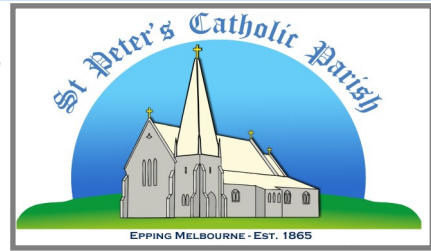


# Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Year C 9th Nov, 2025

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

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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



## Tents of God's Presence

The tabernacle in our churches should look like a tent with a cloth covering and 'tent flaps' at the front.

Why a tent? Because when the Jewish people escaped slavery in Egypt, they wandered through the wilderness for forty years carrying a tent where God's presence was especially strongly experienced. It was where they went for guidance and to pray for protection – to the travelling dwelling place of God.

At the beginning of St John's Gospel, we usually translate it to read that the Word of God 'became flesh and dwelt amongst us'. (John 1:14) The Greek word translated 'dwelt' could be better translated 'pitched his tent among us'! The Divine Presence is once again travelling around, this time embodied in Jesus of Nazareth. He personally is the true tent of God's Presence.

Death temporarily dismantled this tent but, as our Lord foresaw, the tent would be raised again in three days.

There is another way in which God's Presence is especially focused in the world, namely in you and me! St Paul calls the Christian community at Corinth: 'A holy building or temple in which God's Spirit dwells.'

Does our parish, does our Church, rise to the challenge and act in ways which reveal to the world who we are:

Tabernacles of God's Presence in the world,

Tents in whom God has chosen to dwell.

## Pope's Prayer Intention for November Prayer for Prevention of Suicide.

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



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**Pray for the Sick:** Roni & Michael Donovan, Robbie Abdelnour, Olga Olypios, 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:-

All the Souls of the Faithful Departed as listed in the Parish Memorial Books

## 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

Kanugalawaththage Perera  
Elijah Kai Seever  
Lillia Susie-Mae George  
Noah Michael Pedrazzoli



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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## 9th November 2025

### Entrance Antiphon

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,  
coming down out of heaven from God,  
prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

### First Reading Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) The waters of the river gladden the city of God.**

1. God is for us a refuge and strength,  
a helper close at hand, in time of distress:  
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,  
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea.

**(R.)**

2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
God is within, it cannot be shaken;  
God will help it at the dawning of the day. **(R.)**
3. The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.  
Come, consider the works of the Lord,

the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth.  
**(R.)**

### Second Reading 1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord,  
that my name may remain in it for all time.

Alleluia!

### Gospel John 2:13-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

### Communion Antiphon

Be built up like living stones,  
into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

## Parish Thanksgiving Envelopes

### Here are a few reminders:-

Please do not use old / out of date envelopes as these envelope numbers have been removed from the system. Only use current envelopes because you are assigned the number of the current envelope and we no longer have details of your old number. Throw all old envelopes away please.

Please write your family name on the envelope for ease of recording your donations.

If you miss a few weeks in sending in your envelopes you do not have to send all the envelopes together with individual donations in them. Just send the envelope with the most current date and place all your donations in the one envelope.

Remember we also have 'Direct Deposit' if you would like to change from envelopes.



### Christmas Hamper Appeal 2025



We are 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



## A Message from Deacon Rhys Lowther

Dear Fr Anh and Parishioners of Epping, Epping North and Wollert,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the great number who attended my diaconal ordination on All Saints Day. Thank you also to all those who contributed to the generous parish gift.

I am also grateful to all the parishioners who were not able to attend, but who have supported my vocation by your example, friendship and prayers during my time in Epping and beyond.

It was a joy to serve as Deacon at St Peter's on All Souls Day and I look forward to visiting again in the future.

Be assured of my prayers for you all.

God bless,  
Deacon Rhys Lowther.

### Remembrance Day

is a day when we acknowledge those who died or suffered while serving in wars, conflicts and peace operations. It is held on 11 November, the anniversary of the Armistice of 1918 that ended fighting in World War I. People in Australia and many other countries observe one minute's silence at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month because that's when the Armistice came into effect.



Tragically, over 103,000 names are listed on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial. Those listed were members of the Australian armed forces who died during their service or afterwards as a result of war service in World War I, World War II and post-1945 conflicts, warlike service, non-warlike service and certain peace operations.

Remembrance Day is a time for Australians to unite in solemn respect and remembrance for all those who died or suffered.



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### 2025 PARISH CONTRIBUTION FROM SCHOOL FAMILIES

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

**If you have not paid this contribution 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

| Date  | Mass     | Leader                               | Reader         | Special Ministers |                                      |
|-------|----------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 15/11 | 5pm      | Leeni Joshua                         | Volunteer      | Angela Vandenberg |                                      |
|       | 6.30pm   | Sheriz Moreno                        | Sherwin Moreno | Charlie Aganetti  |                                      |
| 16/11 | 9am      | Dinesh Dias                          | David Howard   | Bernie Dias       |                                      |
|       | 10.30am  | Anne Toshack                         | Oswald Correya | Cathy Gatt        |                                      |
|       |          |                                      |                |                   |                                      |
| Date  | Cleaning | Team                                 | Date           | Cleaning          | Team                                 |
| 8/11  |          | Thi Nguyen,<br>Leeni Joshua & Family | 22/11          |                   | Russel Sequeria, Merli Inovejas      |
| 15/11 |          | Volunteers                           | 29/11          |                   | Elizabeth Rozario, Shennelle Toshack |

### 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



### Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

10/11 Monday: **St Leo the Great**, pope, doctor  
**Readings:** Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6;

11/11 Tuesday: **St Martin of Tours**, bishop  
**Readings:** Wis 2:23 -3:9; Lk 17:7-10;

12/11 Wednesday: **St Josaphat**, bishop, martyr  
**Readings:** Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19;

13/11 Thursday: 32nd Week of Ordinary Time  
**Readings:** Wis 7:22 -8:1; Lk 17:20-25;

14/11 Friday: 32nd Week of Ordinary Time  
**Readings:** Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37;

15/11 Saturday: 32nd Week of Ordinary Time  
**Readings:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8;

16/11 Sunday : 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Readings:** Mal 3:19-20; 2 Thess 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19;

### 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: First Eucharist:- Confirmation:- Completed for 2025

**Inquiries for 2026 are welcome**

**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

