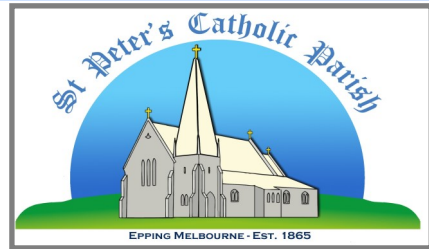


**25th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year B
22nd Sept, 2024**

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
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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

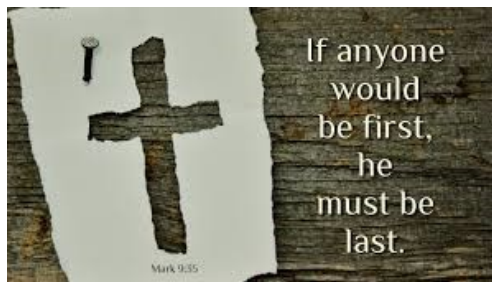
St Mary of the Cross Mackillop
 47 Farmhouse Boulevard, Epping North
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Mary Glowrey Catholic Primary School
 10 Baltrum Drive, Wollert
 Principal: Tim Kelly Ph: 8579 6505

Carlo Acutis Catholic Primary School
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 Principal: Damian Howard

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL ASSISTANCE
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REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA From Liturgy Help

Who are the righteous? This is a question that holds little interest today. We are more concerned with the successful and the famous. We want people to be honest, at least in their dealings with us, but we are more apt to applaud those who are clever. We commend people for making a good deal, for knowing how to get ahead or striking it rich. We extol the beautiful, the strong, the self-assured, those who have made a name for themselves, those who entertain us. We encourage people to be ambitious. Seldom is popularity based on righteousness.

Yet righteousness is a pillar of the reign of God. Those who would enter that reign must be gentle and merciful, faithful and sincere, lovers of peace. They must be willing to take the last place, to be the servant of all. The right-

eous are not often held in high regard. They are often ridiculed and even persecuted. When they are considered a reproach to the standards of society, they may even be put to death.

There are times when we might be inclined to envy and resentment, not wanting to feel morally inferior, and we might relish the opportunity of putting the virtue of others to the test. We may say that we want to draw forth their strengths, when we really hope their weaknesses will be revealed and they will prove to be no better than we are.

Sometimes the righteous have nowhere else to turn but to Jesus, whose life they are following and into whose death they have been plunged.



Padre Pio

Born: 25 May 1887,

Died: 23 September 1968 (age 81 years),

Buried: 26 September 1968, Sanctuary of Saint Mary our Lady of Grace, San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy

Canonized: 16 June 2002,

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, Elliott Donovan

Other:

Recent Death:

Anniversary: Paolo Selva, Brendon Nugent

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

Ronnie James Casha
 James Laurie Bennett
 Hannah Charlotte Cook
 Oliver Liam Cook
 Chloe Elise Shepherd



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

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves,

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)
2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. (R.)
3. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

Second Reading James 3:16 – 4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by

force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'



Communion Antiphon

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

A Morning Prayer for Children

Jesus, help my eyes to see
All the good you send to me.
Jesus, help my ears to hear
Calls for help from far and near.
Jesus, help my feet to go
In the way that You will show.
Jesus, help my hands to do
All things loving, kind, and true.



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.

Please note the Parish banking details for Direct Deposit are the Church Account as listed above and please include the reference: - Your eldest child & family name.

21st September is the "International Day of Peace"

The following article is from the website of the Melbourne Archdiocese

"Caritas Australia Condemns Historic Humanitarian Death Toll"

By Caritas Australia 20th August 2024

In 2023, 280 aid workers were killed globally, which is twice as many as any other year in the past decade. So far this year, 170 humanitarians have been killed.

Prior to the outbreak of conflict in Gaza, a report revealed South Sudan to be the most dangerous place for aid workers, with 40 attacks leaving 22 dead. Since 7 October, the UN has **reported** the deaths of at least 250 aid workers in only ten months, in just one small enclave of 360 square kilometres. Meanwhile, humanitarian workers and their activities are supposed to be protected by international humanitarian law.

Damian Spruce, Advocacy Associate Director at Caritas Australia, said of the historic death toll, 'At its most basic level, international humanitarian law demands rapid and unimpeded humanitarian access, freedom of movement for humanitarian workers, and the protection of civilians, including medical and aid workers. It also demands the protection of refugees, prisoners, the wounded and sick.

