

# The Catholic Parish of Epping, Epping North

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**  
**Sunday, 5 August 2018**



**Parish Office and St Peter's church:**  
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**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**  
Cnr Redding Rise and Farmhouse Blvd  
Epping North

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**Parish Priest: Fr Anh Nguyen**  
**Assistant Priest: Fr Joel Peart**

### Weekend Masses:

*St Peter's*  
Saturday 6.30pm,  
Sunday 9am & 10.30am  
*St Mary of the Cross MacKillop*  
Saturday 5.00pm

### Weekday Masses:

*St Peter's*  
9.15am Tuesday - Friday  
*St Mary of the Cross MacKillop*  
12 noon on Friday's during the school term

### Reconciliation:

Saturday 10.30 am - 11 am

### Children's Liturgy of the Word every week:

*St Mary of the Cross MacKillop* 5.00pm  
*St Peter's* 10.30am

### Northern Hospital - Catholic Chaplain:

Rosemary Bolzan 9401 6300  
Fr Fayeze Assaf

### Administration

**[Mon-Tue 9-3pm, Wed & Fri 9-1pm]**  
- Michelle Hood

**Business Manager/Accountant**  
**[Tues, Wed, Thurs 9-4pm]** - Gil Bell

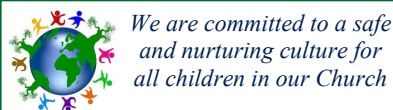
**Baptisms:** Every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 12noon. Parents are required to prepare for their child's baptism by attending a Baptism Preparation evening.  
Contact: **Christine Hall** 9401 6311

**Sacramental Preparation** 9401 6300

**Marriages** by appointment and three month notice required.  
Please contact the parish office.

### Schools

St Peter's, Epping Ph: 9401 1157  
St Mary of the Cross Ph: 8432 4500  
Glowrey Parish Primary Ph: 8432 4500  
St Monica's Epping Ph: 9409 8800  
**St Vincent de Paul 1800 305 330**



*We are committed to a safe and nurturing culture for all children in our Church*

### **FIRST READING-Ex 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-Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24**

**(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 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-Eph 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-Mt 4:4**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

### **Plenary Council Prayer**

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.  
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.  
Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognize Jesus, our companion on the road.  
Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.  
Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.  
Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.  
Amen.

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.*

*St Mary Mackillop, pray for us.*

**Let us pray for the sick:** Justin Borden, Maggie Sagaria, Mazened Francis, Grace LeTin, Jo Bonicci, Rebecca Englezakis, Jason Azzilla, Nicholas Ludersamy, Palmera Tanse, Cheryl D'sa, Mark Paul Flavier, Rita Carusi, Dominic Prattico, Janey Hoorigan, Jay Larkas, Jennifer Harbour, Shanon Farrugia, Patricia DeSilva, Sabrina Jansz, Carmel McKenzie, Faten Elmenawi, Michael & Roni Donovan, Carmen Caruana, Rosa Maria Santos, Mario Paola, Laura Patullo, Patsy Heffernan, Dean Scerri, Jean Callaghan, James Sheppard, Madison Parker, Barbara L'Oiseau, Mary Attard, Danny Callaghan.

**Recent Death:** David Kenna

**Anniversary:** Bella and Harold De Rozario, Paul Borg Marcel and Daisy Ho Mok Cheong, Mario Bignoux, Jeanette Barker and Percy Perera

### **Rite of Welcome for Baptism**

*Alessia Abbatangelo, Paul Wilson, Ayva Keats  
Shaniah Darious and Leon Sing*

## The Call– What is a Vocation?

If you are looking for a simple definition of a vocation, the literal meaning of the word is a "call."

But a vocation is more than an ordinary call. A vocation is a call from God, and anyone who has felt God's call knows that the process is anything but simple. While most people think of a vocation as what they are called to do in life, it is important to understand that the first and most important call from God is a call to be - the universal call to holiness.

### Clarification

Your vocation is not the same as your career or profession. However, there is an overlap between a vocation and a profession.

A career or a profession is something that you have in order to support yourself and to contribute in some way to the good of the society. You don't need to believe in God to choose a career or a profession. A person can pick, choose and switch profession freely depending on his/her preferences, strengths or circumstances. A profession or a career always has a horizontal dimension.

