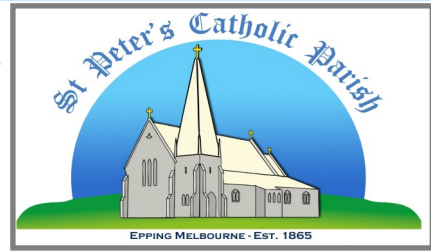


**33rd Sunday of
Ordinary Time
Year B
17th Nov 2024**

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
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

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Free Call 1800 305 330



**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
Angelic Swords of Light**

Have you ever seen those pictures of angels? They are like babies with delicate gossamer wings. How sentimental, how pathetically trivial, how untrue. Angels are more like the light-swords wielded by Luke Skywalker in Star Wars. The good angels are lightning flashes of energy serving God's purpose in the battle against evil forces which can seem to dominate our worlds, private and social.

God loved us into existence in order to share in his life, but there are forces at work trying to frustrate that. There is a cosmic-scale battle going on. Who is on our side in that battle? The angels. Who are they?

They are non-bodily beings of great intelligence and power. Those are the angels, and those who have chosen to love and serve God are on our side.

Some are archangels with a cosmic-scale brief. We hear of one in the first reading: 'Michael, the great Prince who stands guard over your people'. Others are our individual Guardian Angels so that when powers of darkness seem to engulf us, we can turn to our Guardian Angel and say: 'Fight for me', and that light-sword of God will engage in battle because that is that sort of angel's way of serving God.

We could pause a moment to pray, thanking God for the Archangels who guard our church community and for our personal Guardian Angels, and asking our Lord Jesus Christ to command those angels to gather us as his chosen to share His glory.

There will be **NO CATECHISM on Sat 16 November** as Rhys will be attending a diaconate ordination. Instead we will have a double lesson on 23 November:

3.00pm - Seventh, Eighth, Ninth & Tenth Commandments
3.45pm - Snack and sports break
4.15pm - The Commandments of the Church

New students welcome. Contact Rhys for information
(Rhys.Lowther@cam.org.au).

Prayers for the Sick: Roni & Michael Donovan, Robbie Abdelnour, Olga Olypios, Mary Hill, Emma Anderson, Rachel Gormley, Sairandree Fernando, Daniel Zammit, Bernadette Sexton, Elliott Donovan, Ernesto Bergamin

Other:

Recent Death:

Anniversary: Joyceline Avides Extross, Serle & Zitto Extross, Patty Fernandes, Ignatius Cini, Catherine Devasia, Diosdado Magno Garcia,

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

Jack Ian Grealish
Mary May Grealish
Romeo James Zappone
Jacinta Jane O'Sullivan
Zoey Goodwin



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

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the prophet Daniel

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Keep me safe, O God:
you are my hope.**

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
3. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 13:24-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

NOTICE FOR PARISHIONERS VOLUNTEERING AT MASSES AT ST PETER'S AND ST MARY OF THE CROSS.

Parishioners attending mass at St Peter's Church or SMCM are reminded that if you wish to volunteer at any mass you must arrange this through the Parish Office.

If you wish to be a Reader, Leader, Special Minister or musician/singer, and are over the age of 18 years, you must also provide the office with a Working With Children Check before you can begin to volunteer.

You must arrange to volunteer by speaking to Michelle or Christine, as these are the staff members who prepare the Parish Rosters for these roles and ensure the requirements for volunteering are managed correctly.

If children wish to be included on the Reader / Leader Roster their parents must provide the name of their child to the parish office to be included on the roster. These children must be capable readers.

Children under the age of 18 years do not need a Working With Children Check.

The only roster that is to be followed is the one prepared by the parish staff and is emailed to all volunteers every two months.

**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



**SCHOOL FAMILIES REMINDER
2024 PARISH CONTRIBUTION OF \$520**



**Advent session at Mary
MacKillop Heritage
Centre, East Melbourne**

Waiting in Joyful Hope

We invite you to this special three-day retreat offering a unique opportunity to pause and reflect during Advent. In the midst of the chaos, this retreat will provide rest, contemplation, and a deeper connection to the meaning of the season.

