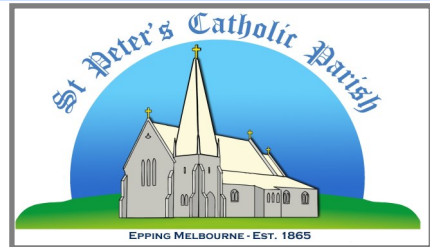


1st Sunday of Lent Year C 9th March 2025

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
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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

Free Call 1800 305 330



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you
have given us in your
son, Jesus Christ,
our brother,

and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless
cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen

Francis



STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Fridays 8.45am before the
9.15am Mass

Fridays 7pm in the church



RECONCILIATION DURING LENT

Regular Saturday
mornings after the
9.15am Mass



2 Evening Sessions—

Tuesday 8th April at 7pm &
Wednesday 9th April at 7pm

Pray for the Sick: Roni & Michael Donovan, Robbie Abdelnour, Olga Olypios, Mary Hill, Emma Anderson, Rachel Gormley, Sairandree Fernando, Daniel Zammit, Veronica King, Bernadette Sexton, Elliott Donovan, Ernesto Bergamin, Ashley Koomen

Offering Masses this week for:-

1st Year Death Anniversary for Alicia Beringuel,

Death Anniversaries of Reginald & Manel Dias, Margaret Loorham, Patrick & Yolanda Reeves, Glen Francis, Rosa Paolini,

Birthday Anniversary for Gilbert L'Oiseau

Thanksgiving for Doreen, Elsie & Chloe Lee

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

Bailey Antonio Martino
Hudson Daniel Sheridan
Jackson Brian Sheridan



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

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

First Reading Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the pannier from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **(R.)**
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **(R.)**
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **(R.)**
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made

righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you
to guard you,

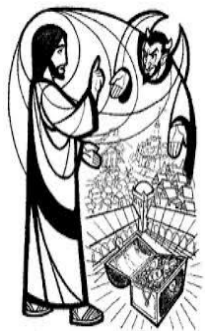
and again:

They will hold you up on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.



Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of
God

TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO ST PETER'S PARISH

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Supports our priests and the retired priests of the Archdiocese.

Presbytery Acc:- BSB 083 347 Acc. No. 65892 7670

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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
2025 PARISH CONTRIBUTION OF \$520
THANK-YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY PAID.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

First Sunday of Lent 8th and 9th of March 2025

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

NOTICES FOR NEWSHEET

Items for the Parish Newssheet must be sent to the Parish Office by **12 Noon Wednesday.**

Contact 9401 6300 or email Epping@cam.org.au

The newssheet is completed by noon on Wednesday and emailed to parishioners and the schools that afternoon.

If you would like the newssheet emailed to you please subscribe via our website.

"THE TIME IS FULFILLED AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME NEAR. REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOOD NEWS." MARK 1:15

LENTEN Retreat

Come join us for two days

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

13 Davisson St, Epping

15 MARCH 2025

9:15 AM - 4.30 PM

16 MARCH, 2025

9:00 AM - 4.30 PM

FREE Registration for Catering purpose



Hildegard-0423736579



Lead by:
COLIN CALMIANO
India

PLEASE REGISTER IF YOU ARE GOING TO ATTEND. THIS ENSURES WE HAVE ENOUGH SEATING AND FOOD FOR ALL ATTENDEES.

An update on the Church flooring.

We have so far received donations of just under \$30,000.00 however have a goal of \$40,000.00 required to cover costs.

We are grateful for all donations received via the envelopes or by direct deposit.

If you have not yet made a donation please consider it and there are still envelopes in the church.

Thank you all from Fr Anh

Carpark use during church flooring work

The church flooring works will start from next Monday 10 March. I will negotiate with the tradies that our students still can use the carpark as playground.

The works then begin again from Monday 17 to Tuesday 18, during these two days the pews in the church are to be in the carpark. Therefore, there are some effects on students and parishioners with using the carpark.

Parishioners please take note of the parking regulations in the streets around the church and school during the time of the flooring works.

Thanks for understanding the circumstances.
With every blessing, Fr Anh

Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
15/3	5pm	Volunteer	Grace O’Brien	Melinda Pereyra-Henriques	
	6.30pm	Joan Bahen	Jaelene Jijo	Charlie Aganetti	
16/3	9am	Lesleigh Madden	Des Madden	David Howard	
	10.30am	Ophelia Francis	Gabrielle Godinho	Andrew Dipierdomenico	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
8/3		Bessy Matthews, Binoey John	22/3		Cyriac George, Volunteer
15/3		Anthony Fakhry, Nicholas Sceneay	29/3		

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 for all details.

Catholic Women's League Next meeting 14th April @10am at St Monica's College

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 - 11th March @ 7pm

Legion of Mary - 5.30pm Thursdays

Liturgy Group - Next meeting - TBC @ 7pm

Parish Based Sacramental Programs:-

1st Reconciliation:- Classes have already begun.

No further bookings

Celebration of the Sacrament:- 7pm Tues 1st April

First Eucharist:- 6 Tuesdays from 29th April.

Celebration of the Sacrament:- 12pm Sat 7th June

Confirmation:- 7 Wednesdays from 30th April.

Celebration of the Sacrament:- 12pm Sat August 9th

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

SMCM Catechism—4.15pm-5pm Saturdays

St Vincent de Paul

First Tuesday of the month at 6pm in the Parish House

Third Tuesday of the month at 6pm via Teams



Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

10/3 Monday: 1st Week of Lent

Readings: Lev 19:1-2, 11-18;
Mt 25:31-46

11/3 Tuesday: 1st Week of Lent

Readings: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15;

12/3 Wednesday: 1st Week of Lent

Readings: Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32;

13/3 Thursday: 1st Week of Lent

Readings: Esther 4:17; Mt 7:7-12;

Anniversary of the election of Pope Francis, 2013

14/3 Friday: 1st Week of Lent

Readings: Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26;

15/3 Saturday: 1st Week of Lent

Readings: Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48;

16/3 Sunday : **Second Sunday of Lent**

Readings: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1;
Lk 9:28-36;

Praying for the people of Ukraine

God of peace and justice,

we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen.