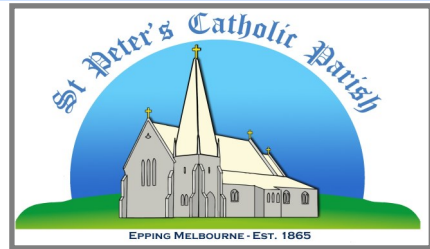


**25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A
20th Sept 2026**

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

Parish Secretary: Michelle Hood
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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
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



**SEASON OF CREATION REFLECTION by
Nick Brodie**

The complaining workers in today's Gospel assumed they were near the top of some unspoken hierarchy. They thought they deserved more than some of their co-workers. If we think of the earth as God's great vineyard, we can see obvious parallels today.

Nations can think they deserve more than their less developed neighbours; perhaps because their economies have been industrialised longer.

People can assume they are right to own multiple properties while others remain homeless; perhaps because they inherited or worked hard for them.

But we Christians are called to work in the vineyard for its good, and for the good of all, not merely ourselves. 'The way humanity treats the environment influences the way it treats itself,

and vice versa', declared Pope Benedict XVI in the encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, reminding us that justice for others and good stewardship of our world are intimately connected.

During this Season of Creation, we might ask ourselves: How can we tend the vineyard into which God has sent us? Do we attend to the needs of our fellow workers, especially refugees and immigrants who have only recently arrived?

**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 6th October, 20th October, 3rd November (Xavier is not available on the 22nd Sept)

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

Also accessible via QR code:



Pray for the Sick: Hirumali Dias, Marily Marquis

Offering Masses this week for:-

Death Anniversary:- Paolo Selva, John & Philomena Motha & deceased members of the Vandenberg family, Marlene Condello, Jarrod De-Bono

R.I.P. — Carlton & Cynthia Garrett

Thanksgiving:- Carolyn Saade, Isabelle Raymond

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

Joseph Theodore Panuccio
Mason James Millar
Jaxon Bloomer
Oscar Bloomer



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

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(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.)**

Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24, 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or
by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then
death would bring me something more; but then again,
if living in this body means doing work which is having
good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am
caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with
Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me
to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your
sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be un-
worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew



Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



Invitation

Epping St. Vincent de Paul Conference members would like to invite volunteers, donors, parishioners and friends of the Society to the SVDP Preston Region Festival Mass which is to be held at St. Peter's Church on Saturday 3rd October at 11am. It will be followed by light refreshments in the Galilee Space (hall).

This event which celebrates our year in service includes the commissioning of Conference Presidents and members along with the presentation of long service badges and acknowledgement of Emeritus Vincentians.

Please join us for this joyous event.

RSVP by Saturday 26th September to assist with catering and planning.

epping.conf.pres@svdp-vic.org.au

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.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES

Come and show your support and march for the babies at 1.00pm Saturday, 10th October - Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring St and Wellington Pde, Melbourne

Wear pink and blue for the Babies! www.marchforthebabies.com

This is the 17th annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008.

Parish Finance Committee

Sections from the Parish Handbook
For parishioners' information

1.Introduction:-

1.2 In accordance with the provisions of Can.537 there is to be a Parish Finance Committee in every Parish of the Archdiocese of Melbourne to help the Parish Priest in the administration of the temporal goods of the Parish.

1.3 This Committee is an advisory body to the Parish Priest, who is the sole administrator of the temporal goods of the Parish (Can. 532).

2. Role

2.1 The Committee assists the Parish Priest in his task of administering the Parish finances, maintaining the parish properties, planning for future capital works and raising the necessary funds.

2.2 The Committee is not directly involved in the day to day management of the Parish finances.

2.3 The Committee is a separate Committee to the Parish Pastoral Council. It is not a sub-committee and consequently does not report to it.

Duties

7.1 The Committee is to assist the Parish Priest in the preparation of:

- a. the annual budget of income and expenditure for the coming year.
- b. a suitable annual report to the parishioners concerning Parish finances.
- c. the annual financial report to the Archbishop.
- d. long term cash flow estimates to provide for future capital works and major maintenance requirements.

7.2 The Committee is to assist the Parish Priest in relation to his role in:

- a. ensuring that all regulatory requirements are complied with.
- b. identifying and managing areas of risk to the financial viability of the Parish.
- c. Regularly reviewing (at least annually) all lease-hold and license agreements to ensure compliance with their terms by the tenant and the Parish.

7.4 The Committee shall regularly review periodic (at least quarterly)

- a. financial reports for the Parish.
- b. balance sheet, income statements, comparisons to budget as well as prior year results; and
- c. cash flow analysis.

7.5 The Committee should ensure that a review of all Parish insurances is conducted on an annual basis by 31 October each year to ensure that adequate cover exists for all identified risks

7.6 The Parish Priest must consult with members of the Committee, any expenditure which requires the permission of the Archbishop, before he seeks the approval of the Archbishop for the proposed expenditure.

7.7 The Committee should ensure that an annual review and inspection is conducted of all Parish properties, identifying and there is planning for immediate and long term maintenance needs.

St Peter's Parish Committee

Chair:- Kieran Walshe

Chairs the 4 quarterly meetings

Members:- Priscilla Raju, Andrew Samuel, Ophelia Francis, Chris Paterson

Accountant:- Bernard Negline from Cussen Financial

Completes all the required financial paperwork for all the Committee's meetings

Finance Officer of Parish:- Michelle Hood

Manages all the day to day finances and provides required documentation for committee meetings but is not part of the committee

DATE	Mass	LEADER	READER	Special Minister
19/9	5pm	Volunteer please	Don Vandenberg	Volunteer please
	6.30pm	Sherwin Moreno	Sheriz Moreno	Joan Bahen
20/9	9am	Chris Paterson	Kay Whelan	David Howard
	10.30am	Julie Cowell	Lillian Abbew	Stella Galea
26/9	5pm	Don Vandenberg	Leeni Joshua	Angela Vandenberg
	6.30pm	Volunteer please	Joan Bahen	Volunteer please
27/9	9am	Des Madden	Lesleigh Madden	Bernie Dias
	10.30am	Anne Toshack	Julie Cowell	Cathy Gatt
3/10	5pm	Leeni Joshua	Grace O'Brien	Melinda Pereyra-Henriques
	6.30pm	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Charlie Aganetti
4/10	9am	Lesleigh Madden	David Howard	Des Madden
	10.30am	Cassie Martin	Cathy Gatt	Julie Cowell
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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

19/9 Anjith Abraham, Binoey John

26/9 Thi Nguyen

3/10 Volunteers please

10/10 Elizabeth Rozario, Shenelle Toshack

17/10 Russel Sequeria, Merli Inovejas

24/10 Raju Sankaranarayan, Deepak Bura

31/10 Volunteers please



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 - 2026 –2027 Began on 2nd September 2026
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

21/9 Monday: **St Matthew**, apostle, Evangelist
Readings: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13;

22/9 Tuesday: 25th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Prov 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21;

23/9 Wednesday: **St Pius of Pietrelcina**, priest
Readings: Prov 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6;

24/9 Thursday: 25th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9;

25/9 Friday: 25th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22;

26/9 Saturday: 25th Week in Ordinary Time
Readings: Eccl 11:9 –12:8; Lk 9:43-45;

27/9 Sunday : 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32;

World Day for Migrants and Refugees