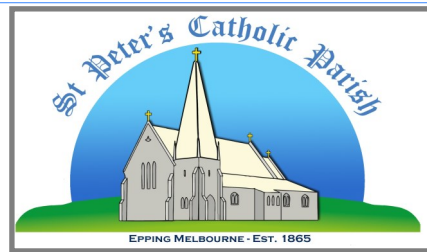


**13th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year B
30th June, 2024
Mass of St Peter &
Paul**

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

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

HOMILY by Father Richard Leonard SJ

Peter and Paul symbolise two facets of our Christian community: mission and maintenance. Paul was the great missionary and Peter was the great leader who held together the earliest disciples. Both were crucial to the Christian community's expansion and survival.

The image of the missionary venturing out boldly to proclaim Christ to the world is so much more engaging than being a maintainer. But every organisation or institution needs someone to provide a clear focus and vision, and to establish structures that will see the group survive past the first generation. To this day we need our Peters and our Pauls.

Peter and Paul did not always have an easy relationship. We know from the Acts of the Apostles that they disagreed about a fundamental issue in the earliest Christian mission: for whom was the good news of Jesus intended? Peter thought it was just for Jews. Paul argued it was for the Gentiles as well. What makes Peter's leadership so outstanding is that he not only listened carefully to what Paul said, but saw what Christ was doing among the



Gentiles. He trusted that the working of the Spirit was bigger than he was, and that it included a man who never met Jesus and yet seemed to have a richer insight into where and how Christ was to be preached. That takes courage and humility.

Today we need to be careful that in Christ's name we do not bind things up so tightly that we leave no room for the Holy Spirit to challenge or surprise us. Having the courage and humility to 'hang a bit loose' is not weakness. It can be about trusting that Christ's saving love is still at work in unexpected ways with all people everywhere.

Peter and Paul show what can happen when we cooperate with Christ in living out his love. Things we never dreamt of become possible. But their lives also show us the cost. Both of them died as martyrs. We may not be asked to embrace martyrdom in our lives, but in the way we run our race we are challenged to keep the faith and proclaim Christ by how we live. By doing so, we are assured that when we come to heaven we will be greeted by Peter and Paul and with them we will behold the fullness of love, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for eternity.

Prayers for the Sick: Roni & Michael Donovan, Glen Arathoon, Robbie Abdelnour, Olga Olypios, Mary Hill, Emma Anderson, Rachel Gormley, Mario Casha, Sairandree Fernando, Rose Mokdisi

Other: Leonarda Arimatea (birthday anniversary)

Recent Death: Elizabeth Schipano

Anniversary: Antonina Di Gregorio, Francesco Di Gregorio, Melissa Berke,

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



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

Mass of Sts Peter & Paul Year B

30th June, 2024

Entrance Antiphon

These are the ones who, living in the flesh,
planted the Church with their blood;
they drank the chalice of the Lord
and became the friends of God.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 16:13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.
And Jesus replied: You are Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my Church.

**YOU ARE
THE CHRIST**

THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD
MATTHEW 16:13-20



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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.

'Keep the Fire Burning – Strong in Faith'

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass

7 July 2024, 11am St Patrick's Cathedral,
1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

and

NAIDOC Week Mass

Sunday 14 July, 11am St Francis' Church,
326 Lonsdale St, Melbourne

Pilgrim Statue Work by the Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary facilitates a program where a pilgrim statue of our Lady is brought to parishioners' homes to promote prayer and devotion.

To request the statue, please write your names in the book located at the church entrance. One of the legionnaires will contact and coordinate the visit.



International youth congress an insightful experience for Kyle

Published: 07 June 2024

Kyle Correya from the Archdiocese of Melbourne was recently

selected to represent Australia at the International Congress on Youth Ministry, hosted by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life in Rome. Upon his return to Australia, Kyle has shared his experience of attending the congress in this edition of The Bridge.

The International Youth Ministry Congress is a significant event, hosted by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life. More than 300 youth and ministry leaders as well as clergy from around the world gathered in Rome, Italy, for the 2024 sitting. The congress aims to equip leaders with the tools and knowledge to effectively minister to young people facing pressing issues in a rapidly-changing world.

I was blessed to be appointed the youth delegate for Australia. I travelled to Rome along with Fr Chris Ryan MGL, director of the Areté Centre for Missionary Leadership in Australia and Malcolm Hart, director

of the National Centre for Evangelisation.

In 2019, Pope Francis wrote *Christus Vivit* ('Christ is Alive') to address not only young people but the "entire people of God", following the 2018 Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment. *Christus Vivit* emphasises the important role of youth in the Church and encourages them to embrace their faith and actively participate in their communities.

As a youth leader and musician in the Church it was an eye-opening experience to learn about this important document and how it can be used in youth ministry across Australia. Fr Chris Ryan led a talk on synodality and mission, which also provided great insight that I hope to utilise and implement within the community through discernment and dialogue with young people.

The new leadership styles and strategies discussed at the congress are expected to aid in the organisation and outcomes of two major upcoming events – the 2025 Jubilee for Youth to be held in Rome, and the next World Youth Day to be hosted in Seoul, South Korea in 2027. The Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life plays a pivotal role in organising events like these that foster and support the spiritual growth and engagement of young people within the Catholic Church.

A once in a lifetime highlight that I will never forget was having the opportunity to meet the Holy Father, Pope Francis. I was excited to tell him that I had come from Australia; he smiled and joyously replied "That is so far away!"

The International Youth Ministry Congress provided a wonderful opportunity to engage with youth leaders from across the world. Cultural differences, experiences and stories helped broaden my understanding of strategies that have been successful in other countries, but also provided insight on possible improvements that we can consider adopting in Australia, to promote youth engagement in the Church.

I am forever grateful and honoured to have had this opportunity and to receive a personal blessing from His Holiness. This experience has truly demonstrated the amazing work and emphasis being placed on young Catholics around the world to share their faith and engage in ministry.

Words: Kyle Correya

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

The new website will be up this Friday 28th June.

Feast of Sts Peter & Paul

Parish BBQ this Sunday 30th June following the 10.30am Mass.

EXTRA COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

- for the Intentions of the Holy Father

Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
6/7	5pm	Volunteer	Don Vandenberg	Noel Henrisson	
	6.30pm	Volunteer	Volunteer	Joan Bahen	
7/7	9am	Nicholas Sceneay	Christine Paterson	Bernie Dias	
	10.30am	Youth	Youth	Cathy Gatt	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
	29/6	Thi Nguyen, Binoey John	13/7		Russel Sequeria, Delphine Fruvall
	6/7	Anna Arimatea, Martin Family	20/7		Raju Sankaranarayan, Volunteer



Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

1/7 Monday: 13th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22;

2/7 Tuesday: 13th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27

3/7 Wednesday: **ST THOMAS**, apostle
Readings: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29,

4/7 Thursday: 13th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Amos 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8;
First Thursday:- Pray for Consecrated Vocations

5/7 Friday: 13th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13;
First Friday:- Pray to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

6/7 Saturday: 13th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Amos 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17;
First Saturday:- Pray for Devotion to Mary
St Maria Goretti, virgin, martyr

7/7 Sunday : 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Readings: Ezek 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6;
National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander 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 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 - 9th July @ 7pm

Legion of Mary - 5.30pm Thursdays

Bible Study:- Monthly (4th Tuesday) Next 23rd July

Liturgy Group - Next meeting -

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 - completed for 2024

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