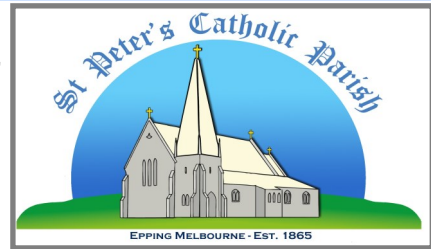


**28th Sunday of
Ordinary Time
Year C
12th October 2025**

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.



Parish Priest: Fr Anh Nguyen
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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

Principal: Claire Pitcher Ph: 8432 4500

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10 Baltrum Drive, Wollert

Principal: Tim Kelly Ph: 8579 6505

Carlo Acutis Catholic Primary School

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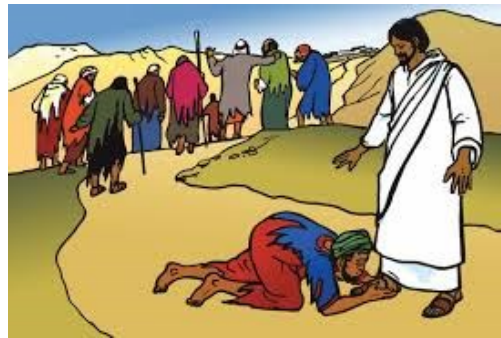
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400 Dalton Road, Epping

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Free Call 1800 305 330



**Section of the NEW TESTAMENT
COMMENTARY by Mary Coloe PBVM'**

Seeing miracles

On the way to Jerusalem'; these opening words remind us of the great journey Jesus is taking from his home territory of Galilee towards Jerusalem. On this journey, Jesus takes the border road, skirting the hostile territory of Samaria, for as a Jew he would not be welcome. Here, on the outskirts of the territory he meets a group of outcasts, both Jew and Samaritan united in the common bond of leprosy.

The story is familiar to you, but have you ever considered the other nine lepers in this miracle story? They too were cured. They did exactly what Jesus told them to do. They did what their religious laws demanded in going to the priests to be announced as clean and so able to join the praying community. But

it seems that they took their healing for granted and failed to see the miracle of God's goodness to them.

The one who does recognise the wonder of what has occurred is the foreigner, the one least likely to expect it. The God of Israel, the God of Jesus the Jew, has reached out beyond the boundaries of Judaism and the Samaritan realises this. Jesus then offers this Samaritan something more than the other nine. All ten were cured, but this foreigner is offered Salvation: 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

Where are you in this story? Are you with the nine, doing all the correct things but without perceiving the wonder of God's goodness to you? Or like the outsider, the Samaritan leper, can you see the miracles of God unfolding around you?

What is there in your own life that perhaps you take for granted – health, freedom from war or conflict, good education for your children, living in a democracy. We have much to be grateful for.

**A Quote from St Ignatius of Antioch
Feast Day 17th October**

"Do not have Jesus Christ on your lips, and the world in your hearts."

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,

Offering Masses this week for:-

Recently Deceased:- George Fernandes

Anniversary of Death:- Brigitte Tranquille, Rosa De Domenico,

Birthday Anniversary:- Reginald & Manel Dias

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

Isaac Zion

Maya Reese Saballa

Own Jenson Villafior



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

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First Reading 2 Kings 5:14-17

A reading from the second book of the Kings

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **(R.)**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.
If we disown him, then he will disown us.
We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'



Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

A Quote from St Teresa of Jesus Feast Day 15th October

Christ has no body now, but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks
compassion into the world.
Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do
good.



Yours are the hands with
which Christ blesses the world.



REQUEST— from FATHER KEVIN DILLON

For some years, the “Lifeboat Foundation” has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse with basic living costs, counselling, vehicle expenses – and just simply listening, believing and caring. The Foundation has been greatly assisted by donations of **unwanted cars** e.g. from deceased states, or people relinquishing their license etc., either to give to victims who need them, or selling them to raise funds.

You could help this important work (a) by identifying people who might **donate an unwanted motor vehicle**, and (b) **identifying someone to assist** in the administration of Lifeboat’s “Car Donation Project” e.g. speaking to potential donors of vehicles – it’s not complicated nor over-demanding of time.

