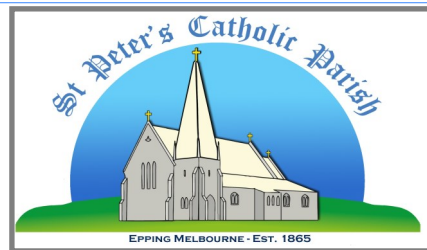


**21st Sunday of
Ordinary Time
Year B
25th August, 2024**

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
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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

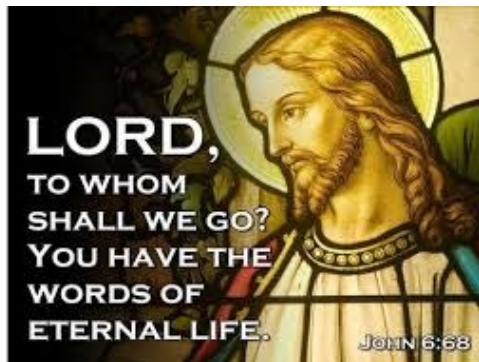
St Mary of the Cross Mackillop
47 Farmhouse Boulevard, Epping North
Principal: Claire Pitcher Ph: 8432 4500

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10 Baltrum Drive, Wollert
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58 Jardin Road, Wollert West. 3750
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400 Dalton Road, Epping
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ST VINCENT DE PAUL ASSISTANCE
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**REFLECTION by
Dianne Bergant CSA
from Liturgy Help**

The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. The disciples of Jesus had to decide if he was the one who would fulfill their messianic expectations. We have life decisions to make as well. How will we choose?

The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere? Because we face new challenges. The new demands placed on us may be so great, or the

commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him. The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer.

If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life.

The QR Code on the end of each row in the church and also near the two doors of the Church, is to make a payment, to support of our Parish. Full details on page three.

If you do not wish to take the newsheet home after mass, please return it to the slots near the two doors.

When you leave the church, please do not leave tissues, water bottles and other rubbish behind. Take your rubbish with you.

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: Thanksgiving for Wallace Raymond. 7th Birthday of Cecilia Garrett.

Recent Death:

Anniversary: Carmela and Harry Demarco, Samuel Dias, Giacomo Gulino

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

Ryder Farrugia



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 ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day
long.

First Reading Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

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. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. (R.)
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)
4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

Second Reading Ephesians 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord,

since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.
The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him up on the last day.



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

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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.

The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign

If you would like to contribute to this campaign you may still do so this weekend. There are cards near both doors of 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.

Today is the last weekend of the campaign



Catholic Mission thanks the parish of St Peter's for your support of this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal. Your generosity has empowered

Church workers across 1047 mission dioceses, allowing them to spread the message of hope and love within their local communities. Your contribution of \$415.32 has been most gratefully received.

Through your partnership with Catholic Mission, Cardinal Giorgio Marengo from Mongolia can continue providing life-saving treatment and essential resources for health, education, as well as spiritual and physical well-being. Your gift not only transforms individual lives but also fuels mission programs globally, reaching out to those in need. Many thanks!

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 us for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday evenings for the remainder of 2024 (Year of Prayer), concluding with the Office of Compline (Night Prayer of the Church).

7.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7.45pm Compline and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Seminarian Rhys Lowther



Epping Conference of St. Vincent de Paul ...

wishes to thank our 3 Primary Schools for their wonderful support this Winter. Each school has collected toiletries which have been helping many families in our Parish area. Thank you to the children and to parents for supporting the schools in this endeavour.



A sample of the donations received.

Thank you



MILL PARK LIBRARY

394 Plenty Rd
Mill Park 3082

Sunday 22 September
10.30am - 11.30am

Relaxed Storytime is for families who have members with **special needs**, such as **ASD and sensory or communication disabilities**. It allows them to experience Storytime in a way which **meets their needs**.

Bookings essential.
Phone (03) 9437 8189 for more information.



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Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
31/8	5pm	Noel Henrisson	Grace O'Brien	Angela Vandenberg	
	6.30pm	Sheriz Moreno	Joan Bahen	Volunteer	
1/9	9am	Christine Paterson	Kay Whelan	David Howard	
	10.30am	Julie Cowell	Oswald Correya	Andrew Dipierdomenico	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
24/8		Thi Nguyen, Binoey John	7/9		Anna Arimatea, Martin Family
31/8		Elizabeth Rozario, Shenelle Toshack	14/9		Cyriac George, Anjith Abraham



Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

26/8 Monday: 21st Week of Ordinary Time
Readings: 2 Thess 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22;

27/8 Tuesday: **St Monica**
Readings: 2 Thess 2:1-3; 14-17; Mt 23:23=26

28/8 Wednesday: **St Augustine**, bishop, doctor
Readings: 2 Thess 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32

29/8 Thursday: **The Passion of St John the Baptist**,
martyr
Readings: Jer 1:17-19; Mk 6:17-29;

30/8 Friday: 21st Week of Ordinary Time
Readings: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13;

31/8 Saturday: 21st Week of Ordinary Time
Readings: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30;

1/9 Sunday : 22 Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27;
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23;
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION

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 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 27th Aug @ 8pm

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

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

Parish Based Sacramental Programs:-
Next Programs are in 2025

Parish Holy Hour - Eucharistic Adoration @ 7pm Tuesdays

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

St Vincent de Paul—
Third Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Parish House

Syro Malabar - Monday evenings in the church