

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH OF PAMBULA

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the Yuin people.*

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JULY 12TH, 2020 - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CONTACT DETAILS

Parish Office Hours: Wednesday -Thursday 9.30am—1.30pm

Parish Priest: Fr Paletasala (Pale) Leota
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Our Lady Star of the Sea - Eden
St. Joseph's - Merimbula
St. Peter's - Pambula
St. Joseph's - Wyndham

MASS TIMES

Saturday	5pm	Eden
Sunday	8:30am	Merimbula
	10am	Merimbula
Tuesday	4:30pm	Merimbula
Wednesday	9:30am	Merimbula
Thursday	9:30am	Eden
Friday	9:30am	Merimbula

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 9:30am — 10am Merimbula
Saturday Before Vigil Mass Eden

Sacrament of Baptism:

Welcoming Mass 4th Sat/Sunday of the month prior to Baptism
during Mass on 1st Saturday/Sunday of the month. (*Ring Office first
for all Baptism Preparation enquiries*)

Weddings: By appointment only (*at least 6 months notice in advance*)

Adoration: First Friday 8:30am Merimbula

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary - Tuesday at 4pm, Prayed at St Joseph's,
Merimbula

Christ The Gardener

We have heard the strong metaphor about how the rain and snow, falling from the sky and soaking the earth, then rise towards heaven as plants, flowers and trees. Divine inspiration is the rain and snow, our inspired lives are the blossoming plants. This image concludes the great section of Isaiah 40-55, some of the most sublime literature of the Old Testament. He has the highest of hopes for the future of humanity.

We celebrate Christ the gardener, who came to sow the seed of God's word in our world. The fate of that seed depends on the type of soil where it is sown. The growth of his grace in our lives all depends on how we receive it. Adding a very hopeful note, St Paul assures us that all of creation is in a state of evolutionary growth, to become all that God wants it to be: his own flourishing "Kingdom". Have a blessed Sunday!!

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday	Isaiah	55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Matt 13:1-23
Monday	Isaiah	1:10-17; Matt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday	Isaiah	7:1-9; Matt 11:20-24
Wednesday	Isaiah	10:5-7, 13-16; Matt 11:25-27
Thursday	Isaiah	26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matt 11:28-30
Friday	Isaiah	38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matt 12:1-8
Saturday	Micah	2:1-5; Matt 12:14-21

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

St. Peter's Parish, Pambula Mission Statement

Our mission as the Christian community of St. Peter's Parish, enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit, is to be salt and light through the loving way of our words, actions and respect for the dignity of all, so that others may experience the love of Christ.

UPDATED PARISH MASS GUIDELINES

Starting 1st July 2020, we can now maximise the seating capacity of our Churches. Observing the spatial distancing as required by the government, following are the maximum seating capacity for our respective churches: Merimbula Heads : 74 Eden: 60. With this regards, bookings are still essential for WEEKEND MASSES only. Please call or email the Parish office. You can reserve a place for one Mass each weekend and for the following week as well. Should there be no answer, please leave your name and number and we will get back to you. Until we are back to full swing, following must be observed when attending Mass for the meantime: 1. Sign in with your name, contact number and signature before taking your seat. 2. SPATIAL DISTANCING OF AT LEAST 1.5 METERS FROM EACH OTHER MUST BE OBSERVED. PLEASE SIT ONLY IN MARKED PLACES. 3. Holy communion shall be received on the hand only. Chalice will not be distributed. 6. No Passing of Collection plates - you may place your envelopes/donations in the designated boxes placed at the side of the entrance door. 7. No Offertory Procession 8. No Sign of Peace, no Holy Water 9. Those who are unwell or at high risk due to compromised immune or respiratory system should not attend, those over 70 should exercise particular caution. *“You can keep Sunday holy by setting aside some time for prayer at home, reading the Scriptures of the day, watching Mass on television or online, and asking God for the graces you would normally receive in Holy Communion.”* (excerpts from the memo of Bishop Christopher). God Bless, Fr Pale

THE DIVINE MERCY OF JESUS

3 O'clock Prayer THE HOUR OF GREAT MERCY

Jesus said: Call upon My mercy on behalf of sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give that person the grace of conversion.

