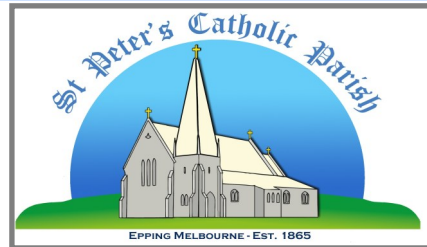


**23rd Sunday of
Ordinary Time
Year C
7th September
2025**

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.



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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

Principal: Damian Howard

St Monica's College

400 Dalton Road, Epping

Principal: Brian Hanley Ph: 9409 8800

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Free Call 1800 305 330

**The Archbishop's
Campaign**



Thank-you to everyone who has so generously made a pledge or gift to the 2025 Archbishop's Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated!

If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. This campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese.

Campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards are still available in the church.

You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishops campaign.

I encourage you to please give generously to the Campaign.



**SEPTEMBER IS THE
MONTH OF THE SEVEN
SORROWS OF MARY**

**THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR
SEPTEMBER**

For our relationship with all of creation.

Let us pray that, inspired by St Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8th September**



The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth.

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:-

Recent Death:- Victoria Godwin

Death Anniversary:- A. Prakash Mary, Samba Mary, Theresnathan, Joseph Hien Xuan Ho, Patrick & Yolanda Reeves, Vincent Emmanuel,

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.

Rite of Welcome for Baptism

LEELA ANUSHKA MOON
JAGGER MIDDLEBROOK
RIVER MIDDLEBROOK
LAKER MIDDLEBROOK
HANNAH BABU



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

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading Wisdom 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you
not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been straight-
ened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more,
still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a
child of mine, whose father I became while wearing
these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back
to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own
self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could
have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in

the chains that the Good News has brought me. Howev-
er, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it
would have been forcing your act of kindness, which
should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived
of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could
have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but
something much better than a slave, a dear brother;
especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a
blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all
that we have in common means anything to you, wel-
come him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 14:25-33

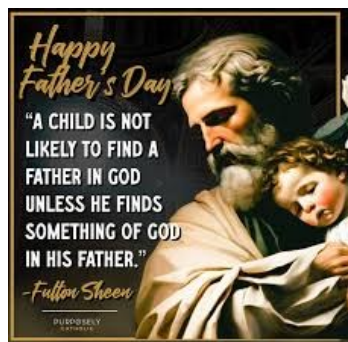
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he
turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me
without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers,
sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disci-
ple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come af-
ter me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a
tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to
see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he
laid the foundation and then found himself unable to
finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun
of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build
and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching
to war against another king would not first sit down and
consider whether with ten thousand men he could
stand up to the other who advanced against him with
twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was
still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for
peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disci-
ple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Communion Antiphon

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.



Navigating Father's Day: Healing and Reflection After Loss

By [Becky Langworthy](#) from "Catholic Voice"

This Sunday is Father's Day—a day to celebrate the Fathers and father figures in our lives and give thanks to God for this most precious gift of fatherhood. I must admit, I have had a complicated relationship with the Day since losing my own Father. I am reminded of how many steps I have taken without my Dad. The moments I wished he was here to share. The questions I will never get to ask him. All the times I have wondered what he would think of the paths we have taken.

Yet it is in mourning my Father that I am reminded of how much I have to be grateful for, and what an extraordinary blessing a good Father truly is.

In saying a good Father, I don't mean a perfect Father – for there is only one who is perfect. But in seeking to emulate our Heavenly Father, a good Father wholeheartedly dedicates himself to his vocation. He loves his children, is actively engaged in their lives, is concerned for their wellbeing, and does everything in his power to protect them from harm. As children of good Fathers, we are given an insight into how deeply cherished we are by the source of all love. We witness an example of how to follow our own unique path to sanctity.

We find the archetype of a good Father in Saint Joseph. A man who embraced all that God asked, regardless of whether it was the life he had hoped for. A man who abandoned all that was familiar, dwelling as a foreigner in a strange land, to protect the child entrusted to him. A man who nurtured and taught our Lord in his formative years. A man whose life is largely unknown to us, precisely because of his complete dedication to the mission he was given.

Pope Francis wrote in his 2020 letter *Patris Corde*, "Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way, he becomes a father to that person."

So today, and every day, let us give thanks for every man who assumes the mantle of Father: those who are currently Fathers, those who hope to be Fathers, and those Fathers who have gone before us.

You are each an incredible blessing and a revelation of the extraordinary love of God.

NOTICES FOR NEWSHEET

Items for the Parish Newsheet must be sent to the Parish Office by **12 Noon Wednesday** as the newsheet is emailed to parishioners and the schools that afternoon. **Contact 9401 6300 or email Epping@cam.org.au**

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



NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
7TH—13TH SEPTEMBER

RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

Religious communities play their part to protect and care for children and young people in our community by supporting families and promoting children and young people's health and wellbeing.

Be a positive role model. Children and young people learn from the people that they spend time with, so make your influence positive.

Facilitate a youth friendly environment by creating opportunities for children and young people to engage in and be heard.

A code of conduct for working with children and young people is a practical tool for promoting clear, consistent roles and behaviour. All staff and volunteers engaged in child related work must hold a valid Working With Children Check. When implemented and supported consistently, these policies work to protect children, workers and the organisation.



Thank-you from Catholic Women's League

The ladies of the CWL would like to thank all those who supported our stall last Sunday. We raised \$623.70. These funds will help us to provide assistance to the charities we support - "Good Samaritan Inn" that provides assistance for women & children escaping from domestic violence, St Vincent De Paul Epping Chapter and our parish when work to the church is needed.

Also thank-you to all those who donated milk for "Children First". This milk has been delivered to them. It is pleasing to know that this charity never has to buy milk for the children recovering there because our parishioners provide it all for them.

"No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great." — **St John Chrysostom**



Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
13/9	5pm	Don Vandenberg	Volunteer	Melinda Pereyra-Henriques	
	6.30pm	Sheriz Moreno	Sherwin Moreno	Volunteer	
14/9	9am	Christine Paterson	Leeni Joshua	Bernie Dias	
	10.30am	Julie Cowell	Lillian Abbew	Andrew Dipierdomenico	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
6/9		Russel Sequeria, Meril Inovejas	20/9		Raju Sankaranarayan. Deepak Bura
13/9		Volunteers	27/9		Anthony Fakhhry, Cyriac George

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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

8/9 Monday: **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Readings: Micah 5:1-4; Mt 1:1-16, 18-32;

9/9 Tuesday: 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

Readings: Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19;

10/9 Wednesday: 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

Readings: Col 3: 1-11; Lk 6:20-26;

11/9 Thursday: 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

Readings: Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38;

12/9 Friday: 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42;

13/9 Saturday: **St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor**

Readings: 1 Tim 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

14/9 Sunday: **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Readings: Num 21:4-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17:

Australia: Safeguarding Sunday

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 Sept @ 7pm

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

Begins on Wednesday 3rd 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