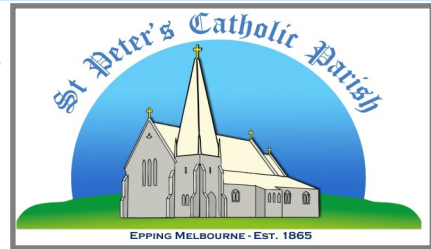


**19th Sunday of
Ordinary Time
Year C
10th August 2025**

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

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10 Baltrum Drive, Wollert

Principal: Tim Kelly Ph: 8579 6505

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Principal: Damian Howard

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400 Dalton Road, Epping

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**THE SACRAMENT
OF
CONFIRMATION**

265. What place does Confirmation have in the divine plan of salvation?

In the Old Testament the prophets announced that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the awaited Messiah and on the entire messianic people. The whole life and mission of Jesus were carried out in total communion with the Holy Spirit. The apostles received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and proclaimed "the great works of God" (Acts 2:11). They gave the gift of the same Spirit to the newly baptized by the laying on of hands. Down through the centuries, the Church has continued to live by the Spirit and to impart him to her children.

266. Why is this sacrament-called Confirmation?

It is called *Confirmation* because it confirms and strengthens baptismal grace.

267. What is the essential rite of Confirmation?

The essential rite of Confirmation is the anointing with Sacred Chrism (oil mixed with balsam and consecrated by the bishop), which is done by the laying on of the hand of the minister who pronounces the

sacramental words proper to the rite. In the West this anointing is done on the forehead of the baptized with the words, "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit".

268. What is the effect of Confirmation?

The effect of Confirmation is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit like that of Pentecost. This outpouring impresses on the soul an indelible character and produces a growth in the grace of Baptism. It roots the recipient more deeply in divine sonship, binds him more firmly to Christ and to the Church and reinvigorates the gifts of the Holy Spirit in his soul. It gives a special strength to witness to the Christian faith.

269. Who can receive this sacrament?

Only those already baptized can and should receive this sacrament which can be received only once. To receive Confirmation efficaciously the candidate must be in the state of grace.

270. Who is the minister of Confirmation?

The original minister of Confirmation is the bishop. In this way the link between the confirmed and the Church in her apostolic dimension is made manifest. When a priest confers this sacrament, the link with the bishop and with the Church is expressed by the priest who is the collaborator of the bishop and by the Sacred Chrism, consecrated by the bishop himself.

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, Colin Williams

Offering Masses this week for:-

Recently Deceased: Tessie Spiteri

Death Anniversary:- Dorothy Foley, Paul Borg, Reginald & Manel Dias, Thomas Fruvall

Memorial:- Lizzy John

Birthday Anniversary:- Bella & Harold De Rozario, Ottavio Cardamone.

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

Lorenzo San Martin
Ethan Bitzilis
Jordan Bitzilis



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

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading Wisdom 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that,
once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their
trust in, they would joyfully take courage.
This was the expectation of your people, the saving of
the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the
same act with which you took vengeance on our
foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.
The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in
secret and this divine pact they struck with one ac-
cord: that the saints would share the same blessings
and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to
chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for,
or prove the existence of the realities that at present re-
main unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were
commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out
for a country that was the inheritance given to him and
his descendants, and that he set out without knowing
where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner,
in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange
country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him
of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he
looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by
God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past
the age, was made able to conceive, because she be-
lieved that he who had made the promise would be
faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man,
and one who was already as good as dead himself,
more descendants than could be counted, as many as

the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the sea-
shore.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of
Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 12:32-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid,
little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the
kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purs-
es that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in
heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth de-
stroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart
be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your
lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return
from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon
as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom
the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you sol-
emnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table
and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he
comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he
finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if
the householder had known at what hour the burglar
would come, he would not have let anyone break
through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready,
because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do
not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for
everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then,
is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him
over his household to give them their allowance of food
at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's
arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will
place him over everything he owns. But as for the serv-
ant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time
coming", and sets about beating the menservants and
the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk,
his master will come on a day he does not expect and
at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off
and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has
not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive
very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not
know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done,
will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great
deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him;
when a man has had a great deal given him on trust,
even more will be expected of him.'

Communion Antiphon

The bread that I will give, says the Lord,
is my flesh for the life of the world.



