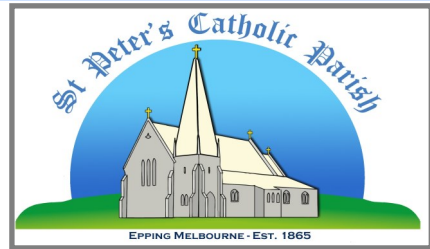


**27th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A
4th October 2026**

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
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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
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400 Dalton Road, Epping
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ST VINCENT DE PAUL ASSISTANCE
Free Call 1800 305 330



REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Gospel Reflection

The imagery Jesus used would have been so familiar to his audience that it was almost mundane, and yet Jesus, as usual, gives the image a twist. He describes a vineyard owner whose tenant farmers rebel, beat and murder his servants. Any one of these acts was punishable by death and the audience may well have expected the story to end there. And yet the landowner sends further messengers – hopeful of a change of heart from the tenants and allowing them the opportunity to do what is right. After these messengers are also murdered, the landowner sends his own son to collect the harvest from the tenants.

Jesus, of course, is drawing on the familiar image of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. God, the landowner, has

entrusted this beautifully prepared land to the people of Israel and yet they have taken ownership for themselves and forgotten their Lord. Messengers, in the form of prophets, have been sent to call the people back to God but they were ignored and even murdered. Now, the Son has been sent to the people and received much the same response. When Jesus asks his audience of chief priests and elders what the landowner should do, they are acutely aware that he is asking them how God should deal with them.

One of the images from this gospel that would have been puzzling to the audience, and may have tipped them off that Jesus was telling a parable with a particular message, is the image of the landowner being incredibly benevolent and tolerant of his rebellious tenants. Jesus' audience would have known that the law was always on the side of a landowner over his tenants. Any misdeed by a tenant farmer would have been dealt with swiftly and severely and yet the landowner in Jesus' story (God) is almost unbelievably patient and prepared to give the tenants every opportunity to do the right thing.

Pray for the Sick: Hiramali Dias, Marily Marquis

Offering Masses this week for:- holy souls in purgatory

Recent Death:- Rose Ty-Ramirez, Bailey Vincent

Death Anniversary:- Teresa Cardamone, Barbara L'Oiseau

Birthday Anniversary:- Denise Cardamone

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



Our Parish recognizes 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

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **(R.)**

Second Reading Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Communion Antiphon

Though many, we are one bread, one body,
for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.



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

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 Father Anh.



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Date: Monday 19 October 2026
Time: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm AEDT

02 9560 5333

palms@palms.org.au



OCTOBER

The Month of the Rosary

There are Rosary Beads in the church for anyone who would like them.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for the Month of October

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2027

We have received the 2027 Columban Calendars and they are available to purchase in the Parish Office. **Cost :- \$10 each calendar**

A MESSAGE FROM PARISH OFFICE REGARDING 2026 PARISH CONTRIBUTION OF \$520

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the school families who have commenced their contribution for 2026. We invite full and active participation of all our school families as per recent correspondence. Please note the Parish banking details for Direct Deposit.

INTERNET BANKING:

ACCOUNT NAME: EPPING CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH

BSB: 083 347 **A/C NO.** 658807871

REF: School, Your eldest child & family name

If you would like to receive a copy of your statement via email or are experiencing difficulty please contact the Parish office on 9401 6300 or epping@cam.org.au.

Recent Death and Funeral Notice

Young man of our parish:-
Bailey Vincent

Funeral :- Tuesday 6th October at 11am



DAYLIGHT SAVING

Start Date: Sunday, October 4, 2026, at 2:00 am (clocks move forward one hour to 3:00 am).

End Date: Sunday, April 4, 2027, at 3:00 am (clocks move back one hour to 2:00 am).

DATE	Mass	LEADER	READER	Special Minister
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
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

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

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 Tuesday 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

5/10 Monday: 27th Week in Ordinary Time

Readings: Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37;

St Faustina Kowalska, virgin

6/10 Tuesday: 27th Week in Ordinary Time

Readings: Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42

7/10 Wednesday: **Our Lady of The Rosary**

Readings: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4;

8/10 Thursday: 27th Week in Ordinary Time

Readings: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13;

9/10 Friday: 27th Week in Ordinary Time

Readings: Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26;

10/10 Saturday: 27th Week in Ordinary Time

Readings: Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28;

11/10 Sunday : **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;
 Mt 22:1-14;