

**5th Sunday of
Easter Year B
28th 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.



Parish Priest: Fr Anh Nguyen
Assistant Priest: Fr Tien Tran
Sacrament Co-Ordinator:
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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

Principal: Tim Kelly Ph: 8579 6505

Carlo Acutis Catholic Primary School

Principal: Damian Howard

St Monica's College

400 Dalton Road, Epping

Principal: Brian Hanley Ph: 9409 8800

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ASSISTANCE

Free Call 1800 305 330

**CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF
MELBOURNE**

**INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE
PERMANENT DIACONATE ARE YOU
BEING CALLED TO SERVE?**

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. COME & SEE!

An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on 4 May 2024 Saturday, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne.

For more information: The Vocations website for the Archdiocese is available. The links below are a source of additional information.

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

Watch: Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for Deacons and video <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Visit: Archdiocese of Melbourne permanent diaconate webpage <https://vocations.melbournecatholic.org/about/what-is-a-vocation/permanent-diaconate>

Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact:

Office of the Permanent Diaconate
(Phone) 03 9412 3357
(Email) diaconate@cam.org.au,

**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**

**MASS COUNT FOR THE
MONTH OF MAY**

During May there will be a count of the people attending every mass over the four weekends of the month.

We are asking if there are some volunteers at each mass who would be willing to count over the four weeks.



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

Other:

Recent Death:

Anniversary: Vincent Zammit, Lancelot & Tessie Fernandez, Caelyn Vanhaften, Reginald & Hazel Joseph, Myriam Bugwondeen, Regis Bignoux, Edgar O'Brien

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.



Parish Baptisms

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.

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Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **(R.)**
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.
(R.)
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet
to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet
unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.
My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence,

and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:1-8

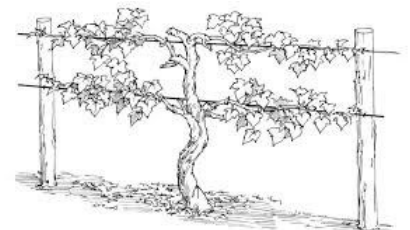
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes
to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.
I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away
– he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on the
fire, and they are burnt.
If you remain in me and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear
much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.'

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.



FORMULAS OF CATHOLIC DOCTRINE

from the 'Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church.'

The two commandments of love:

1. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.
2. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.



The Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12):

Do to others as you would have them do to you.

The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12):

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.



The three theological virtues:

1. Faith
2. Hope
3. Charity

The four cardinal virtues:

1. Prudence
2. Justice
3. Fortitude
4. Temperance

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit:

1. Wisdom
2. Understanding
3. Counsel
4. Fortitude
5. Knowledge
6. Piety
7. Fear of the Lord



The twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit:

1. Charity
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Generosity
8. Gentleness
9. Faithfulness
10. Modesty
11. Self-control
12. Chastity

The five precepts of the Church:

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and remain free from work or activity that could impede the sanctification of such days.
2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
3. You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.
4. You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
5. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.

The seven corporal works of mercy:

1. Feed the hungry.
2. Give drink to the thirsty.
3. Clothe the naked.
4. Shelter the homeless.
5. Visit the sick.
6. Visit the imprisoned.
7. Bury the dead.

The seven spiritual works of mercy:

1. Counsel the doubtful.
2. Instruct the ignorant.
3. Admonish sinners.
4. Comfort the afflicted.
5. Forgive offenses.
6. Bear wrongs patiently.
7. Pray for the living and the dead.

The seven capital sins:

1. Pride
2. Covetousness
3. Lust
4. Anger
5. Gluttony
6. Envy
7. Sloth

The four last things:

1. Death
2. Judgment
3. Hell
4. Heaven

SUNDAY 5TH MAY IS CATHOLIC CARE— SUNDAY APPEAL

The envelopes will be available in the church from this weekend (28th April) for any donations.

Catholic Women's League Notices

1. Milk for the 'Children First Foundation'

We are asking for your assistance with donations of milk over the next few weeks up until the 19th May. It will then be delivered to the foundation. Thank-you again to all the parishioners who generously assist with the milk.

2. Mother's Day Stall.

We will be holding our Mother's Day Stall on Sunday 5th May so please bring along some money to spend. We are grateful to the ladies who donated craft items—crocheted items, earrings, etc. We have religious items to sell and also many other things you make like to purchase. Our fundraising is used for charitable works and for items that may be needed for our parish.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

If you still have a Project Compassion box or envelopes at home, please return them to the parish office this week. The donations need to be finalized.

REPAIR OF OLD ROSARY BEADS.

You may have an old Rosary that is important to you, and it is in need of repair.

We have a parishioner who is willing to try to repair the rosary for you. You can put the rosary beads in an envelop with your contact details, and label the envelop "Rosary Repair" and leave it at the parish office.



Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
4/5	5pm	Noel Henrisson	Volunteer please	Melinda Pereyra-Henriques	
	6.30pm	Volunteer please	Andrea Jijo	Joan Bahen	
5/5	9am	Des Madden	Christine Paterson	Lesleigh Madden	
	10.30am	Youth	Youth	Julie Cowell	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
27/4		Shenelle Toshack, Elizabeth Rozario	11/5		Cyriac George, Anjith Abraham
4/5		Anna Arimatea , Martin Family	18/5		Sankaranarayan Raju, Nicholas Sceneay



Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

29/4 Monday: **St Catherine of Siena**, virgin, doctor
Readings: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26;

30/4 Tuesday: 5th Week of Easter (**St Pius V**, pope)
Readings: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31;

1/5 Wednesday: 5th Week of Easter (**St Joseph the Worker**)
Readings: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8;

2/5 Thursday: **St Athanasius**, bishop, doctor
Readings: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11;
1st Thursday:- Pray for Consecrated Vocations

3/5 Friday: **Sts Philip and James**, apostles
Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14;
1st Friday:- Pray to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

4/5 Saturday: 5th Week of Easter
Readings: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21;
1st Saturday:- Pray for Devotion to Mary

6/5 Sunday : **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
Readings: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10;
Jn 15:9-17;

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.

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 28th May

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
And the programs have commenced.**

St Vincent de Paul—
Third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm

Syro Malabar - Monday evenings in the church