

## ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH OF PAMBULA

*We sincerely acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land, the Yuin people.*

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### JULY 26, 2020 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### CONTACT DETAILS

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

Parish Priest: Fr Paletasala (Pale) Leota  
Parish Secretary: Mrs Patricia Field  
Parish Council Chair: Mrs Bernadette Wood  
Lumen Christi College Principal: Mr Shane Giles Tel: 64958888  
Liturgy Co-Ordinator: Ms Sue Heffernan  
Finance Chair: Mr Neil Ffrench

**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

#### The hidden treasure

One day God decided to launch a treasure hunt on earth. So he called his angels and gave them a priceless treasure to bring to earth, instructing them to hide it so that people would have to search for it and might have the joy of finding it. 'Shall we hide it on the highest mountain, the angels asked. 'No', answered God, 'because only the fittest and healthiest could climb that mountain and the weak would have no chance'. Again the angels asked: 'Shall we put it on the furthest shores of the ocean'. 'No', answered God, 'because only the rich people could afford to travel so far and the poor would have no chance.' 'Where then shall we put it?' the angels asked. 'Put it within reach of everybody, rich or poor, healthy or weak. Plant it in the centre of their beings. Hide it in their hearts.'

We are all treasure hunters. We seek the 'pearl of great price', the one thing that will answer our deepest yearning and make us truly happy. The problem is that we spend a lot of time looking for it in the wrong places – outside ourselves and end up frustrated. The treasure we seek is the presence of God for which our hearts were made. St Augustine writes movingly about his own experience of seeking and finally discovering this divine treasure in his famous autobiography, *The Confessions*. After a fruitless search for this treasure outside himself, he finally discovers it in the depths of his own heart. His words convey his joy in discovering the hidden treasure: 'Late have I loved you, o beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you.'

#### FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday St Martha  
Friday St Ignatius of Loyola

#### READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday	1King 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52
Monday	Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	(1 Jn 4:7-16); Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday	Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Jer 26:1-8; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Jer 26:11-16, Mt 14:1-12 (Alt. Rom 8:1-4; Mt 5:13-19)

### **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.

**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: \$504.65; Second Collection: loose \$517.70

Envelopes \$1075.00

Much appreciated. Thanks for your generosity.

### **Let us pray for and support those who are sick**

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

**For the faithful departed or whose Anniversaries occur including**

David Luck, Christopher Helby, Daphne McMahon. John Seberry, Caleb Pointon, Tess Rizetti, Ian Thomas, John Seychelles, Robert “Stumpy” Wallis, Anna Marie Weinlich, Christine Fogg, Robert Gianfrotta and Ramira Gomez, Mary D’Arcy, Ananaias Javier Gonzales, Virgilio V. Gonzales, Juana Argamosa Capellan, Frisco Capellan, Otilia Villafane, Jose Villafane.

*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.”

**PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**

A special **Information Session** is being held for Parents/Sponsors of children preparing to make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

**WHEN?** Wednesday 29 July 2020  
6.15-6.30 pm Registration and Tea  
6:30 - 7:30 pm Information Session

**WHERE?** St Joseph’s Church, Merimbula  
**CONTACT** Parish Office or Trevor Cooper 0438 500 262 or Antoinette Woods at Lumen Christi

Many thanks  
Parish Office

We are challenged to do more to engage our huge vibrant Catholic migrant and youth communities.

**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 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***

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**Archdiocesan Protocols for Coronavirus (COVID-19)  
Reception of Holy Communion in the Hand**

The protocols for reception of Holy Communion that the Archdiocese has adopted are informed by the best medical expertise. In issuing these protocols, the Archbishop has acted according to Canon 837 of the Code of Canon Law which recognises that liturgical actions are “celebrations of the Church itself as the ‘sacrament of unity,’ that is, the holy people united and ordered under the bishops.”

The sensitive issue of asking all members of the faithful to receive Holy Communion in the hand – and not on the tongue – is in accord with sound reason, unity in our communities and the good of the faithful – in this case their physical health.

Given the living tradition of the Church, which highlights the most ancient practice of receiving Holy Communion in the hand, the Archbishop has the authority to instruct the faithful to receive Holy Communion in the hand during this time of Pandemic, with no exceptions.

From the earliest of times, the Church has always honoured our Eucharistic Lord with deep, and somewhat graphic faith, combined with practical piety. For instance, St. Cyril (313-386), in commenting on a 1st Century church document, teaches:

*In approaching Holy Communion, come not with your wrists extended, or your fingers spread, but make your left hand a throne for the right, as for that which is to receive a King. Receive the Body of Christ, saying over it, Amen. So then after having carefully hallowed your eyes by the touch of the Holy Body, partake of it. Be careful lest you lose any portion of it, for whatever you lose, is evidently a loss to you as it were from one of your own members.*

*Then after you have partaken of the Body of Christ, draw near also to the Cup of His Blood, not stretching forth your hands, but bending and saying with an air of worship and reverence, Amen. And while the moisture is still upon your lips, touch it with your hands, and hallow your eyes and brow and the other organs of sense. Then wait for the prayer, and give thanks unto God, who has accounted you worthy of so great mysteries (Catechetical Lecture 23).*

The faithful should be assured that in receiving Communion in the hand they are acting in accord with past generations of believers.

Father Anthony Percy VG July 2020

**SAINT MARY McKILLOP PILGRIMAGE 8th August 2020**

A Very different celebration this year for the Archbishop’s St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage to Eden. With COVID 19 part of our lives - our Pilgrimage will be different this year. On 8th August, at 12pm Archbishop Christopher will live stream Mass from St Christopher's Cathedral in Canberra.

With social distancing we will meet together in the Eden Church to watch and pray together this Mass to honour our special Australian Saint. 2020 also marks 10 years since Mary was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI

In Eden we will gather at 11.30 am for prayers before Mass commences. We will receive Communion during Mass. You must register at the Parish Office.

After Mass we will enjoy a cup of tea together weather permitting. For those unable to attend physically - please join us online. faithful – in this case their physical health.