Facilitated by Sister Rita Malavisi. Rita has been a Sister of St Joseph for over thirty years. She trained as a primary school teacher, working in city and country schools. Rita is involved in adult formation and is a trained Spiritual Director. She is the current National Chair of the Conference of Spiritual Directors Australia.

Day : Mon 9th December to Wed 11th December 2024

Time: Starting Monday evening and finishing on Wednesday morning

Venue : Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne

Price: \$480 for live in retreatant including accommodation and catering
\$400 for daily retreatants including catering

Many thanks, Sr Rita Malavisi

Reception (Monday – Friday)

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne, VIC, 3002

P: (03) 9926 9300

E: admin.mmhc@sosjspirit.org.au

W: <https://mmhc.org.au>



St Vincent de Paul Society
VICTORIA
good works

**Christmas Hamper
Appeal 2024**



Preparations of hampers for local families in need this Christmas and Holiday season have begun. The Epping Conference again has the amazing support of our 4 local schools. We are also 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 and gifts for teenage boys and girls.

Donations can be left in the basket/boxes in St. Peter's Church foyer, the Parish office and SMCM.

End date for the collection is Sunday 8th 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.

Gifts: Lollies (for children), Boxes of Chocolates (for adults), Vouchers – Target, Coles, Apple, EB Games, Big W, Google, etc., Board games, Playing Cards, UNO, Toiletries, Toys – age appropriate, Gift vouchers for teenagers

Pantry items: Also, gladly accepted.

We thank you in advance for all support you are able to provide.

Parish Based Sacramental Program 2025

1st Reconciliation classes are on Tuesday evenings 7pm – 8pm From February 18th until April 1st

1st Eucharist classes are on Tuesday evenings 7pm-8pm. From April 29th until June 3rd. Celebration of this Sacrament will be on Saturday June 7th at 12noon.

Confirmation classes are on Wednesday evenings 7pm-8pm. From April 30th until June 11th. The Celebration of this Sacrament will be in August with the Bishop.

Enquires for enrolment in any of these Sacrament classes can be made via Sr Huyen at the Parish Office.

NOTE:-

*There will be no morning Mass or Reconciliation on **Saturday 23rd November**

Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
23/11	5pm	Don Vandenberg	Leeni Joshua	Melinda Pereyra-Henriques	
	6.30pm	Sheriz Moreno	Bryan Johnston	Joan Bahen	
24/11	9am	Des Madden	David Howard	Sebastian Antony	
	10.30am	Julie Cowell	Ophelia Francis	Cathy Gatt	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
16/11		Cyriac George, Volunteer please	30/11		Bessy Matthews, Binoey John
23/11		Anthony Fakhry, Nicholas Sceneay	7/12		Russel Sequeria, Delphine Fruvall



Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

18/11 Monday: 33rd Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Rev 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43;

19/11 Tuesday: 33rd Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Rev 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10;

20/11 Wednesday: 33rd Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Rev 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28;

21/11 Thursday: **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Readings: Rev 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44;

22/11 Friday: **St Cecilia**, virgin, martyr
Readings: Rev 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48;

23/11 Saturday: 33rd Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Rev 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40;

24/11 Sunday : **Our Lord JESUS CHRIST,
KING of the UNIVERSE**
Readings: Dan 7:13-14; Rev 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37;
WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY

NOTICES FOR NEWSHEET

Items for the Parish Newsheet must be sent to the Parish Office by **12 Noon Wednesday**. **Contact 9401 6300 or email Epiping@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 subscribe via our website.

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 AGM Thurs 21st November @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 - 10th Dec @ 7pm

Legion of Mary - 5.30pm Thursdays

Liturgy Group - Next meeting - TBC @ 7pm

Parish Based Sacramental Programs:-

Next Programs beginning February 2025

Parish Holy Hour - Eucharistic Adoration @ 7pm
Tuesdays in the church.

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

St Vincent de Paul

Third Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Parish House

Syro Malabar - Monday evenings in the church