32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

8th November 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.

Parish Priest: Fr Anh Nguyen
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Sr Huyen 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 noticerequired. 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: 94011157

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop
47 Farmhouse Boulevard, Epping North
Principal: Claire Pitcher
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Mary Glowrey Catholic Primary School
10 Baltrum Drive, Wollert
Principal: Tim Kelly Ph: 8579 6505

St Carlo Acutis Catholic Primary School
58 Jardin Road, Wollert West. 3750
Acting Principal: Emma Sbizzirri

St Monica's College
400 Dalton Road, Epping
Principal: Brian Hanley Ph: 9409 8800

PARISH BASED SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2027

FIRST RECONCILIATION :- 6 Classes on Tuesdays @ 7pm-8pm.
Beginning 2nd February 2027 until 9th March 2027
SACRAMENT on Thursday 11th March at 7pm

CONFIRMATION:- 7 Classes on Wednesdays @ 7pm – 8pm. Beginning 10th March 2027 until 12th May 2027 .
SACRAMENT on Saturday 15th May at 12 noon.

EUCHARIST (First Holy Communion):- 7 Classes on Tuesdays @ 7pm – 8pm. Beginning 13th April 2027 until 20th May 2027.
SACRAMENT on Saturday 22nd May at12 noon

Enquiries and applications for these Sacraments are open. Please contact Sister Huyen at the parish office (9401-6300).

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter from Liturgy Help

Some of the original audience of Matthew's gospel, along with many of the early Christian followers, had an expectation that Jesus was going to return and usher in the end of the world in their lifetime. The message of this gospel is captured in Jesus' final words, 'So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.' The timing of Jesus' coming cannot be predicted and so all Christian believers, like the bridesmaids, need to continue to act with hope and expectation; being prepared for the fact that it may be further off than anticipated. Many early Christians were living their lives as though the world would end at any time. The gospel warns them, and us, to continue to follow the example of Jesus and not to become complacent – expecting that everything is about to come to an end.

Pray for the Sick: Hirumali Dias, Marily Marquis, Kedy Kalimba, Helen Haines

Offering Masses this week for:-
Deceased:- Bailey Vincent, David Joe Camilleri, Dominador Inovejas, Perfecto Arizabel, Purificacion Arizabal, Zitto Extross, Joyceline Extross, all those named in the Parish Memorial Books

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.

Baptisms

Henry Vincent Plowman
Juliana Hall
Alice Giovanna Setaro
Raphael Anthony Almeida
Sandroh Jin P. Plofino
Shiloh Zayn P. Plofino

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

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
   for you my soul is thirsting.
   My body pines for you
   like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
   to see your strength and your glory.
   For your love is better than life,
   my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**
3. So I will bless you all my life,
   in your name I will lift up my hands.
   My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
   my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**
4. On my bed I remember you.
   On you I muse through the night
   for you have been my help;
   in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.



Legion of Mary hosting Bible Studies Online

The Mother of Divine Grace Praesidium invites you to join Bible Study sessions lead by resident seminarian Xavier Ryan. Next final two meeting dates are at 8.30pm on Tuesdays 1st Dec & 15th Dec. The 17th November session has been cancelled.

Zoom link:-
https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/83929824448pwd=TCtkNUFFSS9SK3o4U3ExZEyxZmxsQT09

Also accessible via QR code:

November is the Month of the Poor Souls in Purgatory

The Pope's Prayer for November - For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth,
that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness,
it may always be put at the service of the common good
and solidarity of those who have less.

Rev Rhys Lowther Deacon / Archdiocese of Melbourne Invitation

Ordination Mass on Saturday 14th November 2026 at 10am at St Patrick's Cathedral (1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne VIC 3002)

First Mass on Sunday 15th November 2026 at 1pm at St Anthony's Catholic Church (90 Kees Rd, Lara VIV 3212)

All parishioners welcome

MASS OFFERINGS IN NOVEMBER

1. If you use the "Mass for the Holy Souls" November Masses envelopes, these masses will be organised by Father Anh and Father Isaac.
2. In November if you use the "Please Offer Holy Mass" (blue) envelopes, these names are not read out at the beginning of mass but the priest will still offer a mass for your intentions. During November the masses are offered for all those listed in the Memorial Book so please list those you wish to pray for in this book. The names are still listed in the newssheet and the Prayers of the Faithful.