'From day one of any conflict—whether it be in Sudan, Ukraine, Gaza or anywhere else in the world—civilians, humanitarians and medical workers should be protected. This is something we agreed upon as a global, human family, as we enshrined it in international law.'

Nearly 300 million are expected to need humanitar-

ian assistance this year ... One in five children is now living in or fleeing from conflict, and 258 million people face food insecurity

Alongside this death toll, the burden on humanitarian workers has continued to grow. Nearly 300 million people are expected to need humanitarian assistance this year. The convergence of increased conflict, the global climate emergency and economic pressures is cited as being behind this sharp increase in demand on humanitarian response.

People are twice as likely to be forcibly displaced now than they were ten years ago, with outbreaks of cholera increasing as people enter crowded refugee camps and lose access to clean water and sanitation.

'Australia has a diplomatic and financial role to play in helping address the dire challenges facing the world,' said Mr Spruce. 'Currently, our international aid budget is just 0.8 per cent of our overall budget. Caritas Australia is supporting the Safer World for All campaign, which is backed by a coalition of 25 humanitarian aid agencies who are pushing for Australia to lift its aid budget in line with current global crises,' he concluded.

Caritas Australia supports vulnerable communities who have been affected by disasters and emergencies around the world, providing emergency shelter, food, clean water, medical care and psychosocial support to people in dire circumstances.



A Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the true King of peace.
In You alone is found freedom.

Please free our world from
conflict.

Bring unity to troubled nations.
Let Your glorious peace reign in
every heart.

Dispel all darkness and evil.
Protect the dignity of every human life.

Replace hatred with Your love.
Give wisdom to world leaders.

Free them from selfish ambition.
Eliminate all violence and war.

Glorious Virgin Mary,
Saint Michael the Archangel,

Every angel and saint:
Please pray for peace.

Pray for unity amongst nations.
Pray for unity amongst all people.

Pray for the most vulnerable.
Pray for those suffering.

Pray for the fearful.

Pray for those most in need.

Pray for us all.

Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, hear our prayers.

Jesus, I trust in You!

Amen

From "My Catholic Life"

Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
28/9	5pm	Leeni Joshua	Grace O'Brien	Noel Henrisson	
	6.30pm	Sherwin Moreno	Sheriz Moreno	Joan Bahen	
29/9	9am	Nicholas Sceneay	Christine Paterson	Lesleigh Madden	
	10.30am	Anne Toshack	Julie Cowell	Andrew Dipierdomenico	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
21/9		Anthony Fakhry, Binoey John	5/10		Russel Sequeria,
28/9		Bessy Mathews, Nicholas Sceneay	12/10		Raju Sankaranarayan, Volunteer



Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

23/9 Monday: **St Pius of Pietrelcina**, priest
Readings: Prov 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18;

24/9 Tuesday: 25th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Prov 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21;

25/9 Wednesday: 25th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Prov 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6;

26/9 Thursday: 25th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9;

27/9 Friday: **St Vincent de Paul**, priest
Readings: Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22;

28/9 Saturday: 25th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Eccl 11:9-12:8; Lk 9:43-45;

29/9 Sunday : 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6;
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Offertory Program

Dear Parishioners,
In two weeks, we will commence our Offertory Giving Campaign in our parish community, which will run over a three-week period. Giving generously is a way to deepen our faith and is a vital part of our identity as Christian worshippers. You are encouraged to engage prayerfully with the content presented and provided over this time and we look forward to growing and going deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.

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

If you would like the newsheet emailed to you please subscribe via our website.

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 21st October @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 Sept @ 7pm

Legion of Mary - 5.30pm Thursdays

Bible Study:- (via Zoom) Next date 24th Sept @ 8pm

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

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

Parish Holy Hour - There will be **NO HOLY HOUR on Tuesday 24 September** because I will be away for my annual retreat. The Tuesday night Holy Hour will recommence as normal the following week on Tuesday 1 October at 7pm.
Seminarian Rhys Lowther

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 - 2024 to 2025 Program 11th Sept to 7th Dec.
Resuming 5th Feb to 19th Apr

St Vincent de Paul

Third Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Parish House

Syro Malabar - Monday evenings in the church