

**24th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Year B  
15th Sept, 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  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Tien Van Tran  
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**Parish Secretary:** Michelle Hood  
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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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Vatican City, Apr 3, 2020 From Catholic News Agency  
**Pope Francis' reflection on the Seven Sorrows of Mary**

It is good to think about the seven sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who freely accepted her calling to be the Mother of God and our mother, Pope Francis said during his daily Mass on Friday. Offering Mass in the chapel of the Casa Santa Marta April 3, he said: "Today it will do us good to stop a little and think about the pain and sorrows of Our Lady. She is our mother."

The Friday before Palm Sunday is sometimes called the Friday of Sorrows in remembrance of the seven sorrows of the Virgin Mary. "And how she bore [the sorrows], how she bore them well, with strength, with tears: it was not a false distress, it was just the heart destroyed by grief," Francis explained. He spoke about the veneration of Our Lady of Sorrows, listing her "seven sorrows."

"The **first**, just 40 days after the birth of Jesus, is the prophecy of Simeon, who speaks of a sword that will pierce her heart," he explained. The **second** sorrow of Mary is the flight into Egypt; the **third** is the "three

days of anguish" when the child Jesus was in the temple, lost to her and St. Joseph. Meeting Jesus on his way to Calvary is the **fourth** sorrow. "The **fifth** sorrow of Our Lady is the death of Jesus, to see her Son there, crucified, naked, who dies," the pope said. The **sixth** sorrow is the removal of Jesus' dead body from the cross, "and she takes him in her hands as she had taken him in her hands more than 30 years earlier in Bethlehem," Francis reflected. The **seventh** sorrow is Jesus' burial. "And so, Christian piety follows this path of the Madonna who accompanies Jesus," he said.

"It will do us good to stop a little and say to Our Lady: 'Thank you for accepting to be Mother when the angel told you and thank you for accepting to be Mother when Jesus told you.'" He encouraged Catholics to honour the Virgin Mary as their mother, noting that Jesus himself gave her that role.

Jesus "did not make her prime minister or give her titles of 'function,'" he said. "Only 'Mother.'" According to Francis, Mary accepted the title and duties of being our mother but did not take any titles for herself. "She did not ask herself to be a quasi-redeemer or a co-redeemer: no. The Redeemer is one and this title does not double," he said.

The pope added that "in the motherhood of Our Lady we see the motherhood of the Church which receives everyone, good and bad: everyone."

**Prayers for the Sick:** Roni & Michael Donovan, Glen Arathoon, Robbie Abdelnour, Olga Olypius, Mary Hill, Emma Anderson, Rachel Gormley, Mario Casha, Sairandree Fernando, Daniel Zammit, Bernadette Sexton, Elliott Donovan, Leila Campbell-Radar.

**Other:**

**Recent Death:**

**Anniversary:** Eliseo and Vincenza Gatt, Jarrod De Bono, Marlene Condello

**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**

Ronnie James Casha  
James Laurie Bennett  
Hannah Charlotte Cook  
Oliver Liam Cook  
Chloe Elise Shepherd



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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## 15th September 2024

### Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

### First Reading Isaiah 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.  
Does anyone start proceedings against me?  
Then let us go to court together.  
Who thinks he has a case against me?  
Let him approach me.  
The Lord is coming to my help,  
who dare condemn me?

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.**

1. I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him. **(R.)**
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! **(R.)**
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me. **(R.)**
4. He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. **(R.)**

### Second Reading James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never  
done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will

that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the  
sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to  
live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well;  
keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them  
these bare necessities of life, then what good is that?  
Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite  
dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say  
you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to  
you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds –  
now you prove to me that you have faith without any  
good deeds to show.'

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Mark 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesa-  
rea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disci-  
ples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him.  
'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again,  
one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you  
say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the  
Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone  
about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was  
destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the el-  
ders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put  
to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said  
all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started  
to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disci-  
ples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me,  
Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but  
man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to  
him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a  
follower of mine, let him renounce himself  
and take up his cross and follow me. For  
anyone who wants to save his life will lose  
it; but anyone who loses his life for my  
sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will  
save it.'



### Communion Antiphon

The chalice of blessing that we bless  
is a communion in the Blood of Christ;  
and the bread that we break  
is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

**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**

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**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

**The QR Code is on the end of each pew in the church and also near the two doors of the Church.**



**SCHOOL FAMILIES**

**2024 PARISH CONTRIBUTION OF \$520**

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

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.

