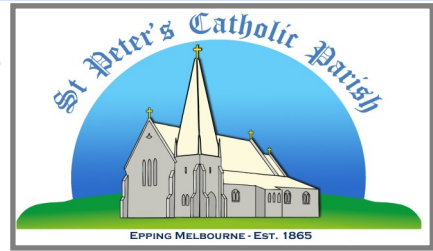


**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A  
14th June 2026**

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 Isaac Zaki  
**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 Greg Sunter  
from Liturgy Help**



**Have you thought? – The labourers are few**

This passage is often used as the basis for sermons, conversations or even marketing about vocations – vocations to religious life as well as lay vocations. The image of a rich harvest with not enough labourers to reap the harvest is a powerful one.

In the Western world in particular today it is very true of priestly and religious vocations. However, it is equally true of lay vocations. Too few people are prepared to 'own' their faith and live the message of the gospel in their day to day work and interactions with others. In what way are you a labourer in the harvest?



**Living the Gospel – Apostles, not disciples**

There is a lovely distinction in this gospel passage between disciples and apostles. Jesus calls his twelve disciples, commissions them and sends them out to continue his work. From then on, they are referred to as 'apostles'.

Disciples are followers, but apostles have been sent out.

In our own lives we are called to accept the challenge of being apostles, not disciples. For we are not just followers, we have been sent out by Jesus to continue his work. To be a disciple is just the first step. Disciples follow a path; apostles take the initiative and forge their own path.



**Pray for the Sick:** Keith Lambert, Hiramali Dias

**Offering Masses this week for:-**

**Death Anniversary:-** Melissa Henrisson Berke, David Anthony Reading, Guy Mootealoo

**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**

Carter James Lai  
Caden Lucas Lai  
Ethan Shankargal  
Audrey Florence Lovell



Our Parish recognises the Aboriginal heritage of this country and acknowledges the Wurundjeri Willum Clan as the traditional owners of this place.

# 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

## 14th June 2026

### Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.  
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

### First Reading Exodus 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) We are his people:  
the sheep of his flock.**

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

### Second Reading Romans 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

### Gospel Acclamation Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The kingdom of God is near;  
repent and believe the Good News!  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'



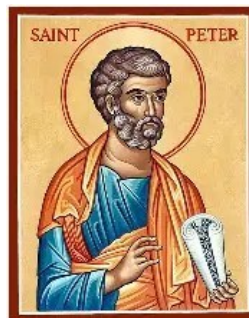
He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

### Communion Antiphon

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.



### Celebration of the Feast Day of Sts Peter & Paul Sunday 28th June

All the weekend masses will be the readings of the Feast of Sts Peter & Paul

Bishop Terri Curtin will be here to celebrate the 10.30am mass.

Parish BBQ on the hall following this mass.

Please come along to celebrate and enjoy each others company.

## Help Please

Last year we made a request for toilet paper for when Epping St. Vincent de Paul members visit local families who have asked for help. The response from the parish was wonderful and we are so grateful. We have been able to give a roll or 2 on each visit and the donations have lasted till now. We are about to run out again.

If you can help us by donating a packet of toilet paper it will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left in the basket in St. Peter's Church foyer or at the Parish office.

Thank you in advance for any support you are able to provide.

For anyone wishing to support us financially there are envelopes on the table in the Church and in the Church foyer.

We also now have a link that allows you to donate directly to the Epping Conference. <https://fundraising.svdp-vic.org.au/eppingconference> or for those who prefer:

All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible and receipts are supplied. Donations can be with names or anonymously

## Catholic Women's League Stall

### Thank-you for all your support

Over two Sundays we held our Fundraising Stall, thanks to your generosity, we raised \$834.40.

These funds will now be distributed to the various causes we support e.g. Parish liturgical needs, flowers for the church, St Vincent de Paul, "Good Samaritan Inn" (which protects women & children from domestic violence) and the Mary Glowrey Museum



We are still collecting **full cream long life milk** for "Children First" if you are able to assist. The milk can be left in the church foyer or the parish office foyer. Thank-you again for your support.

## Upcoming event hosted by St John Paul II Parish, Armadale & Toorak.

The next Catholic Family Market will be held on Sunday 21 June 2026 from 12:00pm–3:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, 631 High Street, Prahran.

