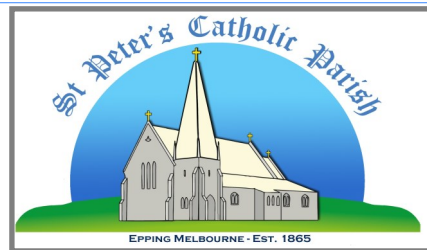


**11th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year B
16th June, 2024**

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
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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

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Free Call 1800 305 330



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings today remind us that poetic imagery is an apt way of describing the mysterious presence of God in our midst. The cedar began as a seedling that takes years to grow into a magnificent tree. The same is true of the mustard tree. It too requires time to develop its trunk and branches.

The development of moral integrity in a human being is just as gradual. Rooted in God, it flourishes in God's presence and it produces fruit even into old age. Although God is present in all things, sustaining them and allowing them to follow their natural courses, God really transcends all things. Metaphorical language may be the best means for speaking about God and the things of God. It enables us to

live in the tension that both reveals something about God and conceals God's real nature.

The reign of God also begins in very ordinary circumstances, and it matures gradually until it has spread itself far and wide. Although the mystery of the reign of God unfolds within human history, we need eyes of faith to recognise it. Like the cedar and the mustard seed, it grows within the concreteness of human experience.

Just as the life force that thrusts the branches of the trees further and further out cannot itself be seen, so the reign of God is mysterious, even incomprehensible. Still, it is there, inviting us, urging us to move forward, transforming our world.

Feast of Sts Peter & Paul

is on Saturday 29th June

The Parish will celebrate the Mass of Sts Peter & Paul at all masses on the weekend of the 29th & 30th June. Bishop Terry Curtin will celebrate the 10.30am mass on Sunday 30th June and will then join us for the Parish BBQ.

**Parish BBQ on Sunday 30th
June following the 10.30am
Mass.**

Save this date -all welcome

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

Other: Antonio Ascenzo (Birthday Anniversary)

Recent Death:

Anniversary: Rita Scerri, Rosa Kljun, Lorna Diaz, Chrissy Diaz, Edward Diaz, Tyrrol Diaz, Melissa Berke

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

Theodore Warren Martucci
Jorgia Maria Bongiorno



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 Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God,
my Saviour!

First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of its
branches.
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the
Lord, am the one
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones
grow,
who withers green trees and makes the with-
ered green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R.)**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R.)**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

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

We are always full of confidence when we remem-
ber that to live in the body means to be exiled from
the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight –

we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want
to be exiled from the body and make our home
with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or
exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all
the truth about us will be brought out in the law
court of Christ, and each of us will get what he de-
serves for the things he did in the body, good or
bad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 4:26-34

A reading from the holy
Gospel according to
Mark



Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom
of God is like. A man throws seed on the land.
Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake,
the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does
not know. Of its own accord the land produces first
the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the
ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time;
he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of
God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is
like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing
in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth;
yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of
them all and puts out big branches so that the
birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word
to them, so far as they were capable of under-
standing it. He would not speak to them except in
parables, but he explained everything to his disci-
ples when they were alone.

Communion Antiphon

Holy Father, keep in your name those you have
given me, that they may be one as we are one,
says the Lord.

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

VOLUNTEER ROLES IN THE PARISH ARE:-

- * readers, leaders, Special Ministers, those who take up the collections, church cleaners
- * those who assist in the parish Sacrament Programs,
- * all members of choirs over 18 years (not just the leader of the choir),
- * those on parish committees,
- * those who belong to agencies that operate in the parish (Vinnies , Legion of Mary) as they go to people's homes,
- * those who visit the sick, hospitals or take communion to the sick,
- * those who carry out gardening

If you are one of these volunteers please do the following:-

Check your expiry date on your WWCC card.

*If current you do not have to do anything.

*If expired please apply for a new card.

***If you do not have a WWCC card apply for one immediately if you wish to continue / or start to volunteer in the parish.**

Father Brendan Michael Dillon PE

passed away on the 6th June. He was aged 83.

