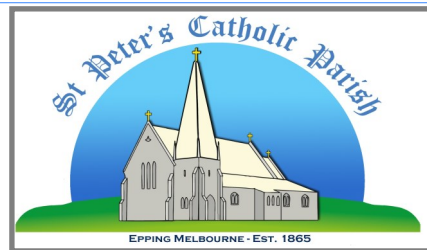


**3rd Sunday of  
Easter Year B  
14th April, 2024**

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  
**Sacrament Co-Ordinator:**  
Sr Huyen Nguyen LHC  
**Sick & Homebound Co-Ordinator:**  
Sr Phuong Nguyen LHC  
**Parish Secretary:** Michelle Hood  
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**Office Admin:** Christine Paterson  
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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

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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
KYLE CORREYA**

From all parishioners we offer congratulations to Kyle for being nominated to represent Australia for the 2024 International Youth Ministry Congress being held in Rome in May.

Kyle plays an active role in the parish liturgies, particularly with the music for masses. He contributed to the 2023 World Youth Day and continues to spread the word of God with music.

**Parish Based Sacraments**

The Parish Sacramental Program is for Catholic children who do not attend our Catholic schools, wishing to complete their sacraments of initiation - **Eucharist and Confirmation**, and the sacrament of healing - **Reconciliation**

The Sacramental Program aims to provide a balanced approach to growth in faith. To achieve this, the family and the parish acknowledge and carry out their particular roles, always recognising that it is the child, who is the focus.

Thank-you to the parishioners who will be working with Sister Huyen to instruct the children in the program this year. **BOOKINGS ARE NOW CLOSED FOR THIS YEAR.**

**SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH**

All volunteers please check that your **WWCC** is current. If it has expired please apply for a new one. Go to **www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au** and be sure to nominate St Peter's Parish Epping as the place where you volunteer.

Volunteers who require a WWCC are:- readers, leaders, special ministers, those who visit the sick, taking communion to people at home, church cleaners, those who assist with the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, St Vincent de Paul members, RCIA team, Legion of Mary Members, anyone whose role take you near children.

**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**

**Prayers for the Sick:** Roni & Michael Donovan, Glen Arathoon, Gilbert L'Oiseau, Robbie Abdelnour, Olga Olypios, Mary Hill, Fr Brendon Dillon, Emma Anderson, Rachel Gormley, Mario Casha, Ronald Barker, Sairandree Fernando

**Recent Death:**

**Anniversary:** Patricia Cowell, Sura Nettur, Tamara Jayaweera, Len & Mary Paulka, Drago Vrbnac, Angelka Mance

**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**

Selena Cirilli  
Noah Gambling  
Mackenzie Lucy Polizzi  
Miguel Henrique Almeida



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

# 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year B

## 14th April, 2024

### Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

### First Reading Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.**

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me, have mercy and  
hear me! **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he  
loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **(R.)**
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **(R.)**
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for  
you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **(R.)**

### Second Reading 1 John 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

I am writing this, my children,  
to stop you sinning;  
but if anyone should sin,  
we have our advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ, who is just;  
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,  
and not only ours,  
but the whole world's.  
We can be sure that we know God  
only by keeping his commandments.  
Anyone who says, 'I know him',  
and does not keep his commandments,  
is a liar,

refusing to admit the truth.  
But when anyone does obey what he has said,  
God's love comes to perfection in him.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Luke 24:35-48

A reading from the holy  
Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of  
what had happened on the  
road and how they had rec-  
ognised Jesus at the breaking  
of bread.



They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

### Communion Antiphon

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the  
dead;  
in his name repentance and remission of sins  
must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

## REFLECTION by Greg Sunter from "Liturgy Help"

### Gospel Reflection

..... what this account gives us that last week's account from the gospel of John did not, is a powerful message about understanding scripture. In the final verses of the passage, Jesus reveals to the disciples that his presence with them is what he'd been talking about when he'd spoken about the fulfilment of the scriptures. And then, 'He opened their minds to understand the scriptures.' This is an important gospel indication that the scriptures are to be read for understanding and for meaning. It is an imperative that we delve into the scriptures and look for meaning rather than a surface, literal interpretation that is prominent in much of society today. When we only read the scriptures 'literally' i.e. accepting the exact wording as literally true, we deny the depth and breadth of the scriptural messages that are conveyed through image, metaphor, irony and other forms of figurative speech as well as ignoring the rich contextual information that is often hidden within and behind the text. Jesus' enlightenment of the disciples makes plain the importance of 'understanding' scripture not just blindly accepting it.

