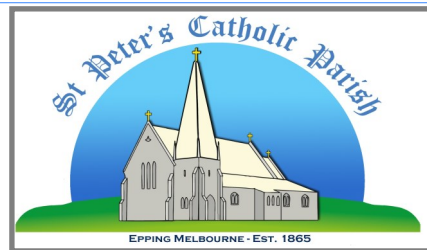


**1st Sunday of
Advent
Year C
1st December 2024**

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

Parish Secretary: Michelle Hood
(Mon- 9-3pm, Tue-Wed 9.30am-3.30pm)

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ABN:- 70 309 275 608

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



Francis' Focus

Reflection by Nick Brodie

Advent, Pope Francis suggests, should awaken 'sleepy Christians'. It is a time to stop 'dozing off' into spiritual apathy and indifference.

The Pope encourages us to use Advent to consider how we live our faith. Perhaps we have become too worldly, or spiritually insular? Maybe our prayers have become dull and routine, rather than heartfelt? Whatever the case, now is the moment to reflect on what really matters and act. Not tomorrow, not at Christmas, not after the holidays – Now!

There is an urgency to Advent, which this week's Gospel puts right in front of us. As Jesus says, we must be wakeful and alert! He speaks of things to do – stand, watch, pray – which

shows us that the Christian life must be more than passive routines.

Framed by Jesus' call to his disciples, the Pope suggests that Advent should be spent 'looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world.' It is, he adds, 'a favourable time to open our hearts, to ask ourselves concrete questions about how and for whom we expend our lives.'



December is the Month of the Immaculate Conception

The Pope's Prayer Intention for December

For Pilgrims of Hope

Let us pray, that this Jubilee strengthens us in our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

THERE ARE 4 COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR SALE \$10 IN PARISH OFFICE

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, Ashley Koomen, Zaine Villella, Enzo Scalzo, Samuel Bezzina

Recent Death:

Anniversary: Remo Paolini, Roland L'Oiseau

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

Stephanie Pilar Longo
Filomena Giuseppina Podesta
Noah Stephen Podesta
Alessia Grace Grech
Olivia Sarina Palermo
Phoebe Biancofiore



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

1st Sunday of Advent, Year C

1st December, 2024

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –
when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the
House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practice honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.’

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**
3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and
make you love one another and the whole human race
as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your
hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight
of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes
with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the
Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind
of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants,
as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it.
You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on
the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There
will be signs in the sun and moon
and stars; on earth nations in
agony, bewildered by the
clamour of the ocean and its
waves; men dying of fear as they
await what menaces the world, for the powers of heav-
en will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man
coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When
these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your
heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with
debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and
that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it
will come down on every living man on the face of the
earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to
survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with
confidence before the Son of Man.’

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield
its increase.

**SAVE THE DATE!!
ADVENT YOUTH RETREAT @ ST PETER'S**

Date: Sunday 15 December 2024

Time: 2.00pm – 6.00pm

Registration details, parent consent forms, etc. will be
published shortly.

Please prayerfully entrust this retreat to the intercession
of Our Lady Help of Christians, St Mary of the Cross
MacKillop and Blessed Carlo Acutis.

Rhys Lowther

Seminarian | Archdiocese of Melbourne

Parish Based Sacramental Program 2025

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



**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**

When you decide to send your children to the Parish Schools you also decide to support the life of the Parish practically and vitally.

There are still some families who have not met this commitment of the contribution to the parish.

Please note the Parish banking details for Direct Deposit are the Church Account as listed above and please include the reference: - Your eldest child & family name.



Christmas Hamper Appeal 2024



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 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.

Catholic Women's League

RAFFLE will be drawn on the 5th December. Tickets are on sale again this weekend, 30th November and the 1st December. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The winners will be notified and their names will be included in the Parish newssheet.

Please bring along some cash to help us raise funds for our causes.

Safeguarding Online Training.

Staff and volunteers in parishes are required to do the Online Training every three years. It is time to follow up with this again.



Father Anh and the office staff will be doing this online session on **Wednesday 11th December at 10.15am** (immediately following the morning mass), and would like to invite parish volunteers to join them for this session.

Please leave your name at the office if you can join us for this session. When we know the numbers attending we can decide whether to do this training in the office or the church.

EPPING SCOUTS CHRISTMAS TREES!

Buy your Christmas Tree from Epping Scouts Group and support your local Scouts!



CHRISTMAS TREES

5 foot Christmas Tree - \$90 6 foot Christmas Tree - \$100
7 foot Christmas Tree - \$110 8 foot Christmas Tree - \$150

CHRISTMAS TREE STANDS Up to 8ft \$50

IN PERSON SALES Until sold out from Bunnings Epping Carpark between 11am - 3pm November 30th December 1st, 7th, 8th

Deliveries from 12noon - 2pm
Local Area Delivery - \$20 Epping, Wollert, Lalor, Thomastown

NOTE: Deliveries outside of the catchment above -\$40
Delivery Dates Saturday November 30th Saturday December 7th Saturday December 14th

Pick up - Bunnings Epping Carpark between 11am - 3pm Saturday November 30th Sunday December 1st Saturday December 7th Sunday December 8th

Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
7/12	5pm	Leeni Joshua	Grace O'Brien	Angela Vandenberg	
	6.30pm	Volunteer	Joan Bahen	Charlie Aganetti	
8/12	9am	Nicholas Sceneay	Christine Paterson	Des Madden	
	10.30am	Youth	Youth	Stella Galea	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
30/11		Bessy Matthews, Binoey John	14/12		Raju Sankaranarayan, Volunteer
7/12		Russel Sequeira, Delphine Fruvall	21/12		Jeanelle Extross, Volunteer



Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

2/12 Monday: 1st Week of Advent
Readings: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11;

3/12 Tuesday: **St Francis Xavier**, priest
Readings: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24;

4/12 Wednesday: 1st Week of Advent
Readings: Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37;

5/12 Thursday: 1st Week of Advent
Readings: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27;
First Thursday:- Pray for Consecrated Vocations

6/12 Friday: 1st Week of Advent
Readings: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31;
First Friday:- Pray to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
St Nicholas, bishop

7/12 Saturday: **St Ambrose**, bishop, doctor
Readings: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 -10:1, 6-8;
First Saturday:- Pray for Devotion to Mary

8/12 Sunday : 2nd Sunday of Advent
Readings: Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6;

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.

Finance Committee - Next meeting - 10th Dec @ 7pm

Catechesis with Rhys :- 4.15pm Saturday @ SMCM

Parish Holy Hour - Eucharistic Adoration @ 7pm
Tuesdays

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

CHRISTMAS *Carols*

ST. PETER'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
EPPING INVITES YOU TO JOIN US ON:

FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2024

Rosary at 6:40pm
Dinner & Carols at 7:00pm
@The Galilee Space, St. Peter's Church



PLEASE LET YOUR FAMILY &
FRIENDS KNOW!

**This is the final meeting of St Peter's Prayer Group
for 2024**