

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH OF PAMBULA

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th June 2020



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Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity.

If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Feast Days

Monday (Mass)	10am	29 th , Sts Peter and Paul (Solemnity)
Friday		3 rd July St Thomas

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. +

The Month of June is the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Holy Father's Intentions for the month of June 2020

WEEKDAY READINGS

Monday	29 th	Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tim4:6-8,17-18; Mt16:16-19
Tuesday	30 th	Amos 3:1-8,4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday	1 st July	Amos 5:14-15; 21-24; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday	2 nd July	Amos 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8
Friday	3 rd July	Eph:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

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.

Let us pray: O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fount of Mercy for us, I trust in you. Jesus, I trust in You.

Updated Archdiocesan Protocols

As from Monday 1st June a maximum of 50 people are allowed to attend church at any given time for private prayer or Mass. Social distancing of 1.5m is to be maintained. Sign-in book is provided prior to entry. You must register your details and provide your contact details to ensure, if needed, that contact tracing can occur. All who wish to attend Mass are required to register with the Parish Office by calling 64951880 during Office hours or email (pambula@cg.org.au) outside Office Hours. Please do not "just turn up" as this will contravene current NSW Government Guidelines.

If you decide to attend Mass, please adhere to these rules:

- There will be no procession of gifts, no passing of hymn books or collection plates.
- The sign of peace will be omitted or given without hand-to-hand contact.
- Holy communion will only be distributed and received on hand.

Hand sanitisers are available in the church. Door handles, pens and surfaces are sanitised regularly

Penance/Reconciliation

- First rite of penance, with priest and penitent observing spacing.
- Second rite of penance suspended until further notice.

First Penance, First Holy Communion & Confirmation (Sacrament Program)

-Normal pastoral practice resumes, respecting liturgical and pastoral protocols.

Prayer and Social Gatherings

-No more than 20 people permitted to gather whether inside Church or other Church facility:

- 1.5metres distancing.
- Customary/recommended hygiene practices.

Register

-Parishes and communities are to keep an accurate register of people who come for public prayer.

Hygiene

-Frequently touched surfaces to be regularly cleaned.

Funerals and Weddings

- A total of 50 people allowed for a funeral inside a church (*excluding celebrant and people involved in liturgical ministries*).
- A total of 50 people allowed for a graveside funeral (*excluding celebrant and people involved in liturgical ministries*).
- A total of 20 people allowed for a wedding inside a church building (*excluding celebrant and those involved in liturgical ministries*).

Baptism

-50 people permitted inside the Church building (*excluding celebrant and those involved in liturgical ministries*), with customary/recommended hygiene practices.

- RCIA candidates can receive confirmation.

THE SICK

As we journey with our Risen Lord through this difficult time let us remember in our prayers our family, parishioners local and wider community and all those who are sick. May the mercy and healing power of God touch and give them healing, comfort and strength. Ruth Mercieca, Hank Westerlaken, Matthew O'Leary, Glenn Alcock, Danielle Sou, Craig Field.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for the recently deceased in our parish community. Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Mary Roberson, Gerald John Edward, Tony Colosimo, Sr Mary Agnes, Caleb Pointon, Tess Rizetti, Ian Thomas, John Seychelles, Robert "Stumpy" Wallis, Anna Marie Weinluch, Christine Fogg and Robert Gianfrotta.

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

Archdiocesan Marriage & Family Month - Due to COVID-19 restrictions the Archdiocese is bringing quality, interactive, live-streamed Marriage Enrichment to your home every Sunday from mid-June at 11.45am (straight after the 11am Online Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday 14th, 21st & 28th June). Join us at

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/> to listen to and ask questions of our international, interstate and local guest presenter couples. For more information go to

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/marriage-family-month-june-2020/>

Parish Collections

The forced closure of the Parish Churches has not only impacted on everybody's spiritual well-being it has also had a major impact on Parish finances. Prior to the closure your generous contributions to both the first collection (*supports the clergy*) and second collection (*supports the Parish*) assisted the Parish in meeting its financial obligations. The marked fall in collections since the Church closures, has forced the Parish to establish an overdraft to meet its financial obligations. Some weeks ago an email was sent to all Parishioners offering the option to continue making first and second collection contributions by moving to direct debit or credit card arrangements. Whilst many of you were already making your contributions via direct debit or credit card and others have taken up the option recently, if any other Parishioner would like to make this change you may contact the Parish Office by phone or email as the above mentioned details. If Parishioners do not wish to adopt the debit or credit card arrangements and wish to continue with their

contributions via the cash and envelope system, there are two boxes in the Eden and Merimbula Church entrances labelled "First Collection" and "Second Collection" to place your contribution after Mass.

Planned Giving: First Collection: \$499.30; 2nd Collection/Loose 269.05 Envelopes: 844.50
Thank you for your generosity

PROJECT COMPASSION 2020

WE CAN STILL PRAY FOR THESE PEOPLE ACROSS OUR WORLD
'Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love' (*Saint Teresa of Calcutta*)
Through your generosity during Project Compassion in 2020, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Mindful of all the needs here locally in our own community perhaps we can give 'something small with great love'. 'We have all known the long loneliness, and we have found that the answer is community'. (*Dorothy Day*) <https://lent.caritas.org.au>

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.

1. 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.

1. 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.

1. 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 per cent 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 ...

“Forty nine per cent 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.

