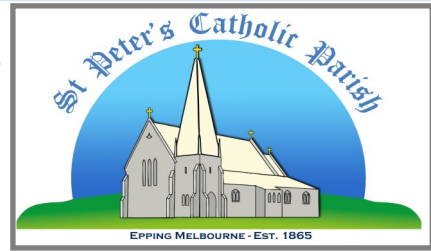


**5th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year C
9th Feb 2025**

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

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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

**A REMINDER OF THE
EXPECTATIONS WHEN
ATTENDING MASS**

**CATHOLIC ETIQUETTE
PART TWO Prior to Mass**

1. As we enter into the church it is part of our custom to **bless ourselves with Holy Water** while making the Sign of the Cross. This ritual is also repeated upon leaving the church. It is a reminder of our Baptism, that we are children of God, and members of the Body of Christ, the Church.

2. As we find our seats, it is important to **genuflect** as we enter the row as a sign of reverence and respect for the real presence of Jesus in the tabernacle. To make a proper genuflection bend the right knee to touch the ground, while facing the tabernacle and make the Sign of the Cross. For those unable to genuflect eg the elderly, it is appropriate to bow towards the altar before entering your seat.

3. Once seated, it is appropriate to **kneel and prepare spiritually for Mass**. This is great opportunity to offer to God gratitude/thanksgiving or make our petitions that we intend to pray for during Mass.

**Reception of Holy
Communion**



As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour.

A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). Frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance (confession) is encouraged for all.

When a person receives the Body of Christ at communion, they must take a few steps sideways and put the host into their mouth before turning to go back to their seat.

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:-

Death Anniversary of Serle Exross, Reginald & Hazel Joseph, Edgar O'Brien, Bruno Schipano Snr and Elsie Rochford

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

Oliver Marc Labrooy

Noah Marc Labrooy

Parish Baptisms

Spencer Vaughn Delima

Eliana Tepaea D. Webster



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

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **(R.)**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had

been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you
fishers of my people. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

Reflection by Greg Sunter From "Liturgy Help"

Scriptural context – The Call of the disciples

In the other two synoptic gospels – Matthew and Mark – the call of the disciples is one of the first recorded actions of Jesus' adult life. Luke, on the other hand, delays the call until after Jesus' public ministry has commenced. By this stage of the gospel, Jesus has made a public declaration about the nature of his ministry and begun to enact it. In this way, the sort of ministry Jesus will undertake is already established when the disciples are called to join it. It becomes a more conscious decision by the disciples – they know what they're getting in to!

Have you thought? – Do not be afraid

When Peter is overcome by the catch of fish and falls on his knees before Jesus, the response Jesus makes is to simply say, 'Do not be afraid'. This phrase is the most often repeated phrase in the Bible. It appears more than 60 times throughout the Bible – depending on which translation one uses. This is an extraordinary number of times for the one phrase to appear. And the references stretch from the first book, Genesis, to the last, Revelation. It is God's message to us echoing throughout the Bible: Do not be afraid!

Living the Gospel – Hearing the Call

Like Isaiah and Peter, each and every one of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat, but when we quieten our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and every one of us. The call comes to us through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears. Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship, or at the very least: unpopularity. But that's no excuse!

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2025 PARISH CONTRIBUTION OF \$520**



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We urgently need your support.

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On 31st January 2025 Bishop Terence (Terry) Curtin

retired as an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. He has served as Bishop for the Northern Region of the Archdiocese since 2014 and as Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation and Mission.

Over more than 50 years as a priest, Bishop Curtin has faithfully served the People of God in Melbourne in various capacities.

We the parishioners of Epping give thanks for his service to our community over many years.

Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ now serves as Bishop for the Northern Region of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

387. What is hope?

Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire and await from God, eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit to merit it and to persevere to the end of our earthly life.



From the "Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church"

Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
15/2	5pm	Leeni Joshua	Don Vandenberg	Melinda Pereyra-Henriques	
	6.30pm	Joan Bahen	Jaelene Jijo	Volunteer	
16/2	9am	Cassandra Martin	Dhiana Dias	Bernie Dias	
	10.30am	Anne Toshack	Jennifer Martin	Cathy Gatt	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
8/2		Elizabeth Rozario, Shenelle Toshack	22/2		Russel Sequeria, Delphine Fruvall
15/2		Anna Arimatea, Martin Family	1/3		

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 17th Feb @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 -TBC @ 7pm

Legion of Mary - 5.30pm Thursdays

Liturgy Group - Next meeting - TBC @ 7pm

Parish Based Sacramental Programs:-

Applications have closed

1st Reconciliation:- 6 Tuesdays from 18th February
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. Cele-
bration 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

St Vincent de Paul

Third Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Parish House

Syro Malabar - Monday evenings in the church



Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

10/2 Monday: St Scholastica, virgin
Readings: Gen 1:1-19; Mt 6:53-56;

11/2 Tuesday: Week 5 Ordinary Time
Readings Gen 1:20 –2:4; Mk 7:1-13;
Holy See:- World Day of Prayer for the Sick

12/2 Wednesday: Week 5 Ordinary Time
Readings: Gen 2:4-9, 15-17; Mk 7:24-30;

13/2 Thursday Week 5 Ordinary Time
Readings: Gen 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30;

14/2 Friday: St Cyril, monk & **Methodius**, bishop
Readings: Gen 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37;

15/2 Saturday: Week 5 Ordinary Time
Readings: Gen 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10;

16/2 Sunday : 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20;
Lk 6:17, 20-26

**Father Anh is on leave until the
14th February.**

We have visiting priests for these dates

Fr Tan -Weekdays & weekend 8th February until
14th February