### Have you thought? Is 'Literal' wrong?

Is there really something intrinsically wrong about a literal interpretation of scripture? Not at all! It is indeed an essential tool of any scriptural interpretation. It is of course important that we first and foremost understand the text as it is written – we have to have a literal understanding of the words that are used and what they mean. The problem arises when this is as far as we go. If we stop at this stage then we are shutting ourselves off from the richness of the scriptures. If we fail to dig below the surface then we are denying ourselves the opportunity of scrutinising our lives in the light of the scripture.

### Gospel Focus –

#### Peace be with you

When Jesus appears in the midst of the disciples, his first words to them are, 'Peace be with you!' His appearance among them obviously agitated the disciples who were already hiding, in fear of their lives and devastated by the loss of their leader days earlier. Jesus' calming and reassuring words, 'Peace be with you!' recognise the reality of what state the disciples are in. The words demonstrate that Jesus is meeting the disciples 'where they are' – he recognises their distress and fear and responds with words that accept what they're feeling but reassure them of his love and care. They are words that Jesus speaks to us too!



### (Good Shepherd Sunday) on 21 April

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

The annual **Seminary Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College is on Sunday 19 May**

### The Legion Of Mary Melbourne Senatus

In Dublin on 7th September, 1921, fifteen people met to work out together how best to serve God in the form of a Lay Apostolate. After invoking the aid of the Holy Spirit and reciting the Rosary, they decided to visit in pairs the Dublin Union Hospital, where there were many poor, friendless, aged patients, in addition, they decided to hold a meeting each week.

Thus, the Legion was born, with its characteristic features: prayer in common, very definite apostolic work and a weekly meeting.

From this humble beginning, though not worked out at its beginning, but animated by great trust in the Holy Spirit and Mary's power in the work of evangelisation, this form of apostolate has spread throughout the world.

ARE YOU READY TO  
ANSWER OUR LADY'S  
CALL?

## Legion of Mary

Take up the Apostleship.

Join the Legion of Mary at St Peter's  
Epping.

Call the Parish Office for more  
details.

☎ 03 9401 6300

🌐 [legionofmary.net.au](http://legionofmary.net.au)

📍 Meeting on Thursday at 5:30PM at the Parish  
Office: 13 Davison Street, Epping, Victoria.



Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
20/4	5pm	Noel Henrisson	Grace O'Brien	Angela Vandenberg	
	6.30pm	Sheriz Moreno	Joan Bahen	Rosemary Cheung	
21/4	9am	Christine Paterson	Dhiana Dias	Victor St George	
	10.30am	Cassandra Martin	Oswald Correya	Julie Cowell	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
	13/4	Anthony Fakhry, Binoey John	27/4		Shenelle Toshack, Enza Francese
	20/4	Bessy Mathews, Nicholas Sceneay	4/5		Elizabeth Rozario, Anna Arimatea



## Liturgy Readings of the Next Week

**15/4 Monday:** in the 3rd week of Easter  
**Readings:** Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29;

**16/4 Tuesday:** in the 3rd week of Easter  
**Readings:** Acts 7:51-8:1; Jn 6:30-35;

**17/4 Wednesday:** in the 3rd week of Easter  
**Readings:** Acts 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40;

**18/4 Thursday:** in the 3rd week of Easter  
**Readings:** Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51;

**19/4 Friday:** in the 3rd week of Easter  
**Readings:** Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59;

**20/4 Saturday:** in the 3rd week of Easter  
**Readings:** Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:52-59;

**21/4 Sunday : Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Readings:** Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18;  
**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

## 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.

**Catholic Women's League** -Next meeting Monday 15th April @10am at St Monica's College

**Charismatic Prayer Group** 6.30pm—9.30pm 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 23rd April

**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:-

**BOOKINGS HAVE NOW CLOSED FOR ALL THREE SACRAMENT PROGRAMS 2024**

**St Vincent de Paul—**

**Third Tuesday** of the month at 7.30pm

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