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Parish Priest: Fr Anh Nguyen
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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 Faye 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



The Catholic Parish of Epping, Epping North

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
Sunday, 12 August 2018

FIRST READING-1 Kgs 19:4-8

A reading from the first book of Kings

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM-Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

4. The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

SECOND READING-Eph 4:30 – 5:2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION-Jn 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
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 Pratico, 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, James Sheppard, Madison Parker, Barbara L'Oiseau, Mary Attard, Danny Callaghan and Luisa Ferro.

Recent Death: Brian Donnelly
Anniversary: Anna Grugnale

Welcome to our Parish through Baptism
Daniel Wilson
Alessia Abbatangelo

The Call-What is a Vocation?

Holiness

This distinction between a call to holiness and a call to a specific vocation - single person, married life, consecrated life or ordained ministry - is important.

The universal call to holiness is rooted in our baptism. It is a call to know, love and serve the Lord. It is a movement that draws us toward a deeper union with God. We feel a growing desire to love God and to love our neighbour. We come to understand that there is a reason for our existence and there is meaning in our lives.

The universal call to holiness is an ongoing conversion experience. It keeps opening our eyes to new awareness of God's loving presence. It keeps inviting us to turn toward God by aligning our will with God's will.

A willingness to do God's will is built on two convictions. We have to believe that God loves us more than we love ourselves and that God wants our happiness more than we want it. In other words, we have to believe that God knows more than we do about what will 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.-

Assumption Feast Wednesday 15th August Holy day of Obligation

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

CatholicCare Church Appeal 2018

This weekend is the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help CatholicCare to support the most vulnerable people in our community. If you have forgotten to bring your donation with you, please take an envelope home and return it directly to CatholicCare.



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.com.org.au**



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

Church cleaning Saturday 18 August -Anne Toshack, Elizabeth Rosario and Anna Mariampillai

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