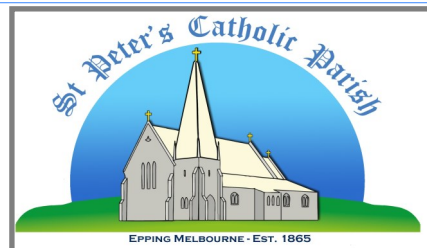


**28th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A
11th October 2026**

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 Isaac Zaki
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 Carlo Acutis Catholic Primary School

58 Jardin Road, Wollert West. 3750

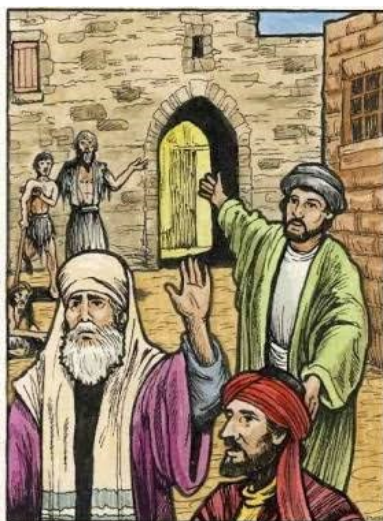
Acting Principal: Emma Sbizzirri

St Monica's College

400 Dalton Road, Epping

Principal: Brian Hanley Ph: 9409 8800

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ASSISTANCE
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**REFLECTION by Dianne Ber-
gant CSA**

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water.

Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I can-

not come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none.

One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves.

We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.

Eschatological, derived from the Greek word "eschatos," meaning "last" or "final," refers to the study of the last things, such as death, judgment, and the ultimate destiny of humanity. Grasping its significance lends a deeper context to our faith and future, urging us to live purposefully as we anticipate Christ's return

Pray for the Sick: Hirumali Dias, Marily Marquis

Offering Masses this week for:-

Death Anniversary:- Annamkuty Johnson, Henry D'Silva, Domenic & Russell Chitty, Manel Dias, Sheela De Alwis, Veneranda Franzone

Birthday Anniversary:- Reginald 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.



Parish Baptisms

Joseph James Febey
Hunter Anthony Berkley
Elio Oppedisano
Julian Michael Reed
Xavier Joseph Reed
Luciano Carnevale



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

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

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 Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the
hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



Legion of Mary hosting Bible Study Online

The Mother of Divine Grace Praesidium invites you to join Bible Study sessions lead by resident seminarian Xavier Ryan.

Next three meeting dates at 8.30pm on Tuesdays 20th October, 3rd November, 17th November.

Zoom link: <https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/83929824448pwd=TCtkNUFFSS9SK3o4U3ExZEYxZmxsQT09>

Also accessible via QR code



Rev. Rhys Lowther

Deacon | Archdiocese of Melbourne - Invitation

Ordination Mass on Saturday 14 November 2026 at 10.00am at St Patrick's Cathedral (1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne VIC 3002).

First Mass on Sunday 15 November 2026 at 1.00pm at St Anthony's Catholic Church (90 Kees Road, Lara VIC 3212).

All parishioners are most welcome to attend

WINDOWS IN THE PARISH OFFICE

Recently the window frames in the Parish Office were noticed to be rotting. There are 13 windows to be replaced at a total cost of \$35,000.

The parish office, previously the Parish Presbytery, was built in 1910 and we need to preserve the history of this building. At the same time we must ensure the building remains safe from break ins.

If you would like to assist with a donation towards the cost of this work please contact the Parish Office or Father Anh.

Live Your Best Life in Love.

Strong marriages don't happen by chance.

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple and priest

Time-out to focus on your most precious relationships. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to keep it alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

Our last weekend for 2026: November 6-8th

St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

Information/Bookings: Please phone **Mercy & James** 0409 183 676 or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Website: wwme.org.au



Scapular from the Members of the Legion of Mary

This weekend members of the Legion of Mary will be giving out scapulars to parishioners at all the weekend masses as a part of the Month of October.

CAN YOU HELP PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUFFERED CHURCH-RELATED ABUSE?

For fourteen years, the Lifeboat Geelong Foundation has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse from all over Australia. In recent years, generous supporters have donated a number of motor vehicles of varied value (from \$500 to \$20,000!), including cars from deceased estates or which are no longer required.

Some have been directly gifted to a victim/survivor in need, while others have been sold to generate funds required to assist victims in a multitude of ways e.g. counselling, rent, utilities and other domestic and personal necessities.

You could help this important work both by simply by bringing it to the attention of people who might consider donating a **motor vehicle, if possible in roadworthy or near-roadworthy condition** and which for whatever reason is no longer required, or contact:

Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360 or frkdillon@outlook.com.au)

or

DamianCoyne (0400 170 374 or dkcoyne@hotmail.com) for more information.

Saint Teresa of Avila's Story

Saint Teresa of Avila lived in an age of exploration as well as political, social, and religious upheaval.

The gift of God to Teresa in and through which she became holy and left her mark on the Church and the world is threefold: She was a woman; she was a contemplative; she was an active reformer.