**The Vicar General of the Catholic  
Archdiocese of Melbourne is  
Very Rev Anthony Kerin EV JCL.**

The role of the Vicar General is to assist the Archbishop and Bishops in the governance of the diocese. The priest appointed to the Office is to be known for his sound doctrine, integrity, prudence and practical experience (Canon 478 §1).



Fr Tony Kerin spent his formative years in Clayton, going to school at St Peter's Primary and then De La Salle College in Malvern. The eldest of Leo and Claire Kerin's nine children, he has four sisters and four brothers. After Year 12, he spent two years at Corpus Christi College at Werribee, and when the college moved to Clayton, he moved back too, completing his seminary training there and being ordained for the Melbourne Archdiocese in August 1977.

In 1978, Fr Tony graduated from the Melbourne College of Divinity (now University of Divinity) with a bachelor of theology degree. He worked as an assistant priest in the Bennettswood, Geelong and Werribee parishes until 1986, when he moved to Rome to undertake studies in canon law, returning in August 1988 with a master's degree in canon law and a graduate diploma in Latin literature from the Gregorian University.

Fr Tony worked full time for 18 years at the Tribunal of the Catholic Church. He was the Associate Judicial Vicar and remains a judge of the Tribunal for Victoria and Tasmania, and an appeal court judge for ecclesiastical cases from interstate and New Zealand. He is a past president of the Canon Law Society of Australia and New Zealand. He is also a past president of the Catholic Society for Marriage Education and has toured internationally speaking at conferences. He is a past president of the Corpus Christi Priests' Association, the alumni organisation for Corpus Christi College.

He was a chaplain to the Athletes' Village for the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, parish priest at St Martin de Porres, Avondale Heights, from 2002 to 2014, and parish priest at Greater Box Hill from 2014 to 2024.

A keen skier, Fr Tony was inaugural chaplain to the Interdenominational Alpine Chapel at Mt Buller and has spent winter Saturdays ministering there since 1993. He has also been a PADI-certified scuba rescue diver with a special interest in underwater photography. A member of the Melbourne Cricket Club and the Yarra Yarra Golf Club, he is still a member of the only AFL club with a feast day in the Roman Catholic Calendar (1 November). He relaxes by noodling Hendrix-inspired blues on his Fender Stratocaster.

From Melbourne Archdiocese Website



**PARISH HOLY HOUR**

Join us for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday evenings for the remainder of 2024 .

**7.00pm** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**7.45pm** Compline and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament



**Seminarian Rhys Lowther**



Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
21/9	5pm	Noel Henrisson	Don Vandenberg	Melinda Pereyra-Henriques	
	6.30pm	Joan Bahen	Jaelene Jijo	Charlie Aganetti	
22/9	9am	Lesleigh Madden	David Howard	Sebaastian Antony	
	10.30am	Ophelia Francis	Anne Toshack	Julie Cowell	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
14/9		Cyriac George, Anjith Abraham	28/9		Bessy Mathews, Nicholas Sceneay
21/9		Anthony Fakhry, Binoey John	5/10		Russel Sequeria, Delphine Fruvall



## Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

16/9 Monday: **Sts Cornelius**, pope, martyr, & **Cyprian**, bishop, martyr

Readings: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10;

17/9 Tuesday: 24th Week in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31; Lk 7:11-17;

18/9 Wednesday: 24th Week in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Cor 12:31 –13:13; Lk 7:31-35;

19/9 Thursday: 24th Week in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50;

20/9 Friday: **Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon**, priest, martyr, **Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions**, martyrs

Readings: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3;

21/9 Saturday: **St Matthew**, apostle, evangelist

Readings: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13;

22/9 Sunday : 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Wis 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16 –4:3;  
Mk 9:30-37

## 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](mailto: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 21st October @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 - 24th Sept @ 7pm

**Legion of Mary** - 5.30pm Thursdays

**Bible Study**:- (via Zoom) Next date 24th Sept @ 8pm

**Meeting ID:** 839 2982 4448 **Code**:- 985806

**Liturgy Group** - Next meeting - 25th Sept @ 7pm

**Parish Based Sacramental Programs**:-

Next Programs are in 2025

**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 St 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