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**Parish Priest: Fr Anh Nguyen**  
**Assistant Priest: Fr Joel Peart**

**Weekend Masses:**

*St Peter's*  
Saturday 6.30pm,  
Sunday 9am & 10.30am  
*St Mary of the Cross MacKillop*  
Saturday 5.00pm

**Weekday Masses:**

*St Peter's*  
9.15am Tuesday - Friday  
*St Mary of the Cross MacKillop*  
12 noon on Friday's during the school term

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 10.30 am – 11 am

**Children's Liturgy of the Word every week:**

*St Mary of the Cross MacKillop* 5.00pm  
*St Peter's* 10.30am

**Northern Hospital - Catholic Chaplain:**

Rosemary Bolzan 9401 6300  
Fr Faye Assaf

**Administration**

[Mon-Tue 9-3pm, Wed & Fri 9-1pm]  
- Michelle Hood

**Business Manager/Accountant**

[Tues, Wed, Thurs 9-4pm] - Gil Bell

**Baptisms: Every second and fourth Sunday of the Month at 12noon.** Parents are required to prepare for their child's baptism by attending a Baptism Preparation evening.  
Contact: **Christine Hall** 9401 6311

**Sacramental Preparation** 9401 6300

**Marriages** by appointment. and three month notice required  
Please contact the parish office.

**Schools**

St Peter's, Epping Ph: 9401 1157  
St Mary of the Cross Ph: 8432 4500  
Glowrey Parish Primary Ph: 8432 4500  
St Monica's Epping Ph: 9409 8800  
**St Vincent de Paul 1800 305 330**



# The Catholic Parish of Epping, Epping North

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**  
**Sunday, 29 July 2018**

**FIRST READING-2 Kgs 4:42-44**

A reading from the second book of the Kings

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM-Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16**

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R.)

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand,

grant the desires of all who live. (R.)

3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. (R.)  
**R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

**SECOND READING-Eph 4:1-6**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION-Lk 7:16**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

**Alleluia!**

**Plenary Council Prayer**

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.  
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.  
Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognize Jesus, our companion on the road.  
Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.  
Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.  
Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.  
Amen.  
*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.*  
*St Mary Mackillop, pray for us.*

**Let us pray for the sick:** Justin Borden, Maggie Sagaria, Mazened Francis, Grace LeTin, Jo Bonicci, Rebecca Englezakis, Jason Azzilla, Nicholas Ludersamy, Palmera Tanse, Cheryl D'sa, Mark Paul Flavier, Rita Carusi, Dominic Prattico, Janey Hoorigan, Jay Larkas, Jennifer Harbour, Shanon Farrugia, Patricia DeSilva, Sabrina Jansz, Carmel McKenzie, Faten Elmenawi, Michael & Roni Donovan, Carmen Caruana, Rosa Maria Santos, Mario Paola, Laura Patullo, Patsy Heffernan, Dean Scerri, Jean Callaghan, James Sheppard, Madison Parker, Barbara L'Oiseau, Mary Attard, Danny Callaghan.

**Recently Deceased:** Unberto Bordon, Anthony John Saldanha, Nancy Passeri, Victoria Mira and Sr Eileen Sheehy

**Anniversary:** Eric D'Costa, Domenico Schipano, Carmela Schipano, Elisabetta Schipano, Myriam Bugwondeen

## Plenary Council 2020

*Listen to what the Spirit is saying...* One of Pope Francis' favourite quotes from Vatican II (*Lumen Gentium*, 12) concerns how the bishops have access to the Holy Spirit, so that they are faithfully interpreting and applying what God has revealed and is revealing. And that access comes through a special gift that all the baptised have received at their baptism when they are anointed with chrism. That gift is called "a sense for the faith" (*sensus fidei*). Moreover, the whole church together has this special gift, what is called "the faithful's sense of the faith" (*sensus fidelium*).