The Archbishop's Campaign

The Archbishop's Campaign will begin next weekend. I encourage you to think about what a vibrant community means for you and your family, and to consider making a personal and recurring monthly gift to support the vital ministries that serve all in our Archdiocese.

From this week you will notice posters and campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards around the church. More information about this campaign is coming; in the meantime, I encourage you to prayerfully begin discerning your gift.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - 15TH AUGUST

In regard to our Blessed Mother, the Church teaches four dogmas.



First, the Council of Ephesus, in 431, definitively taught that the Blessed Virgin Mary was properly called the **"Mother of God."** She was not just the mother of Christ, or the mother of Jesus, or mother only of His flesh. She was the mother of a Person, and that Person was God; hence, she is to be called the Mother of God.

A second dogma of the Blessed Virgin Mary is that of her **perpetual virginity**. This belief, held and taught by the earliest Church Fathers, was definitively taught at the Council in Constantinople in 553 when Mary was referred to as "ever-virgin." To add even more clarity, during the Lateran Council of 649, Pope Saint Martin I clarified that "ever-virgin" meant three things: Mary was a virgin before, during, and after Christ's birth.

A third dogma of the Blessed Virgin Mary was solemnly defined in 1854 when Pope Pius IX declared her to be the **Immaculate Conception**. He stated that "...the most Blessed Virgin Mary, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege from Almighty God and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, was kept free of every stain of original sin." She then remained free from sin throughout her life.

Finally, the fourth dogma of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is the logical consequence of the previous dogmas. If the Mother of God was free from sin, did not suffer the consequences of original sin then she would also, necessarily, not suffer the effects of sin, which are death and

bodily decay. However, a few things need to be clarified in this regard.

First, the dogmatic teaching states that the Blessed Virgin Mary "...having completed the course of her earthly life, was **assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.**" Does that mean she died and was placed in a tomb? Or does that mean that she did not die and was taken body and soul while she was alive? What is proclaimed is that her body never experienced decay. If she died, then, just like her Son, her body slept as it anticipated sharing in the Resurrection, perhaps a few days later, or perhaps immediately.

FROM 'My Catholic Life'

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

15th August

Mass times :- 9.15am & 7pm

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE REQUEST FOR MILK DONATIONS



It is time again for us to provide some long life milk for Children First. We ask if you are able to donate some milk and leave it in the church foyer or the parish office foyer. If you are able to help please donate the milk before the 24th of August, and it will then be delivered for the children in need.

Thank-you for your support.

Next weekend there will be a **flyer about the Catholic Women's League**, in the church. We ask that all ladies take one of these flyers and consider joining the CWL in our parish.

PARISH THANKSGIVING

If you are not a member of the Parish Thanksgiving Program you are still able to join this program at any time.

Simply go to the Parish Website and click on the "Thanksgiving" Tile and you will find all the relevant details about giving and supporting the parish.

If you require further assistance please call the parish office for help.

CAN YOU HELP WITH SOME REPAIR WORK

The parish toilets used on the weekends need a bit of repair work.

There are tiles that have come off the wall and other tiles that are likely to fall off soon. Also the floor tiles need a good clean.

Are there any parishioners who may be able to help with this repair work? Please contact the parish office if you can help.

Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
16/8	5pm	Volunteer/ Child	Don Vandenberg	Angela Vandenberg	
	6.30pm	Sherwin Moreno	Bryan Johnston	Joan Bahen	
17/8	9am	Nicholas Sceneay	David Howard	Bernie Dias	
	10.30am	Anne Toshack	Oswald Correya	Andrew Dipierdomenico	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
9/8		Thi Nguyen, Bessy Mathews	23/8		Elizabeth Rosario, Shenelle Toshack
16/8		Volunteers	30/8		Volunteers

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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

11/8 Monday: **St Clare**, virgin

Readings: Deut 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27;

12/8 Tuesday: 19th Week in Ordinary Time

Readings Deut 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14;

13/8 Wednesday: 19th Week in Ordinary Time

Readings: Deut 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20;

14/8 Thursday: **St Maximilian Mary Kolbe**, martyr

Readings: Josh 3:7-11, 13-17; Mt 18:21 –19:1;

15/8 Friday: **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Readings: Rev 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-26;
Lk 1:39-56;

16/8 Saturday: 19th Week in Ordinary Time

Readings: Josh 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15;

17/8 Sunday : 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4;
Lk 12:49-53



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 18th August @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 - 2024 to 2025 Program Completed

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