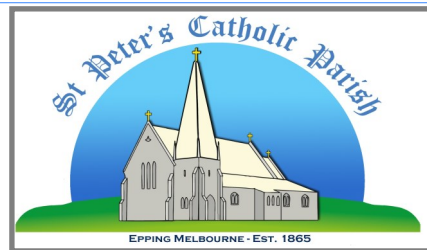


**4th Sunday of
Easter Year B
21st April, 2024**

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.



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Assistant Priest: Fr Tien Tran
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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

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400 Dalton Road, Epping

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL ASSISTANCE

Free Call 1800 305 330



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
from "Liturgy Help"

The Voice

In the regions where Jesus was an itinerant preacher, three or four flocks could be kept in a communal sheepfold for safety. In the morning, the shepherds would come and, as each called out, the sheep attuned to the sound of his voice would follow to life-giving pasture.

We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention. We are bombarded by messages, social media incessantly chattering. Jesus invites us to get attuned to *his* voice, listening for the distinctive sound of it so that, even if it is faintly heard in a

cacophony, we immediately turn toward it so that we can follow it in a life-giving direction.

How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese character for gospel is 'happy sounds'. I like the plural. Jesus' gospel voice is not a monotone but a polyphony sounding in different ways in different situations.

As disciples, we have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice so that we can echo it in our own lives. We become reverberations of Christ's voice in many different situations, helping him to lead others to life-giving pastures.

We could take a moment to pray for better listening so that we might recognise the gospel voice of Jesus Christ, especially at the moment of death. Then we may hear the one voice we need and long for: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.'

Good Shepherd, you know us by our name and our identity is not hidden from you. Gather us to yourself as a shepherd gathers the sheep, that we might know your Name. Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer. Amen.

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

Other: Stephen & Sabrina—Wedding Anniversary

Recent Death: Gilbert L'Oiseau

Anniversary: Assunta De Lorenzo, Alicia La Torre, Teresa Samuel, Michael Jarret

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

Siala Louise Bernardi
Jordan Antonio Lago



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

4th Sunday of Easter, Year B

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Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. **(R.)**
2. I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God

but what we are to be in the future has not yet been
revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!



Gospel John 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays
down his life for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the
shepherd

and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock
and one shepherd.
The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given by my
Father.'

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

WORLD DAY
OF PRAYER
FOR VOCATIONS



Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Pope Francis tells us:

There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

ROSARY DURING MAY

Catholic Mission will host the recitation of the Rosary every day (from Monday to Friday) in May, and we invite our friends, supporters and collaborators from around the country to join in.

During this virtual Rosary, we will reflect on the mysteries of the Rosary and offer our intentions for peace, healing and blessings for our parishes and the world. This online gathering is open to everyone in the parish community.

Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the Rosary.

Prayer
THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY
One Family in Faith | One Family in Mission

**World Mission
May Rosary Prayers**

Mon - Fri
Time: 2pm Brisbane / Melbourne time
12pm Perth time
Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>
Meeting ID:
893 8798 2280
Password:
876574

GO AND INVITE
EVERYONE
to the banquet

catholic mission
Reach out. Give life.

**THERE ARE FREE ROSARY BEADS AVAILABLE
IN THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MAY**
**THERE ARE ALSO SOME VERY SMALL BEAD
BRACELETS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN.**

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 takes you near children

Catechesis @ SMCM before Vigil Mass

"This is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent." John 17:3

We cannot love anyone unless we get to know him or her. This is the same with our relationship with God. We are created to love God and be a saint, but we can only love Him if we first *know* Him. We know God through our Catholic Faith, which is summarised for us in the Catechism.

Seminarian Rhys will be running **Catechesis at 4.15pm on Saturdays at St Mary of the Cross** before the 5pm Vigil Mass. The first session will be **Saturday 27 April**. We will discuss topics related to the Creed, Sacraments, Commandments, virtues and prayer. Please bring your own tough questions also!

All are welcome!

ANZAC DAY 25th APRIL



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"*



Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are those who have died in the Lord, let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them. Alleluia! (Rev 14:13)

Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
27/4	5pm	Don Vandenberg	Noel Henrisson	Angela Vandenberg	
	6.30pm	Joan Bahen	Jaelene Jijo	Charlie Aganetti	
28/4	9am	Cassandra Martin	Ryan Jayatilake	Sebastian Anthony	
	10.30am	Julie Cowell	Tanya Johnston	Andrew Dipierdomenico	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
	20/4	Bessy Mathews, Nicholas Sceneay	4/5		Anna Arimatea ,
	27/4	Shenelle Toshack, Elizabeth Rozario	11/5		Cyriac George, Anjith Abraham



Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

22//4 Monday: fourth week of Easter

Readings: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10;

23/4 Tuesday: fourth week of Easter

Readings: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30;

24/4 Wednesday: fourth week of Easter

Readings: Acts 12:24-13:5; Jn 12:44-50;

25/4 Thursday: **ANZAC DAY**

Readings: Wis 3:1-9; OR Is 9:1-6; 1 Cor 1:18-25; OR Eph 2:13-18; Jn 12:23-28; OR Jn 14:23-29;

26/4 Friday: **St Mark**, evangelist

Readings: 1 Pet 5:5-14; Mk 16:15-20

27/4 Saturday: fourth week of Easter

Readings: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14;

28/4 Sunday : **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Readings: Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8;

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 17th June @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 2024

St Vincent de Paul—

Third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm

Syro Malabar - Monday evenings in the church

TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO ST PETER'S PARISH

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Presbytery Acc:-

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Acc. Name:- EPPING CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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Supports our Parish

Church Acc:-

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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