This is the prayer; **“O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fount of Mercy for us, I trust in you.”**

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed before Mass on Sunday and Adoration and Benediction on every First Friday at 8.30am Merimbula Church.

“Care for Our Common Home”

Are you interested in learning more about Pope Francis' letter on “*Care for Our Common Home*”? This is another opportunity for you to do so from the comfort and privacy of your living room. Catholics all over Oceania are coming together on Zoom at 1pm AEST on 14-July to reflect on Pope Francis' teachings on “Care for Our Common Home”. Our Archbishop Christopher Prowse is to lead opening prayer. Register at https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqdeqqqjIoGNTX8FWIMGemXKmM8NE_pjj or request the digital link from BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au

BRINGING THE SCRIPTURES TO LIFE

Are you interested in developing your ability to proclaim the scriptures in a way which brings them to life for the listener, simply by telling the story as though we are first-hand witnesses?

Ray and Fenella Temmerman, of Winnipeg, Canada, having spent time in Merimbula each year for the last 4 years. They now find themselves ‘locked down’, unable easily to return to their home in Canada. As Ray says, if you have to be locked down somewhere, there are FAR worse places to be locked down than in Merimbula!

Ray studied theology and scripture at St Paul's Seminary in Kensington, NSW, 1976-80, then in retirement completed a Masters in Sacred Theology at the University of Winnipeg. He now offers workshops on proclaiming the scriptures. This is how he describes their content:

“I begin by exploring why we proclaim the scriptures. Then I use an Ignatian form of reflection to draw people into scripture as a lived experience. We then take time to practice experiencing the scriptures. Finally, we begin the actual practice of proclamation, giving people a chance to tell the scripture story, learn what they are doing well, as well as what they could improve on and how. The process has worked well, with people picking up and applying practical tips to help them improve their proclamation.”

Even if you've been a lector for many years, you'll still find some good tips about how to make proclaiming the scriptures an uplifting experience, and receive suggestions on practical aspects such as using the microphone well.

Ray normally runs the workshop over a 3-hour period. He particularly appreciates if people from different churches can join in, all of us together coming to experience the Word of God as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Please contact the Parish Office at 6495 1880, or email pambula@cg.org.au if you would like to take part in such a workshop.

A session will be conducted especially for those involved in the Ministry of the Word but it will be open for anyone interested.

DATE: Saturday July 18th, 2020 VENUE: Eden Church
OUTLINE OF THE DAY

9.30am	Registration/Morning tea
10am	First Session
11am	Break
11:15	Second Session
12pm	Group Discussion
12:30pm	Third Session
1pm	Q & A

Ray Temmerman (Catholic) and his wife Fenella (Anglican) are also involved in the Inter-church Families International Network (IFIN). The IFIN encourages couples married across denominational lines to explore together the 'pearls of great price' they hold in their life of faith, and to worship together as much as possible in both their churches, being gifts of unity to those churches. Ray administers the Inter-church Families website, <http://interchurchfamilies.org> as well as the international Inter-church Families
Fr Pale

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for this financial year

are available in the church today. If your envelope number was over 80 last year, please note you will now have a new number.

- * If any contributor has recently switched their contributions from envelopes to direct debit or bank card, please advise the Parish Office so that your name can be removed from the envelope system.
- * In addition if any Contributor wishes to make the switch and has not yet done so, please let the Parish Office know and they will help you with this change.

Many thanks for your ongoing support and generous contributions. God bless. Fr Pale.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

First Collection: \$303.25; Second Collection: Envelopes \$150.00
Loose \$96.20

Much appreciated. Thanks for your generosity.

