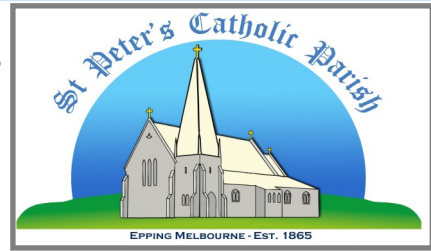


**3rd Sunday of
Lent
Year A
12th March 2023**

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

Principal: Angela Tonkin Ph: 9401 1157

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

47 Farmhouse Boulevard, Epping North
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From the Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church



81. What is the meaning of the name "Jesus"?

Given by the angel at the time of the Annunciation, the name "Jesus" means "God saves". The name expresses his identity and his mission "because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

Peter proclaimed that "there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we can be saved" (Acts 4:12).

82. Why is Jesus called "Christ"?

"Christ" in Greek, "Messiah" in Hebrew, means the "anointed one". Jesus is the Christ because he is consecrated by God and anointed by the Holy Spirit for his redeeming mission. He is the Messiah awaited by Israel, sent into the world by the Father. Jesus accepted the title of Messiah but he made the meaning of the term clear: "come down from heaven" (John 3:13), crucified and then risen, he is the Suffering Servant "who gives his life as a ransom for the

many" (Matthew 20:28). From the name Christ comes our name of *Christian*.

83. In what sense is Jesus the Only Begotten Son of God?

Jesus is the Son of God in a unique and perfect way. At the time of his Baptism and his Transfiguration, the voice of the Father designated Jesus as his "beloved Son". In presenting himself as the Son who "knows the Father" (Matthew 11:27), Jesus affirmed his singular and eternal relationship with God his Father. He is "the Only Begotten Son of God" (1 John 4:9), the second Person of the Blessed Trinity. He is the central figure of apostolic preaching. The apostles saw "his glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father" (John 1:14).

84. What is the meaning of the title "Lord"?

In the Bible this title regularly designates God as Sovereign. Jesus ascribed this title to himself and revealed his divine sovereignty by his power over nature, over demons, over sin, and over death, above all by his own Resurrection. The first Christian creeds proclaimed that the power, the honor, and the glory that are due to God the Father also belong to Jesus: God "has given him the name which is above every other name" (Philippians 2:9). He is the Lord of the world and of history, the only One to whom we must completely submit our personal freedom.

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, John Bushell

Recent Death:

Anniversary: Immaculate Mary Samuel, Reginald & Manel Dias, Luigi Rocca, Sara Galati, Micocceo Emio, Marlene Condello, Jarrod DeBono, Patrick & Yolanda Reeves, Guiseppe Joseph Pisciotta Timpani, Donald Cabral, Candida Cabral, Dennis McGrath

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

Antonio Laino
Elliott Justin Bullock



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

When I prove my holiness among you,
I will gather you from all the foreign lands;
and I will pour clean water upon you
and cleanse you from all your impurities,
and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

First Reading Ex 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged

righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;

give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is Offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall Give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a

prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews.

But the hour will come – in fact it is here already –when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.



LENT

**Stations of The Cross
During Lent**

Fridays :-

8.45am (before the 9.15am Mass) & **7pm**

Reconciliation during Lent

Saturdays:- 9.45am - 10.30am

One evening Reconciliation towards the end of Lent
Friday 31st March at 7pm



**Feast of St Joseph,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin
Mary**

Monday 20th March

There will be mass at 9.15am

Sunday Catechism Classes for Children (previously Children's Liturgy) 10am—10.25am Sunday

Father Anh & Sister Yen are hoping these Sunday sessions could begin again as soon as possible. It is important that children participate in the parish mass so that they learn the parts of the mass and how to be reverent during mass, therefore the catechism classes are not during mass but in between the masses.

If you are interested in your child attending these sessions please contact the parish office and leave your details.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

If you have changed your phone number, email address or moved to a new home address but still in the parish, etc, please contact the parish office so that these changes may be updated in the parish records. Thank-you

If you do not receive the Parish Newsheet via email, and would like to do so, please send your details to the parish office to be added to the newsheet list. Thank-you

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Holy Thursday—12 parishioners for the Washing of the Feet.

Good Friday— we have the 5 readers required at SMCM but we only have two volunteers at St Peter's. We are looking for 3 more readers for this day.

Please contact the parish office if you are able to assist with these roles during the services.

Catholic Women's League Book Stall

The ladies of the CWL will hold a book stall on Sunday morning 26th March before and after the morning masses. Please bring along some cash to buy some books. The money will support the charitable works of the CWL.

IF YOU STILL HAVE A CATHOLIC CARE ENVELOPE AND WISH TO DONATE TO THIS CAUSE, PLEASE RETURN IT THIS WEEK . The parish must forward these donations to Catholic Care as soon as possible.

**NEW LITURGY ROSTER WILL BEGIN ON
18th—19th MARCH**

**St Vincent DePaul Meeting
This Sunday 12th March at 10am**

Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
18/3	5pm	Noel Henrisson	Grace O'Brien	Angela Vandenberg	
	6.30pm	Joan Bahen	Andrea Jijo	Charlie Aganetti	
19/3	9am	Cassandra Martin	Christine Paterson	Sebastian Antony	
	10.30am	Julie Cowell	Ophelia Francis	Andrew Dipierdomenico	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
11/3		Cyriac George, Anjith Abraham	25/3		Jayatilake Family
18/3		Volunteer needed please	1/4		Nicholas Sceneay, Ron

Liturgy of The Next Week

13/3 Monday: 3rd Week of Lent

Readings: 2 Kg 5:1-15; Ps 41:2-3, 42:3-4;
Lk 4:24-30

Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis

14/3 Tuesday: 3rd Week of Lent

Readings: Dan 3:25, 34-43; Ps 24:4-9; Mt 18:21-35

15/3 Wednesday: 3rd Week of Lent

Readings: Deut 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19

16/3 Thursday: 3rd Week of Lent

Readings: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 94:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

17/3 Friday: **ST PATRICK**, bishop

Readings: Jer 1:4-9; Ps 116; Acts 13:46-49;
Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

18/3 Saturday: 3rd Week of Lent

Readings: Hosea 5:15—6:6; Ps 50:3-4, 18-21;
Lk 18:9-14

19/3 Sunday : **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Readings: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ps 22;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-42;



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 - 21st March @ 7.30pm

Legion of Mary - 5.30pm Thursdays

Bible Study:- Fortnightly—next session 28th March

Liturgy Group - Next meeting - 22nd March @ 7.30pm

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 21st March in Parish Office

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