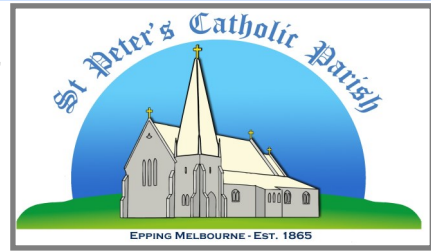


**Easter Sunday  
Year B  
31st March, 2024**

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:**  
Sr Huyen Nguyen LHC  
**Sick & Homebound Co-Ordinator:**  
Sr Phuong Nguyen LHC  
**Parish Secretary:** Michelle Hood  
(Mon- 9-3pm, Tue-Wed 9.30am-3.30pm)  
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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



**REFLECTION by Nick Brodie from Liturgy Help**

Reflecting on Easter, Pope Francis highlights the importance of 'walking away from the tomb.' Once found, faith must be lived.

As Saint Peter said, 'we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people.' Easter is, in a sense, the starting point of our Christian responsibilities.

Living the Easter mystery means becoming a joyful Easter people.

We must, therefore, be open to action and change. We cannot become stuck in our ways, crippled by doubt, despair or habit. As Pope Francis says, Easter shows us that 'it is always possible to begin anew, because there is always a new life that God can awaken in us in spite of all our failures.'

The annual celebration of Easter reminds us that what we celebrate is present here and now. Ours is a living

faith. As the Pope adds, 'faith is not an album of past memories; Jesus is not outdated. He is alive here and now.' Easter is a celebration of the mystery that Jesus is present. He is here, in both the need of the world and through the actions of His followers.

So, having celebrated the mystery, we are sent forth to live it. 'Having made himself present in the heart of our world,' the Pope points out, Jesus 'invites us to overcome barriers, banish prejudices and draw near to those around us every day in order to rediscover the grace of everyday life.'



**Prayers for the Sick:** Roni & Michael Donovan, Glen Arathoon, Gilbert L'Oiseau, Robbie Abdelnour, Olga Olypios, Mary Hill, Fr Brendon Dillon, Emma Anderson, Rachel Gormley, Mario Casha, Ronald Barker.

**Other:**

**Recent Death:** Sunshine Lenard

**Anniversary:** Soosaipillai Francis Antonipillai, Marlene Condelo, Jarryd DeBono, Tony Grech, Bella de Rozario, Irene Fruvall, Ottario Cardamone, Rudolph O'Brien, Reginald & Manel Dias

**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.*



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM HOLY THURSDAY UNTIL EASTER MONDAY.**

**REOPENS TUESDAY 2ND APRIL**

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

# Easter Sunday, Year B

## 31st March, 2024

### Entrance Antiphon

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.  
To him be glory and power  
for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

### First Reading Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

### Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4 (Option 1)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

### Or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 (Option 2)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

### Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,

hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

### Gospel John 20:1-9 (Option 1)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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Or **Mark 16:1-7 (Option 2)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."'

### Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

## PARISH FINANCE REPORT for year ending 31st December, 2023.

**Total Income** was \$228,760 - \$35,574 better than the year to date budget.

The Income is from -Thanksgiving, services fees eg Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals. Included in this figure is the donation of \$10,835 for the cost of the air conditioning.

- **Expenses** were \$210,993 - \$17,475 above the year year to date budget.

The Expenses include the Archdiocese Levy, insurance, interest on the debt, and repairs and maintenance.

\* The Income of \$228,760 less the Expenses of \$210,993 leaves a **Surplus** of \$17,768.

The main bank account is down \$16,000 at the end of December 2023 from December 2022.

**Experienced Spanish Teacher** available at your doorstep and Offering Private Spanish Tutoring Lessons, in the comfort of your own home. Beginners welcome! For Details Please contact Anastasia on 0466112352.

## NOTICE FROM PARISH OFFICE REGARDING 2024 PARISH CONTRIBUTION OF \$520

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the school families who have commenced their contribution for 2024. We invite full and active participation of all our school families as per recent correspondence. Please note the Parish banking details for Direct Deposit.

### INTERNET BANKING:

**ACCOUNT NAME:** EPPING CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH

**BSB:** 083 347 **A/C NO.** 65880 7871

**REF:** School, Your eldest child & family name

If you would like to receive a copy of your statement via email or are experiencing difficulty please contact the Parish office on 9401 6300 or [epping@cam.org.au](mailto:epping@cam.org.au).

