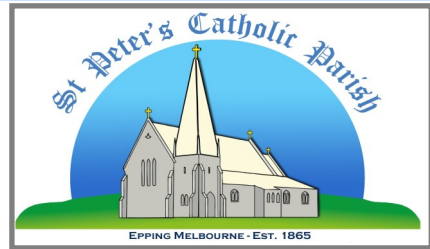


# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year C 23rd Nov 2025

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  
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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

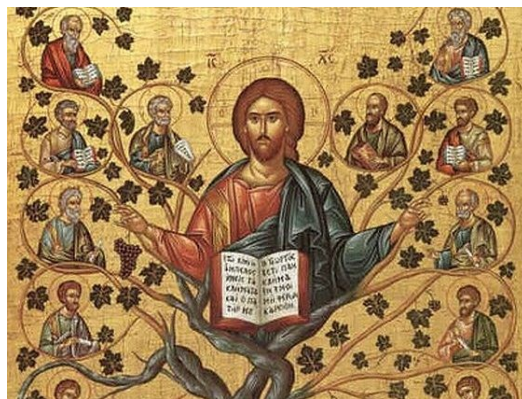
St Monica's College

400 Dalton Road, Epping

Principal: Brian Hanley Ph: 9409 8800

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Free Call 1800 305 330

## From "Vatican News" Reflections for the Feast of Christ the King



## What is the Kingdom of God? What is the Kingdom of Christ the King?

Here is a beautiful explanation given by Gerald Darring (St. Louis University: *Center for Liturgy*): The Kingdom of God is a space. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy.

The Kingdom of God is a time. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected

person.

It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice, or avert a war.

It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the Faith.

The Kingdom of God is in the past (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth); it is in the present (in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come).

The Kingdom of God is a condition. Its symptoms are love, justice, and peace. Jesus Christ is king! We pray today that God may free all the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, to live in his love.

## THE COLUMBAN CALENDARS HAVE ARRIVED

For those who ordered calendars, they are available for collection from the Parish Office. The price is \$10 for those who need to pay.

We have ordered more calendars and they are available in the parish office.

**Pray for the Sick:** Roni & Michael Donovan, Robbie Abdelnour, Olga Olypius, Mary Hill, Emma Anderson, Rachel Gormley, Sairandree Fernando, Daniel Zammit, Veronica King, Bernadette Sexton, Elliott Donovan, Ernesto Bergamin, Ashley Koomen, Tereza Sada, Mitchell Connors, Colleen Paterson

## Offering Masses this week for:-

## 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

Jamie Bitzilis

Liam Joseph

Liv Joseph

Asha Ivy Celestin

Alexander William Creak



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

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year C

## 23rd November, 2025

### Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honour.  
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

### First Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
'Let us go to God's house.'  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**
2. Jerusalem is built as a city  
strongly compact.  
It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord. **(R.)**
3. For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David. **(R.)**

### Second Reading Colossians 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God  
and the first-born of all creation,  
for in him were created  
all things in heaven and on earth:  
everything visible and everything invisible,  
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –  
all things were created through him and for him.  
Before anything was created, he existed,  
and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body,  
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,  
he was first to be born from the dead,  
so that he should be first in every way;  
because God wanted all perfection  
to be found in him  
and all things to be reconciled through him and for  
him,  
everything in heaven and everything on earth,  
when he made peace  
by his death on the cross.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Luke 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

### Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever.  
The Lord will bless his people with peace.





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*Discover How you can get involved in  
Palms International Volunteering*

Discover Palms International Volunteering [online](#) in these two special sessions where you'll hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities in our Southeast Asian region.

1. Explore our **GAP YEAR opportunities** for (18-25yo) Year 12 graduates and university students, that could shape your future.

**Date:** Thursday 4 December 2025  
**Time:** 6pm or 9pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)

2. Join our **TIMOR-LESTE ENCOUNTER** Information session for those who would like a short taste and tour of Palms placements to Timor-Leste from 14-27 May 2026.

**Date:** Monday 8 December 2025  
**Time:** 7.30pm-8.30pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)

**Venue:** ONLINE-Scan the QR code or register at [palms.org.au/events](https://palms.org.au/events)  
**02 9560 53**

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**Christmas Hamper Appeal 2025**

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Pantry items:** also, gladly accepted.

