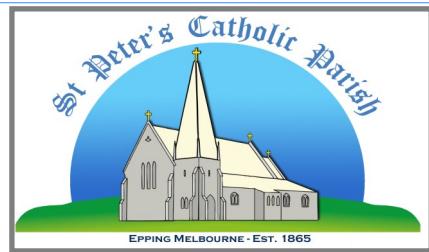
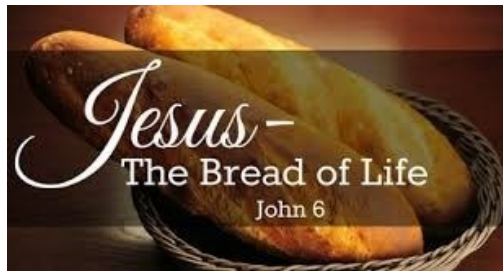


**18th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Year B  
4th August, 2024**

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  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Tien Van Tran  
**Sacrament Co-Ordinator:** Sr Huyen Nguyen LHC  
**Sick & Homebound Co-Ordinator:** Sr Phuong Nguyen LHC  
**Parish Secretary:** Michelle Hood  
*(Mon- 9-3pm, Tue-Wed 9.30am-3.30pm)*  
**Office Admin:** Christine Paterson  
*(Wed & Fri 10am-3pm)*  
**Seminarian:** Rhys Lowther



**REFLECTION by Nick Brodie**

Pope Francis encourages us to remember that 'Jesus came to bring us something more' than just food or even miracles. Jesus seeks 'to open our lives to a wider horizon.'

Jesus, the Pope points out, 'encourages the people to go a step further' than being receivers of bread. Jesus wants his followers to ponder 'the significance of the miracle, and not simply to take advantage of it.'

In a sense, the crowd in this Gospel passage got hung up on spiritual work and gain. They ask: what must they do? Jesus says: believe in him. 'What work will you do?', they ask in turn. It is as if their relationship with God was transactional.

Jesus wants his followers to avoid this sort of thinking. 'This is a common temptation', the Pope says, where 'the crowd wants to know from Jesus which

actions it must perform in order to please God.'

The reality which Jesus reveals is quite the opposite. Rather, as the Pope puts it, 'faith in Jesus allows us to carry out God's works.'

It is, after all, the giver of life itself who is the giver of bread. That creative love precedes any of our thoughts or actions. We receive God's love by recognising its presence. Which in turn allows us to play our part in making it present to others.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for August  
For Political Leaders**

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

**August is  
the Month of  
the Immaculate  
Heart of Mary**



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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

**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

**Other:** Ottavio Cardamone (birthday anniversary)

**Recent Death:**

**Anniversary:** Jeanette Barker, Mario Bignoux, Ottavio Cardamone, Schipano Family, Salvatore Gioffre, Francesca Lagana

**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**

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.

# 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

## 4th August, 2024

### Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.

### First Reading Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

### Responsorial Psalm

#### (R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood,  
the things our fathers have told us,  
we will tell to the next generation:  
the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)
2. He commanded the clouds above  
and opened the gates of heaven.  
He rained down manna for their food,  
and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels.  
He sent them abundance of food.  
He brought them to his holy land,  
to the mountain which his right hand had won. (R.)

### Second Reading Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what

the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel John 6:24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
you are not looking for me  
because you have seen the signs  
but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last,  
but work for food that endures to eternal life,  
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,  
for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven,  
it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven,  
the true bread;  
for the bread of God  
is that which comes down from heaven  
and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.  
He who comes to me will never be hungry;  
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

### Communion Antiphon

I am the bread of life, says the Lord;  
whoever comes to me will not hunger  
and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

## TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO ST PETER'S PARISH

### 1st Collection / Presbytery

Supports our parish Priests and 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.

We thank you for your support of our Parish

### The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence has a new name— Bullying No Way: National week of action.

**Bullying No Way Week, 12 to 16 August 2024**, is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative and connects schools and communities to find workable solutions to prevent bullying.

Purple is the new hero colour representing Bullying No Way: National week of action and our commitment to standing against bullying.

2024 theme is 'Everyone belongs'.

When we all feel like we belong, bullying struggles to find a place. It's about embracing who we are, respecting everyone's differences and standing up together against unkindness.

Belonging means we all have a role in preventing bullying. We're encouraged to speak up and create a safe place where everyone feels supported and respected, and our voices are heard and valued.

### National Vocations Awareness Week 4 - 11 August 2024

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured.

In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage.

Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

### ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

Parents of those interested in serving at Mass are invited to email or speak with Seminarian Rhys Lowther: Rhys.Lowther@cam.org.au.

Parents of existing servers are also asked to supply their email so we can coordinate a roster and training. Primary and secondary students and young adults are welcome.

We will have a training session on **Saturday 10th August**. More details will be sent by email.

### Parish Census -Week 3

By completing the census form, which is available during Mass, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community.

Data from this census will also enable the parish to strategically plan for important events, ministries, and other future endeavours. Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality. Thank you

### 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

### Thursday 8th August is the Feast of St Mary Of the Cross

Therefore the parishioners who attend the 5pm mass at SMCM on **Saturday evening the 10th August** are invited to bring along a plate of food to share and stay after mass for a social gathering to celebrate this feast day.

### Thank-you for supporting CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal 2024.

Our parishioners donated \$390.31 to help those who are vulnerable and disadvantaged in our communities.



Project Compassion 2024 has wrapped up for another year, and we are filled with gratitude for the incredible commitment and compassion demonstrated by your parish throughout Lent.

We are thrilled to announce that Project Compassion 2024 has raised an astounding **\$9.7 million** to help vulnerable communities globally.

Your parish has played a vital role in fostering hope, standing in solidarity and acting as a beacon of hope, for all future generations to come.

We would like to express our sincere thanks for your active participation in Project Compassion, and we look forward to continuing on this meaningful journey together again next year.

Together we are creating a legacy of compassion that resonates far beyond the walls of our parishes.

Thank you once again,

With gratitude, Leanne Langdon  
Community Fundraising Manager



Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
10/8	5pm	Don Vandenberg	Noel Henrisson	Angela Vandenberg	
	6.30pm	Sheriz Moreno	Bryan Johnston	Joan Bahen	
11/8	9am	Kay Whelan	Dhiana Dias	Lesleigh Madden	
	10.30am	Ophelia Francis	Lillian Abbew	Cathy Gatt	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
3/8		Nicholas Sceneay, Anthony Fakhri	17/8		Bessy Matthews, Volunteer
10/8		Cyriac George, Anjith Abraham	24/8		Thi Nguyen, Binoey John



## Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

5/8 Monday: 18th Week in Ordinary Time  
Readings: Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21;

6/8 Tuesday: **The Transfiguration of the Lord**  
Readings: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14: OR 2 Pet 1:16-19;  
Mk 9:2-10;

7/8 Wednesday: 18th Week in Ordinary Time  
Readings: Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28;

8/8 Thursday: **St Mary of the Cross**, virgin  
**Australia:- National Patronal Feast**  
Readings: 1 Kg 17:8-16; Col 3:12-17; Mt 6:25-34;

9/8 Friday: 18th Week in Ordinary Time  
Readings: Nahum 2:1, 3: 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28;

10/8 Saturday: **St Lawrence**, deacon, martyr  
Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26;

11/8 Sunday : 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Readings: 1 Kg 19:4-8; Eph 4:30 -5:2; Jn 6:41-51;

## 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 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

**Syuro Malabar** - Monday evenings in the church