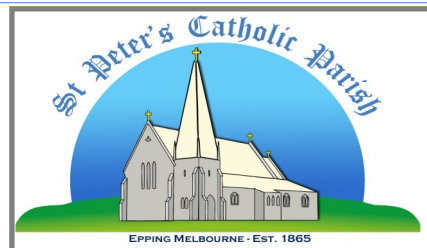


30th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C 26th October 2025

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
Sacrament Co-Ordinator: Sr Huyen Nguyen LHC
Sick & Homebound Co-Ordinator: Sr Phuong Nguyen LHC

Parish Secretary: Michelle Hood
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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

November—the month of the Holy Souls Parish Memorial Book

From this weekend the Parish Memorial Book will be set up in the church and there is also a Memorial Book for SMCM. These books are for parishioners to add the names of those who have died and we will pray for them at all masses in the month of November.

Please Note :- As the names of all those we will be praying for will be listed in these books, there will be no personal requests for offering mass during the month of November.

All Saints Day -Saturday 1st November

Masses on this day that will be the readings of 'All Saints Day' i.e. 9.15am

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) - Sunday 2nd November

Masses on Saturday Evening - 5pm & 6.30pm and Sunday Morning - 9am & 10.30am will be the readings of All Souls Day



COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2026 COST:- \$10

Orders close on the 31st October. The calendars will arrive in November for those who have ordered a copy.

We do not order extra copies. We only order for those who put their name on the list in the parish office.

RED NOVEMBER Aid to the Church in Need

This November we ask you to stand with the persecuted Christians through RED NOVEMBER. Cathedrals across Australia will light up in red, and many parishes will celebrate Red November Masses.

You can download a free copy of the latest **Religious Freedom Report**.

Visit www.rednovember.org to find out more.

SPECIAL COLLECTION -THIS WEEKEND

We will be asking for donations to enable the parish to provide a gift for Rhys as he is ordained. He will be able to purchase any items he may need. Please bring along some cash to the masses for this gift

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, Colleen Paterson

Offering Masses this week for:- Recovery from ill health & surgery:- Janet McLeod

Recently Deceased:- Carmelo Tosto, Richard Ellis, John Myrtath

Death Anniversary:- Leonardo De Lorenzo, Gervasio Tonietta

Repose of Souls:- Anthony & Sibil Correya

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

Theodore Yi Xian Yeaman-Chin
Ellen-Rose Chantelle Johns
Jordan Raymond Thomas



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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26th October, 2025

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of
a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God will be
accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

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 just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. (R.)
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and
the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the
good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I
have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the
crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord,
the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not
only to me but to all those who have longed for his Ap-
pearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not
a single witness to support me. Every one of them desert-

ed me – may they not be held accountable for it. But
the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that
through me the whole message might be proclaimed
for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the
lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil at-
tempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly king-
dom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

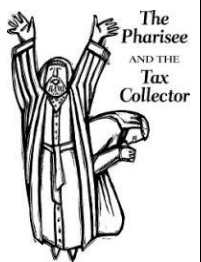
Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted
to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel accord-
ing to Luke.

Jesus spoke the following parable to
some people who prided themselves on
being virtuous and despised everyone
else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a
Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood
there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God,
that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of
mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax col-
lector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get."
The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring
even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast
and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I
tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other
did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be hum-
bled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'



Communion Antiphon

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
as a fragrant offering to God.

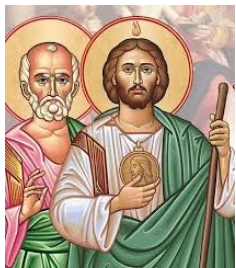
SPECIAL EVENT

SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

9AM MASS & 10.30AM MASS

**These masses will be celebrated by
Rhys Lowther and Ian Vergal
(recently ordained Deacons)**

Stay for a cup of tea / coffee after mass.



From “My Catholic Life”

Sts Simon & Jude Feast Day 28th October

Simon is not Simon Peter, the Prince of the Apostles, but rather “Simon the Cananean” (Matthew and Mark) and “Simon the Zealot” (Luke and Acts). Both names mean the same thing. “Cananean” does not refer to the Land of Canaan but is a translation of an Aramaic word meaning “zealous.”

It’s interesting to note that Jesus chose a variety of different people as His Apostles. Perhaps the most stark contrast is found between Simon the Zealot and Matthew the tax collector. As a zealot, Simon would have been very committed to his Jewish identity and would have been firmly opposed to Roman oppression and taxation. He would have had an immediate aversion to Matthew, who previously served the Romans by collecting taxes for them from the Jews. The fact that Jesus did not choose like-minded Apostles shows His inclusion of all people. Jesus did not have a favorite type of person. He was not bound by cultural ties, ideologies, or social classes. He was not nationalistic in the sense of being a separatist or isolationist. He was interested in all people, those of every background and experience, and His Apostles reveal that fact. Jesus might have chosen Simon because He wanted to reach out to those who were firmly committed to their Jewish heritage, traditions, and beliefs, and Simon was able to reach those people.

Jude is referred to as “Judas son of James” (Luke and Acts) and “Thaddeus” (Matthew and Mark). The only other reference that is certain about Jude comes from John’s Gospel during the Last Supper in which Jude is referred to as “Judas, not the Iscariot...” ([John 14:22](#)).

Regarding their deaths, nothing is known other than unreliable apocryphal sources, such as the *Passion of Simon and Jude*, and other fourth-century and later sources. One of the most common traditions is that Simon and Jude traveled to Persia to preach the Gospel and were both killed there in the year 65. Simon is traditionally believed to have been sawed in half, and Jude is traditionally believed to have been beaten with a club. They often appear in sacred art holding the instruments of their deaths. Other traditions state they ministered in Armenia, Beirut, Lebanon, Roman Britain, Egypt, and/or Samaria and died by arrows, crucifixion, and even a peaceful death.

As we honor these Apostles, what we know for certain is that they were instrumental in the early Church. Being among the first bishops, they bore the sacred responsibility of transmitting the Sacraments and the teachings of Jesus to a nascent Church.

Visiting our Parish

A Passionist Deacon will be in our parish on a fortnightly basis to celebrate Mass with us. He will begin his visits on the 25th October. Please make him welcome.



From “Australian Institute of Health and Welfare”

Volunteers substantially benefit their communities through providing important services to others. They may also bring new insights to the organisations or groups for which they volunteer, increase efficiencies and improve effectiveness.

Volunteering broadens people’s networks and professional skills, and serves as an indicator of wellbeing and social cohesion. It also has links to the economic and health status of a nation. By volunteering, people can become more outwardly focused, which may strengthen social interactions or even reduce anxiety (Department of Health 2019).

Have you considered volunteering in the Parish?

Reading at Mass, Special Minister at Mass
Church Cleaning, Visiting the Sick and Elderly
St Vincent DePaul, etc

It is easy to do. Just supply a Working With Children Check.



St Vincent de Paul Society
VICTORIA
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Christmas Hamper Appeal 2025

Preparations of hampers for local families in need this Christmas season have begun. We again have support from our 4 local schools and this year also from our new school, Carlo Acutis. We are also asking for support from you, our fellow parishioners, for donations, to assist in the making of the hampers. Suggestions for donations are below, but we are particularly in need of Celebration foods.

Donations can be left in the basket/boxes in St. Peter’s Church foyer and the Parish office.

End date for the collection is Sunday 7th December.

Envelopes will be placed in the Church for financial donations.

Donation Suggestions:

Christmas/Celebration items:

Cakes, Christmas Cake, Chocolate, Chocolate Coated Nuts, Chips, Crackers & nibbles, Family Pack Biscuits, Gingerbread, tinned Ham, Minced Fruit Tarts / Pies, Mixed Fruits, Nuts, Puddings, Shortbread, etc.

Pantry items: Also, gladly accepted.

Gifts for teenagers (eg: gift cards): Also gladly accepted.

We thank you in advance for all support you are able to provide.



Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
1/11	5pm	Leeni Joshua	Volunteer	Angela Vandenberg	
	6.30pm	Volunteer	Jaelene Jijo	Charlie Aganetti	
2/11	9am	Kay Whelan	Christine Paterson	David Howard	
	10.30am	Youth	Youth	Julie Cowell	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
25/10		Yosif Ayoub	8/11		Thi Nguyen, Leeni Joshua
1/11		Anjith Abraham, Binoey John	15/11		Volunteers

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



SCHOOL FAMILIES

2025 PARISH CONTRIBUTION OF \$520. Thank-you to those who have paid this contribution.

Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

27/10 Monday: 30th Week of Ordinary Time

Readings: Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17;

Melbourne: Anniv. of dedication of cathedral, 1897

28/10 Tuesday: **Sts Simon & Jude**, apostles

Readings:- Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-19

29/10 Wednesday: 30th Week of Ordinary Time

Readings: Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30;

30/10 Thursday: 30th Week of Ordinary Time

Readings: Rom 8:31-39; Lk 13:31-35;

31/10 Friday: 30th Week of Ordinary Time

Readings: Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6;

1/11 Saturday: **ALL SAINTS DAY**

Readings: Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12;

First Sat:- Pray for Devotion to Mary

2/11 Sunday: **ALL SOULS DAY**

Readings: To Be Confirmed



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 Thurs 20th Nov AGM @ 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 - TBC @ 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