

30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year A
25th 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.



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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: 94011157

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

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie Leo's Lens



'Are we content with material goods, immediate satisfactions, the countless little idols that promise us everything but leave our hearts empty?', Pope Leo asks. Obviously not. 'We all long for happiness, love and fulfilment', he notes. Indeed, he affirms that 'only God can fill the emptiness within us.' Reflecting on how 'Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, leads us, as a shepherd leads his sheep', the Pope reminds us that Jesus shows us how to love: 'He carries the weary and wounded sheep on his shoulders, and gently brings back those who have gone astray.' Jesus' love is gentle and persistent, directed to each person in a unique manner. 'Jesus reveals God's unconditional love for us', the Pope reminds us. 'In his eyes, none of us is merely a number or an entry in a register, but a unique and irreplaceable person.'

Experiencing such divine love, we are called to share it with others. 'Do not keep this faith in Jesus Christ to yourselves', the Pope says. 'Let it overflow, so that those you meet may be refreshed and their thirst satisfied. You are called to bring hope wherever discouragement and spiritual dryness prevail.'

Each of us is called to live 'the holiness of those who worship the true God and generously serve their brothers and sisters in charity.'

[Quotes from Homily, 26 September 2026, Place de la Concorde (Paris):
<https://www.vatican.va/content/leoxiv/en/homilies/2026/documents/20260926-francia-messa-parigi.html>]

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

Offering Masses this week for:-

Anniversary:- Jerry P Morala, Gervasio Tonietto, Leonardo De Lorenzo, Olive Mathias

Recent Death:- Bailey Vincent

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

Amelia Estelle Gorski
William Henry Gorski
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.

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.'"

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

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

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how

you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

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Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Communion Antiphon

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
as a fragrant offering to God.

DATE	Mass	LEADER	READER	Special Minister
24/10	5pm	Leeni Joshua	Grace O'Brien	Melinda P-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	Charlis Aganetti
1/11	9am	Des Madden	L. Madden	D. Howard
	10.30am	Youth	Youth	Julie Cowell
7/11	5pm	Don Vandenberg	Volunteer please	A Vandenberg
	6.30pm	Volunteer please	Bryan Johnston	Joan Bahen
8/11	9am	L. Madden	Kay Whelan	D. Madden
	10.30am	Candice Correya	Lillian Abbew	Andre Dipierdomenico

TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO OUR 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

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



Donation QR Code To make a donation, simply scan our QR code with your mobile phone and follow a few easy steps. Thank you for the support of our parish

CHURCH CLEANING

24/10 Raju Sankaranaraya, Deepak Bura

31/10 Dinesh Dias Family

7/11 Anthony Fakhry, Cyriac George

14/11 Dinesh Dias Family

REGULAR EVENTS / MEETINGS

BAPTISM PREPARATION - Baptisms are on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Contact the Parish Office and speak to Sr Huyen to arrange a Baptism

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - Next Meeting 19th Nov @ 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 Friday**-Adoration & Benediction
8.30pm-9pm- Fellowship & packing up

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Next Meeting 8th Dec @ 6pm

LEGION OF MARY -5.30pm Wednesdays

LITURGY GROUP - Next Meeting 27th Oct @ 7pm

OCIA - Wednesdays 7pm -8pm

Pt 1:-Sept 2nd - Dec 9th 2026 **Pt 2:-** Jan 27th –Mar 17th 2027

PARISH BASED SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

All completed for 2026

REACH OUT -Communion to the Sick & 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.

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP CATECHISM

4.15pm-5pm Saturdays before 5pm Mass

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

First Tuesday of the Month@ 6pm in Parish Office
Third Tuesday of the month via Teams

YOUTH GROUP 2ND Friday of the Month

LITURGY READINGS OF THE NEXT WEEK

MONDAY 26/10 **Week 30 Ordinary Time**

Readings:- Eph 4:32 – 5:8; Lk 13:10-17

TUESDAY 27/10

Readings:- Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21;

Melbourne: Anniv. of dedication of cathedral 1897

WEDNESDAY 28/10 **Sts Simon & Jude**, apostles

Readings:- Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-19;

THURSDAY 29/10

Readings:- Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35;

FRIDAY 30/10

Readings:- Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6;

SATURDAY 31/10

Readings:- Phil 1:18-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11;

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER -ALL SAINTS DAY. THERE ARE THE NORMAL WEEKEND MASSES

**MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER -THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED – (ALL SOULS' DAY).
9.15AM MASS & 7PM MASS**

There will be **the Parish Memorial Books** on display at St Peter's and SMCM for parishioners to write in the names of family members and friends who are deceased.

There will also be **"November Offering" envelopes** in the available if you would like to offer a mass for a deceased person.



Prayer for Pope Leo

Lord Jesus, Divine Physician, we humbly ask you to heal Pope Leo. Grant him strength, comfort and peace. 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

Legion of Mary hosting Bible Studies Online

The Mother of Divine Grace Praesidium invites you to join Bible Study sessions lead by resident seminarian Xavier Ryan. Next 3 meeting dates are at 8.30pm on Tuesdays 3rd November, 17th November & 1st December. **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 14th November 2026 at 10am at St Patrick's Cathedral (1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne VIC 3002)

First Mass on Sunday 15th November 2026 at 1pm at St Anthony's Catholic Church (90 Kees Rd, Lara VIV 3212) All parishioners welcome.

PARISH OFFICE WINDOWS 13 Windows @ \$35,200 If you would like to make a donation there are envelopes available in the church or contact Fr Anh or the Parish Office staff.

MAN'S FREEDOM

From the Compendium to the Catholic Catechism

363. What is freedom? Freedom is the power given by God to act or not to act, to do this or to do that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility. Freedom characterizes properly human acts. The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. Freedom attains its proper perfection when it is directed toward God, the highest good and our beatitude. Freedom implies also the possibility of choosing between good and evil. The choice of evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to the slavery of sin.

364. What is the relationship between freedom and responsibility? Freedom makes people responsible for their actions to the extent that they are voluntary, even if the imputability and responsibility for an action can be diminished or sometimes cancelled by ignorance, inadvertence, duress, fear, inordinate attachments, or habit.

365. Why does everyone have a right to exercise freedom? The right to the exercise of freedom belongs to everyone because it is inseparable from his or her dignity as a human person. Therefore this right must always be respected, especially in moral and religious matters, and it must be recognized and protected by civil authority within the limits of the common good and a just public order.

366. What place does human freedom have in the plan of salvation? Our freedom is weakened because of original sin. This weakness is intensified because of successive sins. Christ, however, set us free "so that we should remain free" (*Galatians* 5:1). With his grace, the Holy Spirit leads us to spiritual freedom to make us free co-workers with him in the Church and in the world.

Today, 1 in 7 Christians worldwide lives in a country where they face persecution or discrimination because of their faith.

Will you join us to pray for them and stand with them?

This **Red November**, you can unite with tens of thousands worldwide to pray for the persecuted in a powerful way.

You can find out all the ways to get involved on our Red November website, at **www.rednovember.org**.