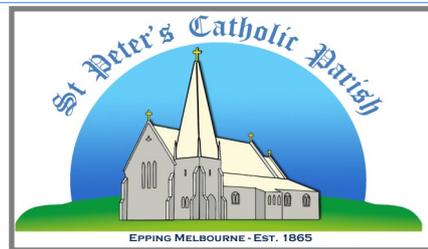


**Feast of Sts Peter
& Paul
Year A
2nd July, 2023**

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.



Parish Priest: Fr Anh Nguyen
Assistant Priest: Fr Brian Muling

Sacrament Co-Ordinator:
Sr Huyen Nguyen LHC
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

St Monica's College
400 Dalton Road, Epping
Principal: Brian Hanley Ph: 9409 8800

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Free Call 1800 305 330



*Sts Peter
& Paul*

Reflection by Greg Sunter
From Liturgy Help

Throughout most of its history, the Church has linked the two major figures of Peter and Paul, so it is fitting that they share this feast day. However, also throughout most of the Church's history, Peter has been given greater regard and has held a more significant place in the tradition. In fact, the Church itself is often described as 'Petrine' – in the tradition of Peter. Much is made of the line of Popes being traced back to Peter. The authority and structure of the Church is linked to the Petrine model of Church. Describing Peter as the 'rock' upon which the Church was built is an excellent image of stability and constancy.

In something of a contrast, the apostle Paul is best known as the great traveller who spread the message of Jesus all around the shores of the Mediterranean, establishing communities of faith wherever he went.

His letters – or epistles - to these communities were some of the first Christian writings; predating by 20 years or more the four gospels of the New Testament. Rather than stability and constancy, Paul is identified with growth and change; expansion and openness. Many would argue that without Paul the early Christian communities may not have survived beyond the end of the 1st Century.

Peter and Paul represent two great traditions within the Church: the strength of tradition and oneness associated with Peter; and the valuing of new ideas and outreach to others that typified the work of Paul. Although the Petrine tradition has been dominant for most of the Church's history, the Pauline tradition was rediscovered in the latter part of the 20th Century and it is now clearly evident that the church needs both of these arms to embrace the world.

Saint Peter is the patron saint of popes and of Rome and of many cities that bear his name. As a former fisherman, he is the patron saint of net makers, shipbuilders, and fishermen, and, because he holds the "keys of heaven," he is also the patron saint of locksmiths..

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: Sibil & Antony Correya, Reginald & Manel Dias, All the Souls in Purgatory

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



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

Readings of the Feast of Sts Peter & Paul, Year A

2nd July, 2023

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Entrance Antiphon

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

First Reading Acts 12:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**

2. Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**

3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**

4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 16:13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh

and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

PREPARING YOUR WILL ?

If you are preparing your Will, have you considered including your parish family?

To Contribute financially to the Church

Church Acc:- BSB 083 347 **Acc. No.** 65880 7871

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EPPING CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH

For the maintenance and administration costs of our parish.

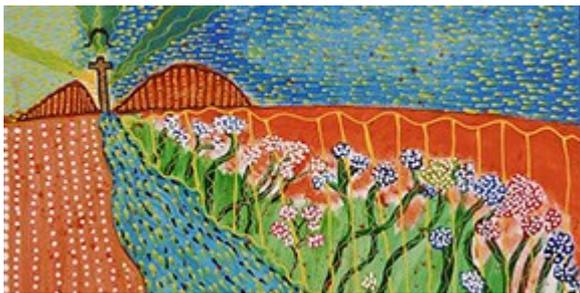
and / or the Presbytery

Presbytery Acc:- BSB 083 347 **Acc. No.** 65892 7670

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EPPING CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 2nd July 2023



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics in Australia.

First Nation Catholics are the youngest and fastest growing demographic in the Australian Catholic Church.

135,681 - the number of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholics.

10 - the number of Dioceses which have over one-fifth of their Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander population who identify as Catholic.

4.6% - the percentage of Catholic population aged under 5.

8.2% - the percentage of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholics aged under 5

REMINDER

PARISH BBQ FOR THE FEAST OF ST PETER AFTER 10.30AM MASS

This Sunday 2nd July
Bishop Terry Curtin will be celebrating the 10.30am mass and join us for our feast day gathering following the mass

SAFEGUARDING - WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK & PARISH CODE OF CONDUCT

I am asking all volunteers to check if you need to update this paperwork. Please remember if other family members volunteer in the parish in any way, and are aged 18 years and over they must complete this paperwork also.

There are a number of volunteers whose WWCC is due to expire before the end of the year. Please update this when you get a reminder notice and provide the parish office with a copy.

Thank-you to those who have responded already about the WWCC & Code of Conduct.
Christine Paterson



Dear Melbourne Parishes

Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraiser Project Compassion has been a success this year thanks to the dedication and support of over 1,700 schools and 1,200 parishes across the country.

Your kindness and generosity will help us to all stand in solidarity with communities who face the challenges of poverty and ecological injustice.

It is the passion and spirit of our supporters across Australia whose generosity of heart enables us to have our hands and feet in marginalised communities across the world.

Thank you so much for your support of Caritas Australia's Project Compassion appeal this year!

World Youth Day Commissioning Mass

Date: Sunday 16th July 2023

Time: 11am

Location: St Patrick's Cathedral

The Pope's Intention for July For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Date	Mass	Leader	Reader	Special Ministers	
8/7	5pm	Volunteer	Grace O'Brien	Noel Henrisson	
	6.30pm	Sheriz Moreno	Joan Bahen	Charlie Aganetti	
9/7	9am	Cassandra Martin	Dhiana Dias	Victor St George	
	10.30am	Ophelia Francis	Ashly Reji	Stella Galea	
Date	Cleaning	Team	Date	Cleaning	Team
	1/7	Nicholas Sceneay, Ronald	15/7		Anne Toshack, Elizabeth Rozario
	8/7	Shenelle Toshack, Enze Francese	22/7		Anna Arimatea, Fler De Lys Howath

Liturgy of The Next Week

3/7 Monday: **ST THOMAS**, apostle
Readings: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

4/7 Tuesday: 13th Week Ordinary Time
Readings: Gen 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27

5/7 Wednesday: 13th Week Ordinary Time
Readings: Gen 21:5, 8-20; Mt 8:28-34

6/7 Thursday: 13th Week Ordinary Time
Readings: Gen 22:1-19; Mt 9:9-13
First Thursday :- Pray for Consecrated Vocations
Feast of St Maria Goretti, virgin, martyr

7/7 Friday: 13th Week Ordinary Time
Readings: Gen 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67;
Mt 9:9-13

First Friday:- Pray to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

8/7 Saturday: 13th Week Ordinary Time
Readings: Gen 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17

9/7 Sunday : 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13;
Mt 11:25-30

Australia:- Apostleship of the Sea

Community News & Parish Meetings



Baptism Preparation- Please contact the Parish office to book a Baptism and speak to Sister Huyen

Catholic Women's League -Next meeting Monday 19th August @10am at St Monica's College . Enter through carpark on Davisson Street.

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 - 11th July @ 7.30pm

Legion of Mary - 5.30pm Thursdays
Bible Study:- Fortnightly—next session 4th July

Liturgy Group - Next meeting -

Parish Based Sacrament Programs - 2024

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 - 2024

St Vincent de Paul— 3rd Tues of the month @ 7.30pm in the Parish Office. Next meeting - 18th July
Also 2nd Sunday of the month at 10am in the parish office. Next meeting 9th July

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