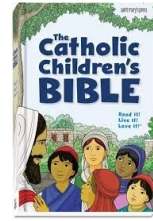
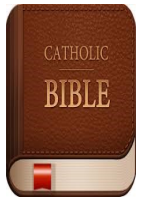
Upon his ordination on 23 July 1966 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Father Brendan served at the Cathedral temporarily as Assistant Priest and was later appointed as Assistant Priest at Bulleen (1967), Cheltenham (1970) and again at St Patrick's Cathedral (1972).

After serving as the Catholic Chaplain to the Military Vicariate from 1973, Father Brendan was appointed Administrator of Bacchus Marsh Parish (1980) and was then appointed Parish Priest at Epping (1982). Father Brendan's final parish appointment was at Glen Waverley as Parish Priest from 2000 to 2017, whereupon he retired and was made *Pastor Emeritus*.

Father Brendan served the Church and its people in a very positive and pastorally enriching manner. He was a fine example to both his brother priests and wider community, particularly the Racing Industry of which he was its Chaplain for many years.

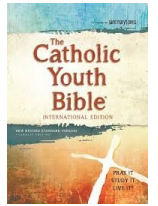
Reading The Bible from Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Website

Christians regard the Bible as the Word of God—a sacred text revealing the truth and a message for all people and all time. The Bible is not a chronological history of the people of God but has a life of its own.



The Old Testament consists of the ancient and sacred writings of the Jewish people. It includes many different genres. The New Testament contains four gospels (the 'good news' about Jesus of Nazareth), as well as various letters to early Christian communities.

Regular Bible reading, as part of communal prayer or for private contemplation, is a way of 'meeting God' and of learning more about ourselves and how God calls us to live. One of the best ways to get to know Jesus is to read the Bible. You learn about his life and the things he said and did and what he is saying to you today.



If you are new to the Bible, you might like to start by reading the Gospel of Mark. Praying with the daily Mass readings is also a good way to discover the Bible.

OUR WEEKLY THANK-YOU –Number 5

We thank the men and women of the parish who assist Father to maintain the gardens and lawns around the church, parish office and presbytery.

They ensure the parish areas are always well maintained and attractive.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga :-born March 9, 1568, Castiglione delle Stiviere, Republic of Venice [Italy] :-died June 21, 1591, Rome; :-canonized 1726; :-feast day June 21 was an Italian Jesuit and patron saint of Roman Catholic youth.

Aloysius was the eldest of seven children born to Ferrante Gonzaga, marchese di Castiglione. Destined for a military career as a nobleman, he was educated at the ducal courts of Florence and Mantua and at the royal court of Madrid, where he was page to King Philip II's son Diego.

However, in 1585 he resigned his inheritance and social status and entered the Society of Jesus (the Jesuit order) at Rome. Aloysius was noted for his asceticism and quickly volunteered to care for the sick and dying at a Jesuit hospital when plague broke out in Rome.

Shortly before his ordination, he contracted the disease himself and died at age 23.



Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
22/6	5pm	Don Vandenberg	Noel Henrisson	Angela Vandenberg	
	6.30pm	Sheriz Moreno	Volunteer	Charlie Aganetti	
23/6	9am	Lesleigh Madden	Des Madden	David Howard	
	10.30am	Cassandra Martin	Oswald Correya	Julie Cowell	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
	15/6	Bessy Matthews, Thi Huong Nguyen	29/6		Thi Nguyen,
	22/6	Elizabeth Rozario, Shenelle Toshack	6/7		Anna Arimatea, Martin Family



Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

17/6 Monday: 11th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: 1 Kg 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42;

18/6 Tuesday: 11th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: 1 Kg 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48

19/6 Wednesday: 11th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: 2 Kg 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18;

20/6 Thursday: 11th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Sirach 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15;

21/6 Friday: **St Aloysius Gonzaga**, religious
Readings: 2 Kg 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23;

22/6 Saturday: **Sts John Fisher**, bishop &
Thomas More, martyrs
Readings: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34

23/6 Sunday : 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Readings: Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17;
Mk 4:35-41

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. Baptisms are on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.

Catechesis with Rhys :- 4.15pm Saturday @ SMCM

Catholic Women's League 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 25th June

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:-
Next Programs are in 2025

St Vincent de Paul—

Third Tuesday of the month at 7pm

Syro Malabar - Monday evenings in the church