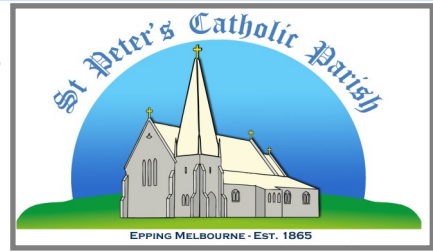


**22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Year B  
1st Sept, 2024**

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  
**Sacrament Co-Ordinator:** Sr Huyen Nguyen LHC  
**Sick & Homebound Co-Ordinator:** Sr Phuong 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 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**  
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**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

**Holiness: Contagion not Quarantine**

Many religious leaders have thought that some foods or some people are such a threat to the holiness of their followers that contact with 'unclean', 'defiling' foods or people must be avoided. Our Lord was totally opposed to the idea that holiness was something secured or gained by being quarantined or separated from any-thing or any-person.

On the contrary, he could touch a leper or have a meal with a prostitute. Rather than defilement flowing from the leper or prostitute to Jesus, his life flowed into them repairing their broken humanity, healing them bodymindspirit, holistically, making *them* holy.

The fact is that God, embodied in Jesus Christ, is contagious. The contagion of Divine Life is meant to flow into the inner depths of personality, into the

heart. When this occurs, the Divine Life in the human person causes 'holiness'.

We have to strive to put ourselves in the way of this contagion. We become holy when we allow ourselves to be touched by our Lord Jesus Christ. How do we do this?

By hearing of His life in the Gospel, by being nourished by His life in Holy Communion, by being touched by the plight of those in whom He is to be found. St James in the second reading describes some who are particularly vulnerable in a patriarchal society with no social security system: the widows and orphans. No doubt, we can identify equivalent groups in our own society and overseas.

**The Pope's Intention for September FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH**

Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.



**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, Elliott Donovan

**Other:**

**Recent Death:**

**Anniversary:** James Rochford, Stanley & Daisy Jones, Philo Extross, Rinjini Emmanuel

**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**

Ma Christina Joan M. Jayagan



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

# 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

## 1st September, 2024

### Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

### First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

### Responsorial Psalm

#### (R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

### Second Reading James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when

they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

### Gospel Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

### Communion Antiphon

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called children of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of  
righteousness,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.



## 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

**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.

### 2024 Archbishop's Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has so generously made a pledge or gift to the 2024 Archbishop's Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so.

You can also make a gift online at [melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign](http://melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign). I encourage you to please give generously to the Campaign.



### September is the Month of 'The Seven Sorrows of Mary'

1. The prophecy of Simeon. (St. Luke 2:34, 35)
2. The flight into Egypt. (St. Matthew 2:13, 14)
3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple. (St. Luke 2:43-45)
4. The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross.
5. The Crucifixion.
6. The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross.
7. The burial of Jesus.

### NEW TAP & GO DONATION POINT IN THE CHURCH

The new Tap & Go machine in the church has four settings for donations :- \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$50. There is a button (Custom) for donations up to \$99.

## PARISH HOLY HOUR

"If we stand in front of the sun, we get a tan, but if we stand before the Blessed Sacrament, we become saints." **Blessed Carlo Acutis**

Join us for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday evenings for the remainder of 2024 (Year of Prayer), concluding with the Office of Compline (Night Prayer of the Church).



**7.00pm** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

**Seminarian Rhys Lowther**



**CHILD PROTECTION WEEK (1 - 7 SEPTEMBER)**

**AND SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY (8 SEPTEMBER)**

Child Protection Week is an important time for us to consider how we, as adults, can address issues affecting children and young people, and how we can make a difference.

Together, through awareness, conversation, and prayer, we can build a safer, more supportive community for our children and young people.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) 2024 –2025

For those wishing to learn about the Catholic Faith the next RCIA Program will be beginning in September.

The dates for classes are:-

11th September 2024 to 7th December 2025

Resuming 5th February 2025 to 19th April 2025.

For further details contact Sister Huyen at the Parish Office.



### St Gregory the Great

St. Gregory the Great is a Doctor of the Church and was Pope from 590 to 604. Credited perhaps most famously with the creation of Gregorian chant, the sacred plainchant of the Church,

Gregory is also remembered for his iconic sermons, many of which are found in the Office of Readings in the Liturgy of the Hours.

Along with Sts. Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome, Gregory is one of the four doctors of the Western Church. His tomb is located under an altar at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. He is a patron saint of musicians, singers, students, and teachers.

From Catholic Apostolate Centre

Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
7/9	5pm	Don Vandenberg	Leeni Joshua	Melinda Pereyra-Henriques	
	6.30pm	Joan Bahen	Bryan Johnston	Charlie Aganetti	
8/9	9am	Des Madden	Lesleigh Madden	Bernie Dias	
	10.30am	Youth	Youth	Cathy Gatt	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
31/8		Elizabeth Rozario, Shenelle Toshack	14/9		Cyriac George, Anjith Abraham
7/9		Anna Arimatea, Martin Family	21/9		Anthony Fakhry, Binoey John



## Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

2/9 Monday: 22nd Week in Ordinary Time  
Readings: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30;

3/9 Tuesday: **St Gregory the Great**, pope, doctor  
Readings: 1 Cor 2:10-16; Lk 4:31-37;

4/9 Wednesday: 22nd Week in Ordinary Time  
Readings: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44;

5/9 Thursday: 22nd Week in Ordinary Time  
Readings: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11;  
**First Thursday**:- Pray for Consecrated Vocations

6/9 Friday: 22nd Week in Ordinary Time  
Readings: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39;  
**First Friday**:- Pray to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

7/9 Saturday: 22nd Week in Ordinary Time  
Readings: 1 Cor 4:6-15; Lk 6:1-5;  
**First Saturday**:- Pray for Devotion to Mary

8/9 Sunday : 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Readings: Is 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37;  
**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY**

### 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