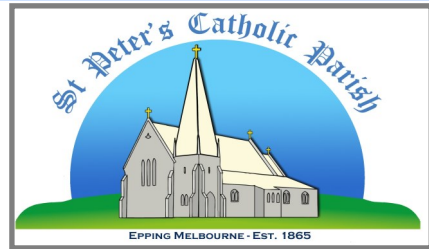


**19th Sunday of
Ordinary Time
Year B
11th August, 2024**

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
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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

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58 Jardin Road, Wollert West. 3750

Principal: Damian Howard

St Monica's College

400 Dalton Road, Epping

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL ASSISTANCE

Free Call 1800 305 330



What Is the Assumption?

From Catholic Answers

The Assumption is the doctrine that says that at the end of her life on earth Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven. Some people think Catholics believe Mary "ascended" into heaven. That's not correct. Christ, by his own power, ascended into heaven. Mary was assumed or taken up into heaven by God. She didn't do it under her own power.

The Church has never formally defined whether she died or not, and the integrity of the doctrine of the Assumption would not be impaired if she did not in fact die, but the almost universal consensus is that she did die. Pope Pius XII, in *Munificentissimus Deus* (1950), defined that Mary, "after the completion of her earthly life" (note the silence regarding her death), "was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven."

No Remains

There is also what might be called the negative historical proof for Mary's Assumption. It is easy to document that,

from the first, Christians gave homage to saints. Cities vied for the title of the last resting place of the most famous saints. In the early Christian centuries relics of saints were zealously guarded and highly prized.

It is agreed that Mary ended her life in Jerusalem, or perhaps in Ephesus. However, neither of those cities nor any other claimed her remains, though there are claims about possessing her (temporary) tomb. And why did no city claim the bones of Mary? Apparently because there weren't any bones to claim, and people knew it. Here was Mary, certainly the most privileged of all the saints, but we have no record of her bodily remains being venerated anywhere.

Complement to the Immaculate Conception

Over the centuries, the Fathers and the Doctors of the Church spoke often about the fittingness of the privilege of Mary's Assumption. The grounds considered include Mary's freedom from sin, her motherhood of God, her perpetual virginity, and—the key—her union with the salvific work of Christ.

But there is more than just fittingness. After all, if Mary is immaculately conceived, then it would follow that she would not suffer the corruption in the grave, which is a consequence of sin [Gen. 3:17, 19].

Prayers for the Sick: Roni & Michael Donovan, Glen Arathoon, Robbie Abdelnour, Olga Olypios, Mary Hill, Emma Anderson, Rachel Gormley, Mario Casha, Sairandree Fernando, Daniel Zammit, Bernadette Sexton, Alexander & Felipe & Anne

Other:

Recent Death:

Anniversary: Sofia Dias, Reginald & Manel Dias, Paul Borg

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

Ariana Winter Capozza
Levi Saint Vasallo



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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Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading 1 Kings 19:4-8

A reading from the first book of Kings

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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 Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving him-

self up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:41-51

A reading from the gospel according to John.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.



'No one can come to me
unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me,
and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets:

They will all be taught by God,
and to hear the teaching of the Father,
and learn from it,
is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father,
except the one who comes from God:
he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly,
everybody who believes has eternal life.
I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert
and they are dead;

but this is the bread that comes down from heaven,
so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come down from
heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Communion Antiphon

The bread that I will give, says the Lord,
is my flesh for the life of the world.

**Thursday 15th August is the Feast of the
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
a holy day of obligation to attend mass.**

Mass Times:-

Regular 9.15am Mass & 7pm Mass

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Dogma of Faith

The Assumption of Mary has always been professed by the faithful, however, in 1950 Pope Pius XII declared this to be a dogma of faith, that is, a truth revealed by God: "we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory" (Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus* (1 November, 1950), n. 44).

Holy Day of Obligation

"On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass" and "to abstain from those labors and business concerns which impede the worship to be rendered to God, the joy which is proper to the Lord's Day, or the proper relaxation of mind and body" (*Code of Canon Law*, can. 1247). The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin (15 August) is a holy day of obligation for all the faithful, along with every Sunday and Christmas Day (25 December). Keeping this commandment of the Church is a sure way to keep our lives centered on what really matters.

Article by Seminarian Rhys Lowther

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 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.

If you have not yet paid this year's contribution 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.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

All current servers and others wishing to become servers are invited to a training session at St Peter's on **Sunday 11 August from 3.30pm – 5.00pm.**

We will begin with afternoon tea followed by a training session.

Parents must sign in upon arrival.

Rhys Lowther

Seminarian | Archdiocese of Melbourne



Parish Census

If you have not yet returned your form please leave it at the Parish Office this week. Thank-you

The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the Campaign brochure which you will find in your pew and in the foyer today. Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductible.

Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants.

Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries.

Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift to help us continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials. I invite you to give generously to this important campaign.



Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm.

It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening.

Bullying can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).

Bullying behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time (for example, through sharing of digital records). Bullying of any form or for any reason can have immediate, medium and long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Bullying can occur in schools, in the workplace, in homes and in parishes. Be proactive to prevent or stop bullying.

Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
17/8	5pm	Noel Henrisson	Leeni Joshua	Melinda Pereyra-Henriques	
	6.30pm	Volunteer	Sheriz Moreno	Volunteer	
18/8	9am	Lesleigh Madden	David Howard	Des Madden	
	10.30am	Anne Toshack	Jennifer Martin	Julie Cowell	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
10/8		Cyriac George, Anjith Abraham	24/8		Thi Nguyen, Binoey John
17/8		Bessy Matthews, Volunteer	31/8		Elizabeth Rozario, Shenelle Toshack



Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

12/8 Monday: 19th Week of Ordinary Time
Readings: Ezek 1:2-5, 24-28; Mt 17:22-27;

13/8 Tuesday: 19th Week of Ordinary Time
Readings: Ezek 2:8 –3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14;

14/8 Wednesday: **St Maximilian Mary Kolbe**, priest,
martyr
Readings: Ezek 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20;

15/8 Thursday: **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
Mary**
Readings: Rev 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-26;
Lk 1:39-56

16/8 Friday: 19th Week of Ordinary Time
Readings: Ezek 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12;

17/8 Saturday: 19th Week of Ordinary Time
Readings: Ezek 18:1-10, 13, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15;

18/8 Sunday : 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58;

National Vocations Awareness Week 4 - 11 August 2024

Please pray for our **priests** today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community.

Please pray for the **religious** who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries.

Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

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 - 24th September @ 7pm

Legion of Mary - 5.30pm Thursdays

Bible Study:- (via Zoom) Next date 27th August @ 8pm

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

Liturgy Group - Next meeting - 25th September @ 7pm

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 - Next program late 2024 to early 2025

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