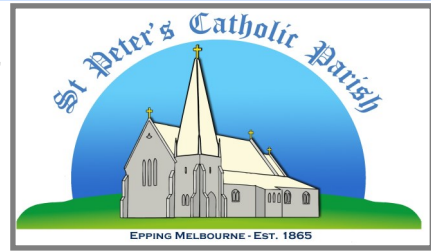


**17th Sunday of
Ordinary Time
Year B
28th July, 2024**

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
Assistant Priest: Fr Tien Van Tran
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



**A young
lad and
the
hungers
of
humanity**

The disciples fell into the verbal trap which Jesus set. They believed that market forces should dictate how the hunger of the crowd could be satisfied. It was a young lad who put the disciples to shame, simply handing over five barley loaves and two fish to Jesus. It was because of his generosity that Divine generosity was able to feed the crowd.

Divine desire to satisfy the hungers of humanity for the various necessities of life (food, shelter, companionship, education, medicines) require human generosity. Otherwise, Divine Compassion cannot be effective in the world.

Voluntary renunciation of property and sharing of wealth still occurs in the little oases of monasteries and convents, echoes of the radical redistribution of wealth recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 4:32-35). St Luke makes it clear that this was essentially linked to the Apostles' testifying to the Resurrection 'with great power'.

Francis of Assisi and now Francis of Buenos Aires remind us that the Church itself needs to engage in the redistribution of its wealth to enable the hungers of humanity to be satisfied. This will give authenticity to its preaching of the Gospel, and enable its evangelising to be undertaken 'with great power'.

We could take a moment to pray that we become more like the little boy in the Gospel, more like Francis of Assisi, more like Francis of Buenos Aires, voluntarily sharing our wealth to satisfy the hungers of humanity.

Parish Census -Week 2

By completing the census form, which will be made available during Mass, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community.

Data from this census will also enable the parish to strategically plan for important events, ministries, and other future endeavours.

We ask all families to complete a form please.

Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality. Thank 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

Other: Greg Short (birthday anniversary)

Recent Death:

Anniversary: Myriam Bugwondeen, Eva Tranquille, Annalisa Tonietto, Annamkuty Johnson

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

Aurelia Fogas
Ryder Farrugia
Jorgia Maria Bongiorno



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

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading 2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from the second book of the Kings

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.**

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.



Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.



OUR WEEKLY THANK-YOU – Number 8

We acknowledge and thank all those who Read, Lead and are Special Ministers at all celebrations of the Eucharist.

There are those who assisted in the past, those on current rosters and those who step-in on the day when a volunteer is needed.

It is good to hear many different voices during Masses.

**TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO
ST PETER'S PARISH**

1st Collection / Presbytery

Supports our parish Priests and priests of the Archdiocese.

Presbytery Acc:-

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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

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

Parents of those interested in serving at Mass are invited to email or speak with Seminarian Rhys Lowther: Rhys.Lowther@cam.org.au.

Parents of existing servers are also asked to supply their email so we can coordinate a roster and training. Primary and secondary students and young adults are welcome.

We will have a training session on **Saturday 10 August**. More details will be sent by email.

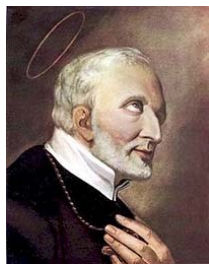
“To be Christ’s page at the altar, to serve Him freely there.

Where even the Angels falter, bowed low in reverent prayer.

To touch the throne most holy, To hand the gifts for the feast,

To see Him meekly, lowly, Descend at the word of the priest.”

- St John Berchmans, *Poem to an Altar Server*.



St. Alphonsus Liguori –Feast Day 1st August

was patron saint of moral theologians because of his brilliance; he is also patron saint of the work of lay people because of his productivity.

He was born in 1696 in Naples, Italy, the oldest of seven children. He was soon known as a child prodigy—he earned a doctorate in law by the age of 16. At 21 he had his own legal practice and soon became a leading lawyer in Naples.

