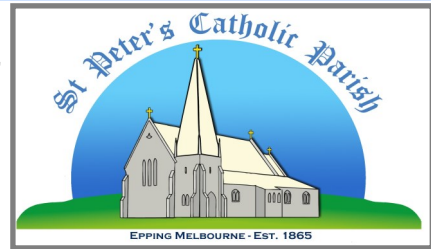


**29th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A
18th October 2026**

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
Free Call 1800 305 330

**OCTOBER—
THE MONTH OF THE
ROSARY**

Why Do We Pray The Rosary?

Sections taken from

“The Bible Christian”

By Lenny William



We pray the Rosary to meditate on the mysteries of Christ and to ask for Mary's intercession. It allows us to deepen our relationship with God while reflecting on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Through this practice, we find peace and strength in our hearts, making it a vital part of many Christian lives.

The Rosary isn't just a series of prayers; it is a way of immersing our-

selves in Scripture. Each mystery corresponds to biblical passages, grounding our reflections in the Word of God.

Many find comfort in knowing that Mary intercedes for us before her Son. 1 Timothy 2:1-4 encourages us to pray for one another, recognizing that our prayers are often bolstered by the prayers of those who have gone before us.

As you pray the Rosary, consider what it means to seek Mary's intercession. Take comfort in knowing that she understands our struggles and brings them to God. Our relationship with her can be healing and powerful.

Praying the Rosary fosters growth in faith and better understanding of the mysteries of our faith. Every prayer offers a moment to pause, reflect, and receive insight from the Holy Spirit.

The Rosary is more than a collection of prayers; it is a pathway to deeper communion with Christ and His mother. As you pray, remember that God invites you into His presence and desires a personal relationship with you.

Reflect on your connection with God through the Rosary. Consider praying regularly and inviting others to join you. Each time you lift your voice in prayer, you strengthen your faith and grow in understanding of God's boundless love.

Pray for the Sick: Hirumali Dias, Marily Marquis, Kedy Kalimba

Offering Masses this week for:-

Death Anniversary:- Gerard Bugwondeen, Brigitte & Aurel Tranquille, Alain Tambyapen, Rosa De Dominico, Richard Ellis, Rowena Kalimba, Isabel De Gatanro, Cecelia Angola, Constance Clair, George Van Sanden, Sestina & Antonio Acquarola, John & Philomena Motha, deceased members of the Vandenberg family

Recently Deceased:- Neville Foley

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.

Rite of Welcome for Baptism

Amelia Estelle Gorski
William Henry Gorsky
Jason Geonyoung Kim
Eli Dowon Kim
Summer Rae Anderson
Bailey Paul Anderson
Ava Rose Anderson



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

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading Isaiah 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of
the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

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

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessa-
lonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Fa-
ther and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God
for you all, and constantly remember before God our
Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked
for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus
Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you
have been chosen, because when we brought the
Good News to you, it came to you not only as words,
but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter convic-
tion.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy
Gospel according to Mat-
thew

The Pharisees went away to
work out between them
how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their
disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say,
'Master, we know that you are an honest man and
teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you
are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means
nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible
to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of
their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you
set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the
tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said,
'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they re-
plied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to
Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what be-
longs to God.'

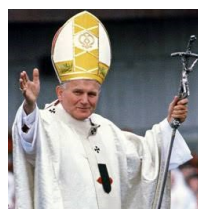


Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

You would have heard that Pope Leo has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Let us pray for him during his time of treatment and recovery.

"Lord Jesus, Divine Physician,
we humbly ask You to heal Pope Leo.
Grant him strength, comfort, and peace
during his illness.
Surround him with Your loving
presence
and guide the hands of his doctors.
May he feel the prayers of the faithful worldwide.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen."



Feast Day: October 22

Pope John Paul II

(born Karol Józef Wojtyła on May 18, 1920, and died on April 2, 2005) was the head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of Vatican City from October 16, 1978, until his death.

Key Facts

- **Papal Tenure:** October 16, 1978 – April 2, 2005 (third longest-serving pope in history)
- **Historic Milestones:** First non-Italian pope in 455 years and the first Slavic pope.
- **Canonization:** Beatified in 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI and canonized on April 27, 2014, by Pope Francis.

Major Achievements & Events

- **Travels:** Visited over 120 countries to promote inter-faith dialogue and peace.
 - **World Youth Day:** Founded the global celebration for Catholic youth in 1985.
 - **Fall of Communism:** Supported Poland's Solidarity movement, helping lead to the peaceful collapse of the Soviet regime in Eastern Europe.
 - **Assassination Attempt:** Survived being shot in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981, and later forgave his attacker, Mehmet Ali Ağca.
- Patronage:** Patron saint of World Youth Day, young Catholics, families, Poland, and Kraków.

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

- There are 13 windows to be replaced at a total cost of \$35,200.
- If you would like to assist with a donation towards the cost of this work please contact the Parish Office or Father Anh or there are some envelopes available in the church for you to put a donation into.

Television Giveaway

I have a 50 inch TV in good working order with a remote to give away. We can't use it anymore as it is no longer compatible with Foxtel.

Please advise that it is NOT a smart TV, but if anyone wants it they can contact me for pickup.

Thank You.

Kind Regards, **Yvonne Paolini 0481 180 815**

SAFEGUARDING IN THE PARISH

All volunteers in the parish are asked to check that their Working With Children Check Card is up to date. If not, please apply for a new card and supply a copy to the parish office.

To choir leaders :- all members of your choir who are 18years and over must have a WWCC card. Please check with your choir members.

COMING LATE TO MASS

The penitential rite is part of the Mass. It takes place after the entrance hymn, right after the priest has entered the sanctuary and greeted the people. It can take different forms. One commonly used is the confession of fault (confiteor) and Lord, have mercy (Kyrie, eleison). So if you come after these prayers, you are late for Mass."

Parishioners coming late for mass are a distraction for the priest and those already in the church.

It is expected that parishioners are seated in the church about 10 minutes before the mass begins to have the time to focus on the reason we attend mass—to worship God. This is the opportunity to prepare yourself and focus on prayer, to enable the full participation in the mass.

ROSARY BEADS

There are still some Rosary Beads and the "How to Pray the Rosary Cards" available in the church this weekend.

DATE	Mass	LEADER	READER	Special Minister
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 Correy	Stella Galea
24/10	5pm	Leeni Joshua	Grace O'Brien	Melinda Pereyra-
	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 Correy	Lillian Abbew	Andrew Dipierdomenico
	5pm			
	6.30pm			
	9am			
	10.30am			

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

- 17/10** Russel Sequeria, Merli Inovejas
- 24/10** Raju Sankaranarayan, Deepak Bura
- 31/10** Dinesh Dias Family
- 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 –8th December@ 6pm

Legion of Mary - 5.30pm Wednesdays

Liturgy Group - Next meeting 27th October @ 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

19/10 Monday: 29th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21;

20/10 Tuesday: 29th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38;

21/10 Wednesday: 29th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48;

22/10 Thursday: 29th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53;

St John Paul II, pope

23/10 Friday: 29th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59

24/10 Saturday: 29th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9;

25/10 Sunday : 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10;
Mt 22:34-40;