It is an opportunity for men to visit the seminary, hear from the Archbishop, students, and staff.

Vocations Office at [vocations@cam.org.au](mailto:vocations@cam.org.au)

For any enquiries, please don't hesitate to contact our office .

In Christ,

Fr Dishan Candappa Vocations Director

**ST MONICA'S COLLEGE EPPING  
ENROL NOW FOR YEAR 7, 2026**

Dear Parents/Guardians & Carers,

Applications for Grade 5 students starting Year 7 in 2026 are now open and will close on Friday, 16 August 2024.

Application for enrolment is available on the St Monica's College Website:

[www.stmonicas-epping.com/apply](http://www.stmonicas-epping.com/apply).

Click on the apply button to complete your online form and submit with documentation required.

If you would like to attend a school tour, please visit our website to make a booking.

For enquiries, please contact the College Registrar, Mrs Lina Sirianni on 9409 8800 or email [registrar@stmonicas-epping.com](mailto:registrar@stmonicas-epping.com).

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
OF VICTORIA AND WAGGA WAGGA

*Living with Joy*

WITH  
**FR FRANKIE**

**WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
Saturday 17 August 2024  
9.30am to 4pm  
CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP CENTRE (EAST MELB.)  
Holy Mass, Adoration, Confession  
Three inspiring talks by Fr Frankie:  
Joy of the Gospel  
Sharing the Greatest Love Story  
God Who Heals

**FR FRANKIE MULGREW**  
was a professional entertainer before answering a calling to become a Catholic priest.

**TICKETS**  
\$80 - Lunch & Morning/Afternoon Tea Included  
Special Offer - 2 for 1 deal (Exclusively for those under 35!)

**BOOKING OPTIONS**  
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Email: [info@cwlvicwv.org.au](mailto:info@cwlvicwv.org.au)

Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
27/7	5pm	Noel Henrisson	Don Vandenberg	Melinda Pereyra-Henriques	
	6.30pm	Sheriz Moreno	Jaelene Jijo	Joan Bahen	
28/7	9am	Christine Paterson	Dhiana Dias	David Howard	
	10.30am	Julie Cowell	Oswald Correya	Stella Galea	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
	20/7	Raju Sankaranarayan, Volunteer	3/8		Nicholas Sceneay, Anthony Fakhri
	27/7	Jeanelle Extross, Annie Chakramakkil	10/8		Cyriac George, Anjith Abraham



## Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

22/7 Monday: **St Mary Magdalene**

Readings: Song 3:1-4; OR 2 Cor 5:14-17;  
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

23/7 Tuesday: 16th Week of Ordinary Time

Readings: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50;  
**St Bridget**, religious

24/7 Wednesday: 16th Week of Ordinary Time

Readings: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9;  
**St Sharbel Makhluf**, priest

25/7 Thursday: **St James**, apostle

Readings: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28;

26/7 Friday: **St Joachim & Anne**, parents of Mary

Readings: Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23;

27/7 Saturday: 16th Week of Ordinary Time

Readings: Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30;

28/7 Sunday : 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 2 Kg 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15;  
**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**

## 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](mailto: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 from 3pm Friday

## 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 23rd July @ 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

**Syro Malabar** - Monday evenings in the church