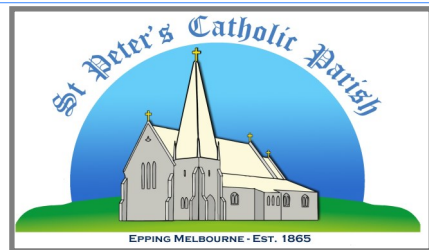


**3rd Sunday of  
Easter  
Year A  
23rd April 2023**

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  
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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  
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**From the Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church**

**The Church in the Plan of God**



**147. What does the word Church mean?**

The word Church refers to the people whom God calls and gathers together from every part of the earth. They form the assembly of those who through faith and Baptism have become children of God, members of Christ, and temples of the Holy Spirit.

**148. Are there other names and images with which the Bible speaks about the Church?**

In Sacred Scripture we find many images which bring out various complementary aspects of the mystery of the Church. The Old Testament favors those images that are bound to the people of God. The New Testament offers images that are linked to Christ as the Head of this people which is his Body. Other images are drawn from pastoral life (sheepfold, flock, sheep), from agriculture (field, olive grove, vineyard), from construction (dwelling place, stone, temple), and from family life (spouse, mother, family).

**149. What is the origin and the fulfillment of the Church?**

The Church finds her origin and fulfillment in the eternal plan of God. She was prepared for in the Old Covenant with the election of Israel, the sign of the future gathering of all the nations. Founded by the words and actions of Jesus Christ, fulfilled by his redeeming death and Resurrection, the Church has been manifested as the mystery of salvation by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. She will be perfected in the glory of heaven as the assembly of all the redeemed of the earth.

**150. What is the mission of the Church?**

The mission of the Church is to proclaim and establish the Kingdom of God begun by Jesus Christ among all peoples. The Church constitutes on earth the seed and beginning of this salvific Kingdom.

**151. In what way is the Church a mystery?**

The Church is a mystery in as much as in her visible reality there is present and active a divine spiritual reality which can only be seen with the eyes of faith.

**Let us pray for the sick:** Justin Bordon, John Lauricella, Roni & Michael Donovan, Glen Arathoon, Gilbert L'Oiseau, Robbie Abdelnour, Sue Ind, Olga Olypios, Mary Hill,

**Recent Death:** Liam Curran  
**Anniversary:** Angela Gauci,  
Stella Galea (Birthday)

**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 Parish Baptisms**

Luka Smith  
Zoe Bitzilis  
Evie Alderuccio



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 A

## 23rd April, 2023

### 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 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.  
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.  
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;

it is you yourself who are my prize.' **(R.)**

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**

4. You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R.)**

### Second Reading 1 Pt 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

### Gospel Lk 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?'

They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them.

And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

### Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

## To Contribute financially to the Church

**Church Acc:-** BSB 083 347 **Acc. No.** 65880 7871

**Acc. Name:-**  
EPPING CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH

For the maintenance and administration costs of our parish.

## and / or the Presbytery

**Presbytery Acc:-** BSB 083 347 **Acc. No.** 65892 7670

**Acc. Name:-**  
EPPING CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

To support retired priests and the priests of our parish with their daily living expenses

## PREPARING YOUR WILL ?

If you are preparing your Will, have you considered including your parish family?



**ANZAC DAY**  
**25th APRIL**  
**PRAYER**



God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy here in Australia, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war.

We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come.

That the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth.

This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## LEST WE FORGET

### MARK THE EVANGELIST

Mark was an Evangelist—one of the four men who wrote the Gospels found in the New Testament. Mark's Gospel was written first, and it is the shortest description of Jesus' life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. Mark's writings helped both Matthew and Luke to write their Gospels.



Mark was not one of the original Apostles, and he probably never knew Jesus. Instead, we believe that he was a member of the first Christian community. In his writings, St. Peter refers to Mark as his "son." Peter may have used this term to show his love for Mark, or he may have used it because he was the one who baptized Mark. It is believed that Peter was the primary source for Mark's Gospel.

Mark traveled with Sts. Paul and Barnabas to spread the Good News about Jesus. During his imprisonment in Rome, Paul mentions Mark's concern for him and writes about how helpful Mark is in the ministry of helping others to believe in Jesus (Colossians. 4:10; 2 Timothy 4:11).

Mark founded the Church in Egypt and he became bishop of Alexandria, an important center of trade and power during ancient times. He died there sometime between the years 68-74 AD as a martyr for his belief in Jesus.

Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
29/4	5pm	Shirley O'Brien	Volunteer	Noel Henrisson	
	6.30pm	Sherwin Moreno	Bryan Johnston	Joan Bahen	
30/4	9am	Des Madden	Kay Whelan	David Howard	
	10.30am	Candice Correya	Gabrielle Godinho	Julie Cowell	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
	22/4	Anna Arimatea, Fler De Lys Howath		6/5	Russel & Jovitha
	29/4	Martin Family		13/5	Bessy Mathews, Delphine Fruvall

## Liturgy of The Next Week

24/4 Monday: 3rd Week of Easter

Readings: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 118:23-24,26-27,29-30;  
Jn 6:22-29

25/4 Tuesday: **ANZAC DAY**

Readings: Wis 3:1-9; or Is 9:1-6; Ps 114:5-6,115:10-11,15-16 or Ps 71:2-4,7-8,12-13,17; 1 Cor 1:18-25 or Eph 2:13-18; Jn 12:23-28; or Jn 14:23-29

26/4 Wednesday: **ST MARK**, evangelist

Readings: 1 Pet 5:5-14; Ps 88:2-3,6-7,16-17;  
Mk 16:15-20

27/4 Thursday: 3rd Week of Easter

Readings: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 65:8-9,16-17,20;  
Jn 6:44-51

28/4 Friday: **ST PETER CHANEL**, priest, martyr

Readings: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 116; Jn 6:52-59

29/4 Saturday: **ST CATHERINE OF SIENA**, virgin,  
doctor

Readings: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 115:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

30/4 Sunday : **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Readings: Acts 2:14,36-41; Ps 22:1-6; 1 Pet 2:20-25;  
Jn 10:1-10



## Community News & Parish Meetings -

### Baptism Prep evenings-

Please contact the Parish office to book for Baptisms and you will be informed of all the requirements for preparation for this sacrament.

**Catholic Women's League** -Next meeting 24th April @10am at St Monica's College

**Charismatic Prayer Group** 6.30pm—9.30pm Fridays

1st Friday Holy Rosary, Sacrament of Reconciliation & Praise followed by Holy Mass- led by St.Peter's Youth

2nd & 4th Fridays Holy Rosary, Praise worship & Talk.

3rd Fridays Holy Rosary, Praise worship & Adoration

**Finance Committee** - Next meeting - TBA

**Legion of Mary** - 5.30pm Thursdays

Bible Study:- Fortnightly - next on 25th April

**Liturgy Group** - Next meeting - Wednesday 10th May @ 7pm

**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.

**RCIA** - Wednesday evenings

**St Vincent de Paul**— 3rd Tues of the month @ 7.30pm  
Next meeting 16th May in Parish Office. Also twice a month at 10am on Sundays.

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

## NOTICES FOR NEWSHEET

If you would like a death notice; a death anniversary; to pray for someone who is ill; included in the weekly newsheet or to Offer a Mass on a weekend or to add names to the Prayers of the Faithful it is important that you have the details to the Parish Office by **12 Noon Wednesday**.

Please do not ring on a weekend to add notices as the Parish Office is not open on the weekend.

Contact 9401 6300 or email [Epping@cam.org.au](mailto:Epping@cam.org.au)