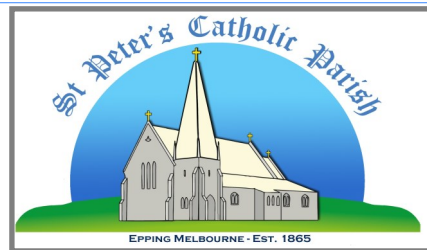


The Ascension of the Lord, Year B 12th May, 2024

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 Tran
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Sr Huyen 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

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400 Dalton Road, Epping
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The Ascension of the Lord

From a HOMILY by Fr Michael Tate

Resurrection for the whole cosmos

When you think about it, Our Risen Lord could have continued to appear to groups of followers generation after generation until now! But He didn't. Why not?

He needed to wean His followers from His visible presence in part because He needed to overcome the natural tendency of human beings to be self-centred, in this case to think that the Resurrection was just for them.

He withdrew his *visible* presence in order to make it clear that other realms

of creation were to share in His victory over death and decay, that the whole of creation is going to share in the transformation of life, which for human beings is experienced as the resurrection of the body.

Reflection by Greg Sunter from "Liturgy Help"

Living the Gospel – Proclaim Good News

Francis of Assisi is credited with saying, 'Preach the gospel at all times and when necessary, use words!' In every interaction we have we say so much about who we are, what we think of the other person and what we believe – even without opening our mouth.

Our actions and attitudes proclaim our beliefs more powerfully than our words ever do.

If we claim to be concerned about justice and yet behave unjustly then it is our actions, not our words, that will be heard!

When we are called to 'proclaim the Good News' we are called to do this first and foremost in action.

Prayers for the Sick: Roni & Michael Donovan, Glen Arathoon, Robbie Abdelnour, Olga Olypios, Mary Hill, Fr Brendon Dillon, Emma Anderson, Rachel Gormley, Mario Casha, Sairandree Fernando, Daniel Zammit

Other: Harold Mathias (birthday anniversary), John Motha & Philomena Motha (birthday anniversaries)

Recent Death: Philomena Roselind Kennegy,

Anniversary: Gilbert L'Oiseau, Marie Coulon, Antonio Arimatea,

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
Laney Paterson
Logan Paterson
Cody Paterson
Amelie Rose Suurland



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

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 16:15-20

A reading from the holy
Gospel according to Mark

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes

and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.



THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

We have a few spare sets of Thanksgiving envelopes for 2024 if any parishioners would like to join the Thanksgiving Program. Please ring Michelle in the Parish office on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday to arrange.
(03)9401 6300



A Prayer for Mothers

Heavenly Father,

I lift up to you today my mother and all mothers. Bless them with strength to continue to care for their children, with the same bold, selflessness Mary showed Jesus.

Help my mother and all mothers feel our gratitude and truly know their impact.

PILGRIMAGE – SAINTS OF ITALY, MARIJA BISTRICA & MEDJUGORJE

The above pilgrimage is from Tues, 1/10/2024 to Tues, 22/10/2024.
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR –
FATHER GEORGE JAMES, Sacred Heart parish, Thornlie



The first part of the pilgrimage will cover The Great Saints of Italy and will include Rome (Vatican, St. Peter's Basilica, St. Paul, St. John Lateran, St. Alphonso, etc), San Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio), Assisi (St. Francis of Assisi), Sienna (St. Catherine) , Padua (St. Anthony), Venice (St. Mark), etc.

We will also visit Our Lady of Revelation, Manopello, Lanciano, Loreto and the Shrine of the Mystical Rose.

The second part of the pilgrimage will see us drive through Slovenia to spend two nights in Marija Bistrica (Croatia) and then to Medjugorje (Hercegovina) for a week.

If you wish to join us for the pilgrimage, please contact **Pilgrimage Coordinators, EDMAN/RADHA ANTHONY** at **0424 437 251** and/or email edmanpilgrimage@gmail.com for more details.

MASS COUNT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY Continues today.

TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO ST PETER'S PARISH

1st Collection / Presbytery

Presbytery Acc:-

BSB 083 347 Acc. No. 65892 7670

Acc. Name:- EPPING CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

2nd Collection / Church

Church Acc:-

BSB 083 347 Acc. No. 65880 7871

Acc. Name:- EPPING CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH



INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS from the Catholic Women's League –to join us for the BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Date : Tuesday 28th May.

Place : St Monica's College Meeting Room. Straight across the road through the college carpark.

Time : Approx. 10.15am following the 9.15am Mass.

Purpose : To raise funds through donations for cancer research and to have the opportunity for parishioners to share a cup of tea/coffee, snacks and a chat.

Mums dads & kids welcome.

NO MORNING MASS ON:-

Saturday 25th May

due to First Communion for Parish Based Program students this day.

Saturday 15th June

due to Parish Confirmation on this date

FREE ROSARY BEADS IN THE CHURCH

Catholic Women's League Milk for the 'Children First Foundation'

We are asking for your assistance with donations of milk over the next few weeks up until the 19th May. It will then be delivered to the foundation.

Thank-you again to all the parishioners who generously assist with the milk.

With the milk provided by our parishioners, the Foundation does not need to purchase any milk for the children.

Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
18/5	5pm	Noel Henrisson	Don Vandenberg	Angela Vandenberg	
	6.30pm	Sheriz Moreno	Bryan Johnston	Joan Bahen	
19/5	9am	Kay Whelan	Leeni Joshua	Des Madden	
	10.30am	Cassandra Martin	Anne Toshack	Stella Galea	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
	11/5	Cyriac George, Anjith Abraham	25/5		Raju Sankaranarayan , Volunteer
	18/5	Russel Sequeria, Delphine Fruvall	1/6		Jeanelle Extross, Annie Chakramakkil



Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

13//5 Monday: 7th Week of Easter

(Our Lady of Fatima)

Readings: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33;

14/5 Tuesday: **St Matthias**, apostle

Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17;

15/5 Wednesday: 7th Week of Easter

Readings: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19;

16/5 Thursday: 7th Week of Easter

Readings: Acts 22:13-21; Jn 17:20-26;

17/5 Friday: 7th Week of Easter

Readings: Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19;

18/5 Saturday: 7th Week of Easter

Readings: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

(St John I, pope, martyr)

19/5 Sunday : **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25;
Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15;

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

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.

Catholic Women's League -

Biggest Morning Tea –28th May at 10.25am. **ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US.**

Next meeting Monday 17th June @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 - 9th July @ 7pm

Legion of Mary - 5.30pm Thursdays

Bible Study:- Monthly (4th Tuesday) Next 28th May

Liturgy Group - Next meeting -

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 - completed for 2024

Parish Based Sacramental Programs:-

Classes have begun for 2024. Next Program is in 2025

St Vincent de Paul—

Third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm

Syro Malabar - Monday evenings in the church