1. 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.

BRINGING THE SCRIPTURES TO LIFE!!!!

Would you be 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, 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 Ignation 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.

I would encourage everyone interested in developing their abilities to let the Parish Office know that you are interested. If enough people come forward, we can look at setting a date for this exciting workshop.

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, even though we come from churches that are estranged from each other.

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.

Ray Temmerman (Catholic) and his wife Fenella (Anglican) are involved in the Interchurch 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 interchurch families website, <http://interchurchfamilies.org> as well as the international interchurch families discussion group at <https://mylist.net/listinfo/aifw/>

This Seminar will be conducted for all involved in the **Ministry of the Word** and is also a wonderful opportunity for anyone interested to attend.
ALL ARE WELCOME

Saturday July 18th, 2020 Eden Church

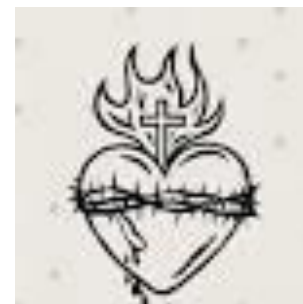
9.30am	Registration/Morning tea
10am	First Session
11am	Break
11:15	Second Session
12pm	Group Discussion
12:30pm	Third Session
1pm	Q & A

COVID-19 Crisis Appeal

Vinnies is launching a COVID-19 Crisis Appeal to raise funds for the additional need we are already seeing due to Covid-19. The COVID-19 Crisis Appeal is replacing the Winter Appeal and is launching ahead of the traditional Winter Appeal start date of 1 May.

This new crisis, this terrible pandemic, nothing our modern community has experienced, will increase the need for the work of Vinnies in serving the poor and needy. Already within Australia, we have witnessed an exponential demand from vulnerable people needing help to find food, as a result of Covid-19 panic buying in the major supermarkets.

Due to the restrictions we're operating within, it will not be possible to do an appeal through parishes in the traditional manner. Please can you enctodonateonlinewww.vinnies.org.au/covid19crisisappeal or by calling 13 18 12



ENTRUSTING AUSTRALIA TO MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.

We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.

We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you

OUR LADY PRAYS

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
DICA TED BY JESUS TO ST. FAUSTINA, SEPT. 14TH, 1935

BEGIN WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OUR FATHER x1
Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

HAIL MARY x1
Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

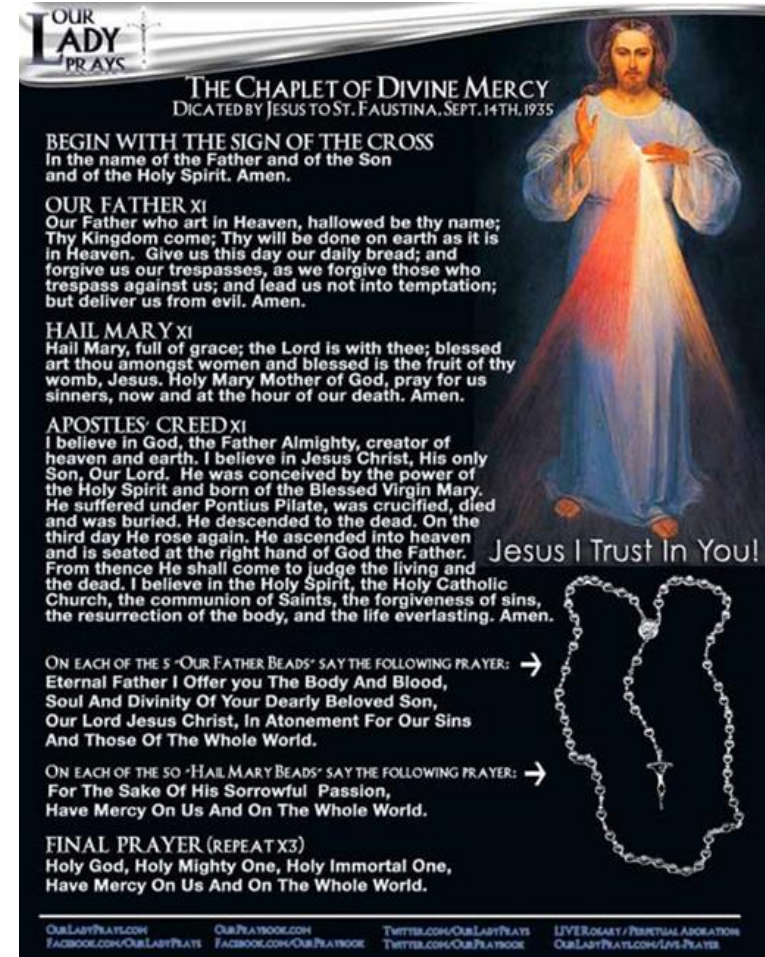
APOSTLES' CREED x1
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Jesus I Trust In You!

ON EACH OF THE 5 "OUR FATHER BEADS" SAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYER: →
Eternal Father I Offer you The Body And Blood, Soul And Divinity Of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, In Atonement For Our Sins And Those Of The Whole World.

ON EACH OF THE 50 "HAIL MARY BEADS" SAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYER: →
For The Sake Of His Sorrowful Passion, Have Mercy On Us And On The Whole World.

FINAL PRAYER (REPEAT X3)
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, Have Mercy On Us And On The Whole World.



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