Teresa was a woman "for God," a woman of prayer, discipline, and compassion. Her heart belonged to God. Her ongoing conversion was an arduous lifelong struggle, involving ongoing purification and suffering.

Teresa was a woman "for others." Though a contemplative, she spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She travelled, wrote, fought—always to renew, to reform.

In 1970, the Church gave her the title she had long held in the popular mind: Doctor of the Church. She and St. Catherine of Siena were the first women so honoured



DATE	Mass	LEADER	READER	Special Minister
10/10	5pm	Volunteer please	Don Vandenberg	Volunteer please
	6.30pm	Joan Bahen	Jaelene Jijo	Volunteer please
11/10	9am	Kay Whelan	Dhihana Dias	Lesleigh Madden
	10.30am	Julie Cowell	Gabrielle Godinho	Andrew Dipierdomenico
17/10	5pm	Don Vandenberg	Volunteer please	Angela Vandenberg
	6.30pm	Sheriz Moreno	Sherwin Moreno	Charlie Aganetti
18/10	9am	Cassie Martin	Chris Paterson	Dinesh Dias
	10.30am	Anne Toshack	Oswald Correya	Stella Galea
24/10	5pm	Leeni Joshua	Grace O'Brien	Melinda Pereyra-Henriques
	6.30pm	Sherwin Moreno	Sheriz Moreno	Volunteer please
25/10	9am	Chris Paterson	Des Madden	David Howard
	10.30am	Cassie Martin	Jennifer Martin	Cathy Gatt
31/10	5pm	Volunteer please	Leeni Joshua	Volunteer please
	6.30pm	Joan Bahen	Volunteer please	Charlie Aganetti
1/11	9am	Des Madden	Lesleigh Madden	Bernie Dias
	10.30am	Youth	Youth	Julie Cowell
7/11	5pm	Don Vandenberg	Volunteer	Angela Vandenberg
	6.30pm	Volunteer	Bryan Johnston	Joan Bahen
8/11	9am	Lesleigh Madden	Kay Whelan	Des Madden
	10.30am	Candice Correya	Lillian Abbew	Andrew Dipierdomenico

TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO ST PETER'S PARISH

1st Collection / Presbytery

Supports our priests and the retired priests of the Archdiocese.

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

Acc. Name:- EPPING CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

2nd Collection / Church Supports our Parish

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

Acc. Name:- EPPING CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH

St Peter's Parish Donation QR Code

To make a payment, simply scan our QR code with your mobile phone and follow a few easy steps.

Thank you for your support of our Parish



SCHOOL FAMILIES Reminder of 2026 contribution of \$520 Thank-you to those who have paid this contribution.

CHURCH CLEANING

10/10 Elizabeth Rozario, Shenelle Toshack

17/10 Russel Sequeria, Merli Inovejas

24/10 Raju Sankaranarayan, Deepak Bura

31/10 Volunteers please

7/11 Anthony Fakhry, Cyriac George

14/11 Dinesh Dias Family

21/11 Maria Vizcaino



Regular Events / Meetings in the Parish

Baptism Preparation-

Baptisms are on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Contact the Parish office and speak to Sister Huyen to arrange a Baptism

Catholic Women's League Next meeting 19th Oct @ 10am

Charismatic Prayer Group 6.45pm—9pm Fridays

6.45pm-7pm Rosary;

7pm -7.30pm Praise & Worship;

7.30pm-8.30pm **1st Friday of the Month –Mass**

2nd & 4th Fridays –Talks;

3rd Fridays—Adoration & Benediction;

8.30pm –9pm Fellowship & packing up.

Finance Committee - Next meeting -13th Oct @ 7pm

Legion of Mary - 5.30pm Wednesdays

Liturgy Group - Next meeting 27th Oct @ 7pm

Parish Based Sacramental Programs:-

All Sacraments have now been completed for 2026

Reach Out - Communion to the Sick and Homebound – Parishioners finding it difficult to come to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please call the Parish Office and speak to Sr Phuong

OCIA - Wednesday Evenings 7pm –8pm

Pt 1: Sept 2nd –Dec 9th. 2026

Pt 2: Jan 27th –Mar 17th 2027

SMCM Catechism—4.15pm-5pm Saturdays @ SMCM

St Vincent de Paul

First Tuesday of the month at 6pm in the Parish House

Third Tuesday of the month at 6pm via Teams

Youth Group 2nd Friday of the month

Liturgy Readings of Next Week

12/10 Monday: 28th Week in Ordinary Time

Readings: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Lk 11:29-32;

13/10 Tuesday: 28th Week in Ordinary Time

Readings: Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41;

14/10 Wednesday: 28th Week in Ordinary Time

Readings: Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46;

15/10 Thursday: **St Teresa of Jesus**, virgin, doctor

Readings: Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54;

16/10 Friday: 28th Week in Ordinary Time

Readings: Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7;

17/10 Saturday: **St Ignatius of Antioch**, bishop, martyr

Readings: Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12;

18/10 Sunday : **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-15; Mt 22:15-21;