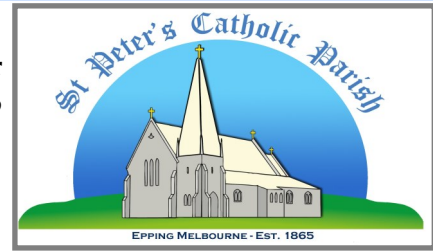


**7th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year C
23rd Feb 2025**

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

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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

What is a Sacristan?

A Sacristan is a member of the parish who is responsible for preparing the church for Mass and special liturgies.



The sacristan ensures that all necessary items are available and in their proper place, such as turning on the lights and getting the bread and wine ready before mass.

Some other responsibilities of a Sacristan are: care and maintenance of the sacristy for liturgical ceremony, assisting the priests as they ready for Mass, and ensuring Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes are present and ready before Mass begins.

Qualifications necessary to be a

good Sacristan include: a practicing adult Catholic who has received Confirmation and is able to show responsibility, knowledge and dedication to the liturgy; commitment to fostering volunteer participation within all groups and Masses; ability and willingness to commit to one regular Mass and during special liturgical seasons; attention to detail; excellent communication skills.

At St Peter's

At present we have very few Sacristans in our parish, only one parishioner for each mass (with a few parishioners who assist when the sacristan is unavailable).

These members of our community **are here every weekend** to carry out their role. It would be a great help for these generous people if some other adults in the parish would offer to join this small group.

Please think about joining this small group to carry out this important role.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Sacristan Team, please contact Father Anh for more details

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, Marie Garcia.

Offering Masses this week for:-

Death Anniversary of Reginald & Manel Dias

Death Anniversary of Samuel Dias

Death Anniversary of Camilo Toppi

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

Ariana Lorna Vieira de Rozario
Noah Marc La Brooy
Oliver Marc La Brooy
Ava-Marie Sharp



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

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

First Reading 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

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

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6:27-38

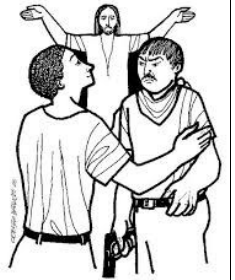
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

Communion Antiphon

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.



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Direct Debit and Credit Card are easier methods for the staff to manage and it also saves the expense of ordering more envelopes.

Please contact Michelle if you would like to make this change.

LENT

Lent 2025 begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 5th, and ends on Holy Thursday, April 17th.** (Why Thursday instead of Saturday, you ask? The answer is that the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday ushers in the special period known as the *Sacred Triduum*, which goes through the evening of Easter Sunday. The Triduum is not considered a part of Lent.)

You might also be wondering why Lent is approximately forty days long.

Lent is forty days because Jesus fasted in the wilderness forty days and forty nights before embarking on His public ministry.

But Jesus did not select the length of His fast at random. Throughout the Old Testament, a stretch of forty days (or years) always carried a deep meaning often related to **punishment, penance, and/or preparation.**

Here are a few examples:

- During Noah's time, God sent rain for forty days and forty nights to punish the earth with flood
- In consequence of their lack of faith, the Israelites wandered in the desert forty years before reaching the Promised Land
- The people of Nineveh fasted and repented to avert the wrath of God which the prophet Jonah predicted would come upon them in forty days

Both Moses and Elijah fasted forty days before or during important conversations with God

When the time came for Jesus to begin His public mission, He utilized this tradition. His mission was of an all-encompassing nature that taps into—and fulfills—all the biblical reasons for forty day events.

As the God-Man, He was embarking on His mission to be our Mediator—to converse with God on our behalf, as Moses and Elijah did in a prefigurative way. As the one Man Who came to bear the punishment due to all men, He evokes the repentance of Nineveh that averted the punishment of God.

His time in the desert—reminiscent of the Israelites' forty year sojourn—proffers the idea that He is deliberately taking on the punishment due to our faithlessness, which otherwise would keep us away from the Promised Land of Heaven.

The season of Lent is our great opportunity to enter into the desert with Christ. Even though it's still a ways off, let's start thinking about how we are going to approach this holy season before it sneaks up on us and finds us unprepared.

By [Rachel Shrader](#) From "Good Catholic

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Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
1/3	5pm	Don Vandenberg	Volunteer / Child	Melinda Pereyra-Henriques	
	6.30pm	Volunteer	Joan Bahen	Charlie Aganetti	
2/3	9am	Nicholas Sceneay	Christine Paterson	Des Madden	
	10.30am	Youth	Youth	Julie Cowell	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
22/2		Russel Sequeria, Delphine Fruvall			

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 for all details.

Catholic Women's League Next meeting 17th Feb @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 -TBC @ 7pm

Legion of Mary - 5.30pm Thursdays

Liturgy Group - Next meeting - TBC @ 7pm

Parish Based Sacramental Programs:-

1st Reconciliation:- Classes have already begun. No further bookings

Celebration of the Sacrament:- 7pm Tues 1st April

First Eucharist:- 6 Tuesdays from 29th April.

Celebration of the Sacrament:- 12pm Sat 7th June

Confirmation:- 7 Wednesdays from 30th April.

Celebration of the Sacrament:- 12pm Sat August 9th

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 Sr Phuong

RCIA - 2024 to 2025 Program 11th Sept to 7th Dec.
Resuming 5th Feb to 19th Apr

SMCM Catechism—4.15pm-5pm Saturdays

St Vincent de Paul

First Tuesday of the month at 6pm in the Parish House

Third Tuesday of the month at 6pm via Teams



Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

24/2 Monday: Week 7 Ordinary Time
Readings: Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29;

25/2 Tuesday: Week 7 Ordinary Time
Readings: Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37;

26/2 Wednesday: Week 7 Ordinary Time
Readings: Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:30-40;

27/2 Thursday: Week 7 Ordinary Time
Readings: Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50;

28/2 Friday: Week 7 Ordinary Time
Readings: Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12;

1/3 Saturday: Week 7 Ordinary Time
Readings: Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16;

First Saturday:- Pray for Devotion to Mary

2/3 Sunday : 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58;
Lk 6:39-45