EPPING CONFERENCE

St Vincent de Paul Society VICTORIA
good works

Christmas Hamper Appeal

Preparations of hampers for local families in need this Christmas season have begun. We again have support from our 5 local schools and this year also from St Catherine's Lalor West. Also, we are 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.

- Donations can be left in the basket/boxes in St. Peter's Church foyer and the Parish office.
- End date for the collection is *Sunday 6th December*.
- Envelopes will be placed in the Church for financial donations or you can use: Vinnies VIC : Epping Conference

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.

Pantry items: Also, gladly accepted.

Gifts for teenagers (eg: giftcards): Also gladly accepted.

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

REMEMBRANCE DAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Remembrance Day is observed annually to honour the service and sacrifice of military personnel who have died or suffered in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. Australians and people across the Commonwealth pause for **one minute of silence at 11:00 am**. The date marks the anniversary of the Armistice signed in 1918 that ended fighting on the Western Front in World War I "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month".

Originally named Armistice Day to commemorate World War I casualties, the name was changed after World War II to honour all service members lost in subsequent conflicts.

DATE	Mass	LEADER	READER	Special Minister
7/11	5pm	Don Vandenberg	Volunteer please	Angela Vandenberg
	6.30pm	Volunteer please	Bryan Johnston	Joan Bahen
8/11	9am	Lesleigh Madden	Kaye Whelan	Des Madden
	10.30am	Candice Correya	Lillian Abbew	Andrew Dipierdomenico
14/11	5pm	Leeni Joshua	Volunteer please	Melinda Pereyra-Henriques
	6.30pm	Joan Bahen	Jaelene Jijo	Volunteer please
15/11	9am	Kaye Whelan	Lesleigh Madden	Des Madden
	10.30am	Cassie Martin	Cathy Gatt	Stella Galea
21/11	5pm	Volunteer please	Don Vandenberg	Volunteer please
	6.30pm	Sheriz Moreno	Sherwin Moreno	Charlie Aganetti
22/11	9am	Cassie Martin	David Howard	Lesleigh Madden
	10.30am	Julie Cowell	Anne Toshack	Cathy Gatt

TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO OUR 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

SCHOOL FAMILIES Reminder of 2026 contribution of $520. Thank-you to those who have paid this.

Donation QR Code To make a donation, simply scan our QR code with your mobile phone and follow a few easy steps. Thank you for the support of our parish

CHURCH CLEANING

7/11 Anthony Fakhry, Cyriac George
14/11 Dinesh Dias Family
21/11 Maria Vizcaino
28/11 Volunteers please

REGULAR EVENTS / MEETINGS

BAPTISM PREPARATION - Baptisms are on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Contact the Parish Office and speak to Sr Huyen to arrange a Baptism

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - Next Meeting 19th Nov @ 10am Annual General Meeting

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 Friday**-Adoration & Benediction
8.30pm-9pm- Fellowship & packing up

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Next Meeting 8th Dec @ 6pm

LEGION OF MARY -5.30pm Wednesdays

LITURGY GROUP - Next Meeting in 2027

OCIA - Wednesdays 7pm -8pm
Pt 1:-Sept 2nd - Dec 9th 2026 **Pt 2:**- Jan 27t –Mar 17th2027

PARISH BASED SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS
All completed for 2026

REACH OUT -Communion to the Sick & 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.

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP CATECHISM
4.15pm-5pm Saturdays before 5pm Mass

ST VINCENT DE PAUL
First Tuesday of the Month @ 6pm in Parish Office
Third Tuesday of the month via Teams

YOUTH GROUP 2ND Friday of the Month

LITURGY READINGS OF THE NEXT WEEK

MONDAY 9/11 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Readings:- Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Jn 2:13-22;

TUESDAY 10/11 St Leo the Great, pope, doctor
Readings:- Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10;

WEDNESDAY 11 /11 St Martin of Tours, bishop
Readings:- Titus 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19;

THURSDAY 12/11 St Josaphat, bishop, martyr
Readings:- Philemon 7-20; Lk 17:20-25;

FRIDAY 13/11 Week 32 Ordinary Time
Readings:- 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37;

SATURDAY 14/11 Week 32 Ordinary Time
Readings:- 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8;