With Very best wishes



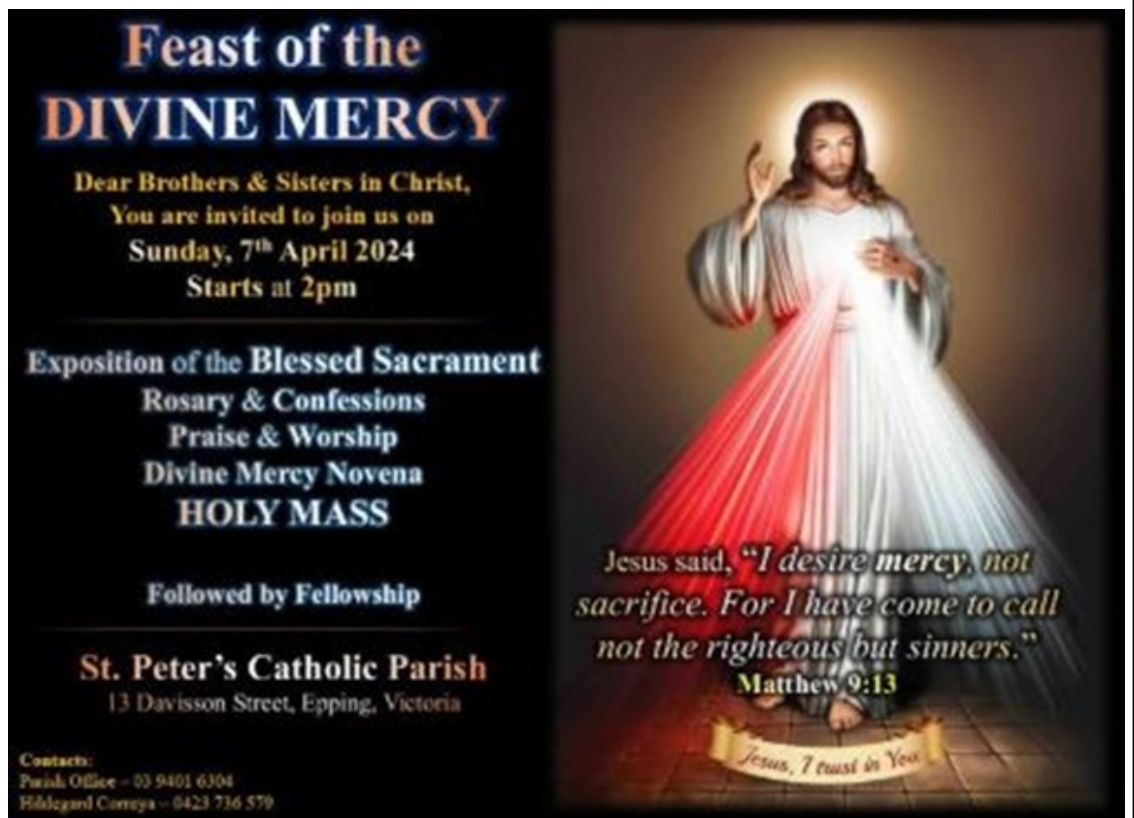
Fr Anh Nguyen (Parish Priest)

## NEW THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The new Thanksgiving envelopes have recently been available for current contributors.

We have some extra envelopes available, so if you would like to become a regular contributor to the parish, please contact the parish office on 9401-6300 and Michelle will be able to organize envelopes for you.

If you have not yet collected your envelopes they are available in the Parish Office



**Feast of the DIVINE MERCY**

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,  
You are invited to join us on  
**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
Starts at 2pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Rosary & Confessions  
Praise & Worship  
Divine Mercy Novena  
**HOLY MASS**

Followed by Fellowship

**St. Peter's Catholic Parish**  
13 Davisson Street, Epping, Victoria

Contacts:  
Parish Office – 03 9401 6304  
Hildegard Correya – 0423 736 579

Jesus said, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."  
Matthew 9:13

Jesus, I trust in You

Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
6/4	5pm	Noel Henrisson	Grace O'Brien	Angela Vandenberg	
	6.30pm	Joan Bahen	Bryan Johnston	Charlie Aganetti	
7/4	9am	Kay Whelan	David Howard	Sebastian Antony	
	10.30am	Youth	Youth	Cathy Gatt	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
	30/3	Russel Sequeria, Delphine Fruvall	13/4		Anthony Fakhry, Binoey John
	6/4	Cyriac George, Anjith Abraham	20/4		Bessy Mathews, Nicholas Sceneay



## Liturgy Readings of The Next Week

1/4 Monday: within the Octave of Easter

**Readings:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15;

2/4 Tuesday: within the Octave of Easter

**Readings:** Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18;

3/4 Wednesday: within the Octave of Easter

**Readings:** Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35;

4/4 Thursday: within the Octave of Easter

**Readings:** Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48;

5/4 Friday: within the Octave of Easter

**Readings:** Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14;

6/4 Saturday: within the Octave of Easter

**Readings:** Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15;

7/4 Sunday : **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**Readings:** Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31;

## 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 15th April @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 - Recommended:** Wednesday January 31st through to Friday March 31st, 2024

### Parish Based Sacramental Programs:-

Beginning in April.

**Reconciliation** on Tuesday evenings 7-8pm

**Holy Communion** on Wednesday Evenings 7-8pm

Beginning in May

**Confirmation** on Thursday evenings 7-8pm

**St Vincent de Paul**—

**Third Tuesday** of the month at 7.30pm

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

## EASTER WISHES TO YOU ALL

Father Anh, Father Tien, Sister Phuong, Sister Huyen, Rhys and the office staff wish all parishioners a very happy, holy and safe Easter time.

If you are travelling, enjoy your break, and please stay safe.

