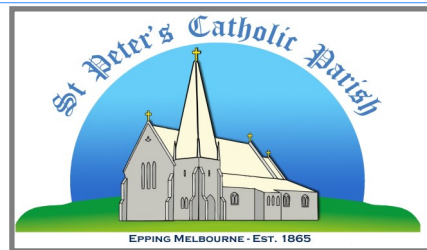


**4th Sunday of
Easter
Year A
30th April 2023**

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.



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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
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From the Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church

"I BELIEVE IN LIFE EVER-LASTING"



207. What is life everlasting?

Eternal life is that life which begins immediately after death. It will have no end. It will be preceded for each person by a particular judgment at the hands of Christ who is the Judge of the living and the dead. This particular judgement will be confirmed in the final judgment.

208. What is the particular judgment?

It is the judgment of immediate retribution which each one after death will receive from God in his immortal soul in accord with his faith and his works. This retribution consists in entrance into the happiness of heaven, immediately or after an appropriate purification, or entry into the eternal damnation of hell.

209. What is meant by the term "heaven"?

By "heaven" is meant the state of supreme and definitive happiness. Those who die in the grace of God and have no

need of further purification are gathered around Jesus and Mary, the angels and the saints. They thus form the Church of heaven, where they see God "face to face" (1 Corinthians 13:12). They live in a communion of love with the Most Blessed Trinity and they intercede for us.

210. What is purgatory?

Purgatory is the state of those who die in God's friendship, assured of their eternal salvation, but who still have need of purification to enter into the happiness of heaven.

211. How can we help the souls being purified in purgatory?

Because of the communion of saints, the faithful who are still pilgrims on earth are able to help the souls in purgatory by offering prayers in suffrage for them, especially the Eucharistic sacrifice. They also help them by almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance.

Eternal Father,

I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. **Amen.**

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:

Anniversary: Assunta De Lorenzo, Liam Curran
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.



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.

4th Sunday of Easter, Year A

30th April, 2023

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 2:14. 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; here is nothing I shall want.

1.The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

2.He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

3.You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

4.Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me

all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

Communion Antiphon

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

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EPPING CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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

**New Assistant Priest commencing next week –
Please welcome Fr Brian Muling to our Parish.**

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.

The annual Seminary Enquiry Day
at Corpus Christi College is on
Saturday 27 May.



A REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS for the Finance Committee.



“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.” – Author Unknown

We often ask for parishioners to volunteer for the regular weekly needs of our community e.g.

reading, cleaning, etc. Now we are asking for people to consider joining the Parish Finance Committee to help Father Anh with the running of the parish.

At present some members of the 'Finance Committee' are ready to step down from their role after years of service, therefore Father will need some parishioners who are willing to offer their time and knowledge to assist him .

The 'Finance Committee' meets **4 times per year**. It looks at the parish finances and sets plans for future improvements within the parish budget. You do not need experience in this role but just be willing to share your thoughts and ideas.

If you would like to join this committee, please contact Father Anh and he will be able to answer any questions you have and all parishioners will be grateful for your input.

Remember this is 'OUR' parish not just Father's parish and OUR responsibility to maintain and grow it for the following generations.

Please think about offering your service.



with the Feasts of :-

- * Our Lady of Fatima - 13th May
- * Our Lady Help of Christians, Patron of Australia - 12th May
- * Mary, Mother of the Church - 29th May
- * The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 31st May

Two other important Sundays in May are

- * The Ascension of the Lord - Sunday 21st May
- * Pentecost Sunday - 28th May

In May we also celebrate our own mothers with

- * Mothers' Day - Sunday 14th May

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Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
6/5	5pm	Noel Henrisson	Don Vandenberg	Melinda Pereyra-Henriques	
	6.30pm	Sheriz Moreno	Sherwin Moreno	Rosemary Cheung	
7/5	9am	Kay Whelan	Christine Paterson	Sebastian Antony	
	10.30am	Youth	Youth	Cathy Gatt	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
	29/4	Martin Family	13/5		Bessy Mathews, Delphine Fruvall
	6/5	Russel & Jovitha	20/5		Stephnie Latu, Maria Vizcaino

Liturgy of The Next Week

1/5 Monday: 4th Week of Easter

Readings: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 41:2-3:42:3-4 Jn 10:11-18

2/5 Tuesday: **ST ATHANASIUS**, bishop, doctor

Readings: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 86:1-7; Jn 10:22-30

3/5 Wednesday: **STS PHILIP & JAMES**, apostles

Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 18:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

4/5 Thursday: 4th Week of Easter

Readings: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 88:2-3,21-22,25,27;
Jn 13:16-20

First Thursday –Pray for Consecrated Vocations

5/5 Friday: 4th Week of Easter

Readings: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11; Jn 14:1-6

First Friday –Pray To the Sacred Heart of Jesus

6/5 Saturday: 4th Week of Easter

Readings: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 97:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

First Saturday –Pray for Devotion to Mary

7/5 Sunday : **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 32:1-2,4-5,18-19;
1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

May 2023 Mass Count is coming up for the 4 week-ends in May– volunteers required.



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 19th June @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 session 9th May

Liturgy Group - Next meeting - 10th May

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 in the Parish Office.

St Vincent de Paul— 3rd Tues of the month @ 7.30pm
Next meeting 16th May in Parish Office

Syro Malabar - Monday evenings in the church

MILK DONATIONS - IT'S TIME – for a delivery of milk to the Children First Foundation, could you donate 1litre of Full Cream Long Life, it would be much appreciated. Leave in Church or Parish House Foyer Baskets, many thanks.

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