When we talk about vocation, we introduce a vertical dimension in our life, which is God. It is no longer 'what do I prefer?' but rather 'What does God want me to be?' A vocation is not something that you can switch like a profession or a career.

For example, a person may work in retail sales because he/she has what it takes to sell a product, to establish customer relations, to follow directions and to work with a team to accomplish daily tasks. That same person's vocation may be to be a single person, a wife or a husband, to be a religious brother or sister, to be a deacon or priest.

make us truly happy. If God had given us everything we ever asked for we would be seriously unhappy. The basis of our desire to find and to do the will of God should be the belief that God's will for us is our only chance to be truly and lastingly happy.

To be continued...

## COMMUNITY NEWS!!!

**Parishioners on the Ministry roster** or those wanting to become a part of the Ministry roster **MUST** have a current WWC [Working with Children check] and are required to sign a copy of the 'Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct'. This is a requirement of the Archdiocese and the Parish is audited on a regular basis. **If you have NOT provided the parish office with your current WWC card details please do so as soon as possible.** This must be completed if you wish to remain active on the Ministry Roster.

**New Ministry rosters are due to start on August 18th**

### 2018 PARISH CONTRIBUTION OF \$400

A note to all School families that Statements with your Parish Contribution received will be sent through the schools within the next few weeks. If you have not commenced contributing please contact the Parish Office ASAP. It is a vital part to contribute when being part of this Parish Community.-

### CELEBRATION OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS WED 8 AUGUST



Solemn Masses will be celebrated at 9.15am at St. Peter's and 10am at Mary of the Cross School: followed by morning Tea to celebrate our Patroness. All welcome!

### Assumption Feast Wednesday 15th August Holy day of Obligation

9.15am and 7pm St Peter's Church  
10am St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

### SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

**Glowrey Parish Primary school Wollert** is now taking enrolments for 2019. Please call 8432 4500 for all enquiries

**St Peter's Parish Primary School-** Enrolments now open for 2019.

Please contact the office on 9401 1157 to book a school tour.

<http://www.stprepp.catholic.edu.au/>



**St Monica's College**-Please note that **2020** enrolments will close on **Friday 17 August, 2018**. Enrolments are currently being accepted for Year 7 2020-2021. For further enquiries please contact the College Registrar Mrs Enza Sinopoli, on 9409 8444

Dear Friends,

In August the Federal Parliament will be debating a bill that would clear the way for legalized euthanasia in the Territories. Time is running out for you to make a stand and protect the most vulnerable in our society. You never know, one day this might effect your family.

**You have a powerful voice. Our politicians cannot ignore us if we speak up. By emailing your politicians today, you'll be helping make sure that this dangerous law doesn't simply sneak through the Parliament.**

**Write to senators to oppose euthanasia.** The Senate will soon vote on a Bill which would allow territories to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide. Please contact your senators TODAY and ask them to protect vulnerable people by voting against the Bill. Visit the HOPE website to send your message  
<http://www.no euthanasia.org.au/sign>

### CHRISTMAS HAMPER CO-ORDINATORS required

Do you have some spare time & considering volunteering? Perhaps you are recently retired? Maybe you are also blessed with great administrative and communication skills? We have a wonderful job for you!

Vinnies Epping Conference are seeking **two (2) people** who would be willing to join our team specifically to be **joint** Christmas Hamper Co-ordinators to facilitate all arrangements up to and including the delivery of hampers in mid-December.

Membership of SVDP also includes a current Police Check and a Working With Children Check.

If you are interested in learning more about the above role, please phone the Parish Office on **9401-6300** or email your contact details to [epping@cam.org.au](mailto:epping@cam.org.au)



**Congratulations to Andrew and Oliviya Samuel on their 20th Wedding Anniversary**

**Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Friday St Peter's 7.30pm.**

**All Welcome**

**Church cleaning Saturday 11 August –Volunteer**

If you would like an item/anniversary included in the weekly Newsheet it is important that you have it to the Parish Office by Wednesday morning  
Contact 9401 6300 or email [epping@cam.org.au](mailto:epping@cam.org.au)