Gifts for teenagers (eg: gift cards): also gladly accepted.

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



## **2025 PARISH CONTRIBUTION FROM SCHOOL FAMILIES**

We are now in Term 4 and there are still school families who have not paid this contribution. As you decided to send your child/children to one of our Parish

Schools you also decided to support the life of the Parish practically and vitally.

**Thank you to all the school families who have already contributed and are still contributing on a regular basis.**

**Please note the Parish banking details for Direct Deposit.**

### **INTERNET BANKING:**

**ACCOUNT NAME:** EPPING CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH

**BSB:** 083 347 **A/C NO.** 65880 7871

**REF:** Your eldest child & family name

If you are experiencing difficulty please contact the Parish office on 9401 6300 or [epping@cam.org.au](mailto:epping@cam.org.au)

## **Working With Children Checks Very Important Notice**

Recently we have had new members to the Cleaning Roster, Youth Group, Readers/Leaders, Special Ministers and Choirs.

If you are a member of any of these ministries, and are aged 18 years or over, **you must provide the parish with a copy of your Working With Children Check (or if you are a teacher, your Teacher Registration details)**. This is a requirement of the Archdiocese.

If you are unsure as to whether your WWCC details are up-to-date in the parish, please forward them again anyway. We will also endeavour to contact those whose details in the parish records are missing a WWCC.

**Thank-you to all for your support of the parish and for providing the required details.**

## **Catholic Women's League Raffle**

We have our final raffle for the year and we will be selling raffle tickets at all masses on the 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November and the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December.

There are 6 prizes and the photos of these prizes are on display in the church and at SMCM.

### **PRIZES**

1st Prize—Carving of the Nativity

2nd Prize—Picnic Basket & Set of BBQ Tools

3rd Prize—Wooden Tray, Set of glasses, cheese knives and Drink Mixers

4th Prize—Two large Christmas jars of lollies

5th Prize—Small painting

6th Prize—Wooden carved bowl

The raffle will be drawn on the 13<sup>th</sup> December and the winners will be notified.

## **St Andrew Dung-Lac and his companions**

are a group of 117 martyrs who were executed for their Catholic faith in Vietnam in the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. They were canonised by Pope John Paul II in 1988. Feast Day 24<sup>th</sup> November.





Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
29/11	5pm	Volunteer	Leeni Joshua	Volunteer	
	6.30pm	Joan Bahen	Jaelene Jijo	Volunteer	
30/11	9am	Dhihana Dias	Lesleigh Madden	David Howard	
	10.30am	Candice Correya	Julie Cowell	Andrew Dipierdomenico	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
22/11		Russel Sequeria, Merli Inovejas	6/12		Volunteers
29/11		Elizabeth Rozario, Shenelle Toshack	13/12		Raju Sankaranarayan, Deepak Bura

### 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



### Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

24/11 Monday: **Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & companions,** martyrs

**Readings:** Dan 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4;

25/11 Tuesday: 34th Week in Ordinary Time

**Readings:** Dan 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11;

26/11 Wednesday: 34th Week in Ordinary Time

**Readings:** Dan 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19;

27/11 Thursday: 34th Week in Ordinary Time

**Readings:** Dan 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28;

28/11 Friday: 34th Week in Ordinary Time

**Readings:** Dan 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33;

29/11 Saturday: 34th Week in Ordinary Time

**Readings:** Dan 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36;

30/11 Sunday : **First Sunday of Advent Year A**

**Readings:** Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44;

### 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.

#### Catholic Women's League 2026

**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;**

8.30pm—9pm Fellowship & packing up.

**Finance Committee** - Next meeting - 9th December @ 6pm

**Legion of Mary** - 5.30pm Wednesdays **Note new day**

**Liturgy Group** - Next meeting - Tuesday 2nd December @ 7pm

#### Parish Based Sacramental Programs:-

**First Reconciliation:** Begins 10th February 2026

**First Holy Communion:-** TBC

**Confirmation:-** Begins 24th March 2026

**Inquiries for 2026 are welcome**

**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 Began on Wednesday 10th September. **Inquiries still welcome**

**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