His law practice immersed him in the world, and he found escape in music and in visiting the sick. While visiting people suffering from terminal illnesses, he felt a distinct call to leave the world and to give himself to God. He began to study theology, even though his family protested, and was ordained a priest when he was 29.

He became known for his clear, direct, and simple preaching, and he would travel to parishes around Naples giving missions. He became a sought-after theologian and writer and founded the Congregation of the Most

Holy Redeemer, known as the Redemptorists, in 1750.

He was appointed bishop of an area near Naples, and he worked tirelessly to educate the laity and reform seminaries.

He died in 1787 and nearly 100 years later, he was declared a doctor of the Church, a title given to 37 saints who are known for elucidating the faith by their words or example. His relics rest in the reliquary chapel in the Basilica.

From the University of Notre Dame

**ST MONICA'S COLLEGE EPPING
ENROL NOW FOR YEAR 7, 2026**

Dear Parents/Guardians & Carers,

Applications for Grade 5 students starting Year 7 in 2026 are now open and will close on Friday, 16 August 2024.

Application for enrolment is available on the St Monica's College Website:

www.stmonicas-epping.com/apply.

Click on the apply button to complete your online form and submit with documentation required.

If you would like to attend a school tour, please visit our website to make a booking.

For enquiries, please contact the College Registrar, Mrs Lina Sirianni on 9409 8800 or email registrar@stmonicas-epping.com.



Let's Have a Laugh –sent in by a parishioner.

This old lady handed her bank card to the teller and said “I would like to withdraw \$10”. The teller told her “for withdrawals less than \$100, please use the ATM.” The old lady wanted to know why... The teller returned her bank card and irritably told her “these are the rules, please leave if there is no further matter. There is a line of customers behind you”. The old lady remained silent for a few seconds and handed her card back to the teller and said “please help me withdraw all the money I have.”

The teller was astonished when she checked the account balance. She nodded her head, leaned down and respectfully told her “you have \$300,000 in your account but the bank doesn't have that much cash currently. Could you make an appointment and come back again tomorrow? The old lady then asked how much she could withdraw immediately. The teller told her any amount up to \$3000.

“Well please let me have \$3000 now.” The teller kindly handed \$3000 very friendly and with a smile to her. The old lady put \$10 in her purse and asked the teller to deposit \$2990 back into her account.

The moral of this story is.... Don't be difficult with old people, they have spent a lifetime learning skills.

Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
3/8	5pm	Leeni Joshua	Grace O'Brien	Noel Henrisson	
	6.30pm	Joan Bahen	Volunteer	Charlie Aganetti	
4/8	9am	Des Madden	Nicholas Sceneay	Sebastian Antony	
	10.30am	Youth	Youth	Andrew Dipierdomenico	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
27/7		Jeanelle Extross, Volunteer	10/8		Cyriac George, Anjith Abraham
3/8		Nicholas Sceneay, Anthony Fakhri	17/8		Bessy Matthews, Volunteer



Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

29/7 Monday: **Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus**
Readings: 1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27 ;

30/7 Tuesday: Week 17 Ordinary Time
Readings: Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43;

31/7 Wednesday: **St Ignatius of Loyola**, priest
Readings: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46

1/8 Thursday: **St Alphonsus Liguori**, bishop, doctor
Readings: Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53;
First Thursday:- Pray for Consecrated Vocations

2/8 Friday: Week 17 Ordinary Time
Readings: Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58;;
First Friday:- Pray to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

3/8 Saturday: **St Dominic**, priest
Readings: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12;
First Saturday:- Pray for Devotion to Mary

4/8 Sunday : 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24;
Jn 6:24-35;

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 from 3pm Friday

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 19th August @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 September @ 7pm

Legion of Mary - 5.30pm Thursdays

Bible Study:- (via Zoom) Next date 23rd July @ 8pm
Meeting ID: 839 2982 4448 **Code:-** 985806

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

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

Parish Based Sacramental Programs:-
Next Programs are in 2025

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

Syro Malabar - Monday evenings in the church