WELCOME: Jocelyne Fagan, Jasmin Hurley & Joanne Hurley (Eden) A big welcome to you who are new to our Parish family, St Peter's Pambula. Welcome to our Parish! The people of Pambula, Eden, Merimbula & Wyndham always extended the hand of friendship to newcomers. I trust your time in our Parish will be spiritually and socially enriching. We have plenty of information on what is happening in our Parish, what support is available, and how you can be involved in Parish life. If you have any queries or feedback, please contact Parish Office.

Catholic Church's National Appeal for SEA SUNDAY

This week is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work at sea. There will be a national Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Donations will provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers in these challenging times of COVID-19. Please give generously at bit.ly/seasundayaustralia. For further information, please call: Ros Rajasingam on 0481 910 245 or visit our website: www.aos-australia.org

Let us pray for and support those who are sick

Ruth Mercieca, Hank Westerlaken, Matthew O’Leary, Glenn Alcock, Danielle Sou, Craig Field, Alex Andrew, David Went, Dawn Lucas, Ros Beveridge, Roy & Joy Bugden, David Fancourt, Penny McEwan, Eric Mangion, Maureen Partridge, Marie Hart, Anselmo Giuffre, Beata Denkiewicz, Irene Spinks, Peter Hamer, Amber Keft, Christopher Helby.

For the faithful departed or whose Anniversaries occur including

Mary Roberson, Gerald John Edward, Tony Colosimo, Sr Mary Agnes, Caleb Pointon, Tess Rizetti, Ian Thomas, John Seychelles, Robert “Stumpy” Wallis, Anna Marie Weinlich, Christine Fogg, Robert Gianfrotta and Ramira Gomez, Mary D’Arcy.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Prayer after Communion: Lord, we thank you for coming into our hearts in Communion. We believe you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. You are our life and our hope. Draw us more deeply to yourself and transform our hearts through your abiding love. May we come to know Sunday as a special day of faith the day of our risen Lord. May our celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday consecrate this day to you. O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine. All Praise and All Thanksgiving be every moment thine.

Prayer for Australia. Lord you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God for ever and ever. Amen.

2020 Sacramental Program Resumes**PLENARY COUNCIL—SOME CHALLENGES**

Due to COVID-19, the Plenary Council will now take place in Adelaide on October 2021 and Sydney in July 2022. May I offer four challenges and reflections.

A journey of the Holy Spirit: The Plenary Council is a work of the Holy Spirit. This means we journey together by way of silence, listening and patient discernment. This is the most important foundation we must all share. Already this journey has taken us over two years. We need to assess how we have fared in this challenge. I would say we have much room for improvement.

2. Confusion over the word “governance”: The key word “governance” requires greater definition. It has a theological meaning; it is a derivative of our baptism whereby we share in the mission of Christ as Priest (sanctifying), Prophet (teaching) and King (governing). It also has a corporate meaning. Good governance is anchored in administrative processes and protocols alongside essential words like “transparency” and “accountability”. The Catholic Church has much to learn from this corporate meaning.

3. The change in Catholic demographics: The recently deceased and loved member of the Plenary Council Facilitation Team, Columban priest Fr Noel Connolly, wrote: “By 2050, 80% of Catholics (globally) will live in or trace their origins to the Global South. “The typical Christian will soon be a poor coloured woman from a shantytown in Kinshasa, Buenos Aires, Manila or some other large city in the majority world... 49% of all Australians are born overseas or have a parent born overseas.” We are challenged to do more to engage our huge vibrant Catholic migrant and youth communities.

4. To agree on evangelisation as the key: Surely we all agree evangelisation is the key pastoral paradigm of the Plenary Council. Discernment is still required as to how this paradigm is to engage practically our complex Australian evolving culture and those on the periphery of life, especially our First Australians.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2021

What is God asking of us in Australia at this time?

PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognize
Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your
truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to
hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of
the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.
Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, *pray for us.*

St Mary MacKillop, *pray for us.*