If you can assist or would like more information about the “Lifeboat Foundation” and/or the “Car Donation Project”, contact **Fr. Kevin Dillon**
frkdillon@outlook.com.au or **0421 777 360**.



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With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God,
the honour of your presence is requested
at the Ordination to the Sacred Diaconate of

RHYS ALEXANDER LOWTHER

To be conferred by

The Most Rev. Martin Ashe DD

Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne

On Saturday 1 November 2025 at 11:00am

All Saints Day

St Anthony’s Catholic Church

90 Kees Road, Lara VIC 3212

Lunch to follow.

RSVP to rhys.lowther@cam.org.au



COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2026

COST:- \$10

We are now taking orders for next year’s Columban Calendar.

To place an order contact the Parish Office and leave your name, phone number and the number of calendars you wish to order.

Our parish order will be placed mid October and the calendars will arrive late November. You will be notified when they arrive for collection.

A MESSAGE FROM PARISH OFFICE REGARDING 2025 PARISH CONTRIBUTION OF \$520 FROM SCHOOL FAMILIES

There are still school families who have not paid this contribution. As you decided to send your child/children to one of our Parish Schools you also decided to support the life of the Parish practically and vitally.

We are now in Term 4 and you will receive a letter shortly from Father Anh reminding you of this payment and we ask that if you have not paid the \$520 yet please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you to all the school families who have already contributed and are still contributing on a regular basis.

Please note the Parish banking details for Direct Deposit.

INTERNET BANKING:

ACCOUNT NAME: EPPING CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH

BSB: 083 347 **A/C NO.** 65880 7871

REF: Your eldest child & family name

If you are experiencing difficulty please contact the Parish office on 9401 6300 or epping@cam.org.au.



The Jubilee—Pilgrims of Hope

....refers to the Catholic Church’s Jubilee Year of 2025, proclaimed by Pope Francis with the theme “Pilgrims of Hope”. This sacred

time, which began on Christmas Eve

2024 and ends on Epiphany 2026, is a period of spiritual renewal, forgiveness, and pilgrimage designed to foster hope and trust in a world affected by war, pandemic, and climate crisis.

Catholics can participate through spiritual journeys to Rome, local designated shrines, and by embodying the spirit of hope by caring for others and the environment

Theme: Pilgrims of Hope:

The central theme encourages a journey of faith, emphasizing the role of hope in navigating life’s challenges, fanning the flame of hope, and trusting in God’s love.

Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
18/10	5pm	Don Vandenberg	Leeni Joshua	Melinda Pereyra-Henriques	
	6.30pm	Sheriz Moreno	Sherwin Moreno	Charlie Aganetti	
19/10	9am	Christine Paterson	Kay Whelan	David Howard	
	10.30am	Tanya Johnston	Julie Cowell	Andrew Dipierdomenico	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
11/10		Dinesh Dias Family	26/10		Yosif Ayoub
18/10		Martin Family	1/11		Anjith Abraham, Binoey John

TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO ST PETER'S PARISH

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Supports our priests and the retired priests of the Archdiocese.

Presbytery Acc:- BSB 083 347 Acc. No. 65892 7670
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Church Acc:- BSB 083 347 Acc No. 65880 7871
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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

13/10 Monday: 28th Week in Ordinary Time

Readings: Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32;

14/10 Tuesday: 28th Week in Ordinary Time

Readings: Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41;

15/10 Wednesday: **St Teresa of Jesus**, virgin, doctor

Readings: Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46;

16/10 Thursday: 28th Week in Ordinary Time

Readings: Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54;

17/10 Friday: **St Ignatius of Antioch**, bishop, martyr

Readings: Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7;

18/10 Saturday: **St Luke**, evangelist

Readings: 2 Tim 4:10-17; Lk 10:1-9;

19/10 Sunday : 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14-4:2;
Lk 18:1-8;



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 20th Oct @ 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 December @ 6pm

Legion of Mary - 5.30pm Thursdays

Liturgy Group - Next meeting - 14th October @ 7pm

Parish Based Sacramental Programs:-

First Reconciliation: Completed for 2025

First Eucharist:- Completed for 2025

Confirmation:- Completed for 2025

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 - 2025—2026

Began on Wednesday 10th September

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