Through this, Vatican II teaches, the Church is "infallible in believing". So, this "sense of the faithful" is a sacred conduit for finding out what God is asking of us in Australia at this present time. The bishops' role of "oversight" is to ensure that contemporary interpretations of divine revelation are faithful to the past. But, equally importantly, to ensure that God's present activity in human history is being attended to. This is done by attending and interpreting to the signs of the times and listening to the faithful.

This, then, is what we hope to tap into during the preparatory stage leading up to the Plenary Council. We will be having "open dialogue and listening sessions". Each person's perspective will be valued. No individual has an infallible sense of the faith. We only have a sense of what God is wanting by allowing as many as possible to have a voice in the conversation God wants to have with the church. Singly we see a special viewpoint; together we see much more. We hope over the next three years "to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches". This was the instruction given to the seven churches of Asia Minor in the Book of Revelation. From that time on Christians have met to listen to the Spirit at times of important decisions. We are called to do so again.

Vatican II spoke of how God, who spoke in the past, "continues to converse" with the church (*Dei Verbum*, 8). Through our Plenary Council 2020, the Catholic Church hopes to enter more intensely into that divine-human dialogue.

## COMMUNITY NEWS!!!

*Glowrey Parish Primary school Wollert is now taking enrolments for 2019. Please call 8432 4500 for all enquiries*

### Comunion to the Sick and Homebound

A meeting for those who take Holy Communion to our sick and homebound parishioners will be held on **Tuesday 31 July at 10 am in the Parish House**. We do need more people to join this important and rewarding Ministry, so if you feel you can help, please come along. You will be made most welcome.

WHITTLESEA INTERFAITH NETWORK is holding a "Carnival of Connection" on **Saturday 4th August 2pm to 4.30pm**. Commencing with Aboriginal "Smoking ceremony and welcome to country" at 2pm sharp. Everyone is welcome. Come and join us at the Council Chambers in the Great Hall for various cultural finger food and entertainment. See flyer in foyer for further information.

**Youth Choir**-Hi everyone we are very pleased to announce that our Youth band will be playing music every first Sunday at 10.30am mass commencing from Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of August. If you are interested to join the choir please contact Ophelia on 0448801887 for further enquiries.



### CELEBRATION OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS WED 8 AUGUST

Solemn Masses will be celebrated at 9.15am at St. Peter's and 10am at Mary of the Cross School. All welcome!

**Charismatic Prayer Group** meets every Friday at St Peter's 7.30pm.  
**Church cleaning Saturday 4 August** -Julie Salvatore  
Enza Francese

## St Monica's Week

**Annual Oration**- Presented by Mr Gerard Mansour. The Commissioner for Senior Victorians. Gerard will share his story and reflect on our College Theme "Do Not be Afraid". **Monday 20th August 2018** Theatre of All Nations, Dalton Rd Campus 6.30pm supper-7.00pm start.

**Sports Breakfast**- **Tony Shaw-Danny Frawley-Cameron Smith**  
Wed 22 August 2018 6.30am-9.00am Bellagio Receptions 15 Yale Drive Epping. Adults \$45 Students \$20 Book before August 15 at <https://www.trybooking.com/WUWA>

**St Monica's Day-Friday 24 August 2018** Mass will be celebrated at 10am by Very Rev. Denis Stanley EV including the induction of the 2019 College Captains. Followed by activities for all students.

### 2018 PARISH CONTRIBUTION OF \$400

A note to all School families that Statements with your Parish Contribution received will be sent through the schools within the next few weeks. If you have not commenced contributing please contact the Parish Office ASAP. It is a vital part to contribute when being part of this Parish Community.

### SOLEMN INSTALLATION MASS FOR THE NINTH ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

**Wednesday 1 August, 7pm, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne**

You are warmly invited to attend the liturgical reception and Solemn Mass of the ninth Archbishop of Melbourne, Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli, who will be installed as Archbishop at this Mass. Refreshments will follow at Central Hall, 20 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy. All welcome. With limited space in the cathedral, guests are requested to book to ensure a place.

**Guest bookings:** <https://www.trybooking.com/WXSE>