The market brings together Catholic families from across Melbourne for an afternoon of community, friendship and fun, with market stalls, food, activities for children and opportunities to meet other Catholic families. Further information about the event can be found here: <https://armadaletoorak.org.au/parishevents/market-june>

## CAN YOU HELP VICTIMS OF CHURCH-RELATED ABUSE?

For fourteen years, the Lifeboat Geelong Foundation has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse from all over Australia. Generous supporters have donated a number of motor vehicles of varied value (from \$500 to \$20,000!), including cars from deceased estates or which are no longer required. Some have been directly gifted to a victim/survivor in need, while others have been sold to generate funds required to assist victims in a multitude of ways (counselling, rent, utilities and other domestic and personal necessities).

You could help this important work simply by bringing it to the attention of people who might consider donating **an unwanted motor vehicle, such as a car from a deceased estate** or which, for whatever reason, is no longer required.

Also, since the "Lifeboat Car Project" began in 2020, one single dedicated volunteer has overseen the process, which includes working with the donor to organise a Roadworthy Certificate and assisting recipients or purchasers of the vehicle with the required documentation for Vicroads. He now needs a rest – or at least some help!

So "Lifeboat" also needs a few people who are reasonably familiar with the usual car transfer regulations to assist donors of vehicles (and potential buyers) to negotiate the formal processes. If you or someone you know could help (maximum involvement with four cars per year), please contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360 or [frkdillon@outlook.com.au](mailto:frkdillon@outlook.com.au)) for more information.



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Thank you for your generous support of the Church in Malawi and the communities it serves.

Because of your kindness, children like Yamikani\* will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future.

And if you chose to become a Mission Partner with a monthly gift - thank you so much for your ongoing commitment.

To learn more about the work of Catholic Mission in Malawi and around the world, please visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](https://catholicmission.org.au/our-work).

Thank you again for your compassion, and please keep this impactful work in your prayers.

\*Name changed for privacy

DATE	Mass	LEADER	READER	Special Minister
13/6	5pm	Volunteer	Leeni Joshua	Volunteer
	6.30pm	Sherwin Moreno	Bryan Johnston	Joan Bahen
14/6	9am	Des Madden	Chris Paterson	David Howard
	10.30am	Candice Correya	Anne Toshack	Stella Galea
20/6	5pm	Don Vannenberg	Grace O'Brien	Angela Vandenberg
	6.30pm	Volunteer	Jaelene Jijo	Charlie Aganetti
21/6	9am	Lesleigh Madden	Des Madden	Bernie Dias
	10.30am	Cassie Martin	Jennifer Martin	Andrew Dipierdomenico
27/6	5pm	Volunteer	Leeni Joshua	Melinda Pereyra-Henriques
	6.30pm	Sherwin Moreno	Sheriz Morena	Joan Bahen
28/6	9am	Kaye Whelan	Lesleigh Madden	Des Madden
	10.30am	Julie Cowell	Cathy GAtt	Stella Galea

**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 of 2026 contribution of \$520 Thank-you to those who have paid this contribution.

**CHURCH CLEANING**

**13/6** Martin Family,

**20/6** Volunteers

**27/6** Anjith Abraham, Binoey John,

**4/7** Thi Nguyen, Leeni Joshua & family

**11/7** Maria Vizcaino



**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 to arrange a Baptism

**Catholic Women's League** Next meeting 15th June @ 10am

**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 & Benediction;** 8.30pm – 9pm Fellowship & packing up.

**Finance Committee** - Next meeting - 14th July @ 7pm

**Legion of Mary** - 5.30pm Wednesdays

**Liturgy Group** - Next meeting TBC

**Parish Based Sacramental Programs:-**

**First Reconciliation:** Completed

**First Holy Communion:-** Began 2nd June 2026

**Confirmation:-** Completed

**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 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

**Liturgy Readings of Next Week**

**15/6 Monday:** 11th Week of Ordinary Time

**Readings:** 1 Kg 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42;

**16/6 Tuesday:** 11th Week of Ordinary Time

**Readings:** 1 Kg 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48;

**17/6 Wednesday:** 11th Week of Ordinary Time

**Readings:** 2 Kg 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**18/6 Thursday:** 11th Week of Ordinary Time

**Readings:** Sirach 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15;

**19/6 Friday:** 11th Week of Ordinary Time

**Readings:** 2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23;

**20/6 Saturday:** 11th Week of Ordinary Time

**Readings:** 2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34;

**21/6 Sunday :** 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readings:** Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33;