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

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September 6th, 2020 TWENTY-THIRD Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection Correction in a Christian way...

We as God's family, concerned for each other, supporting one another in sadness and joy. The challenge of living as part of the Christian family is laid out for us in today's readings.

Many people today are involved in a process called Lectio Divina – trying to make the Word of God more alive by reflecting on a particular reading from the Bible and trying to see what application it might have for their individual lives. Some parishes have groups who do this for the readings at Sunday Mass. When people have reflected on the readings beforehand, they are more attentive to it when proclaimed in the bigger community gathering! It is said that the word of God wants to speak to us every time it is proclaimed. Yet how often we hear it said "I got **nothing from Mass today!**" Perhaps we take away nothing because we have not prepared ourselves to hear God speaking. There is a valuable message in what Jesus says in the Gospel today... "*If your brother* does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, **between your two selves**." Jesus wants issues resolved in a way that both parties respect preserve the dignity of each other. He goes on... "If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge." The voice of two or three may bring more weight and help the parties to realize that there is a better way forward. But again there must be respect and concern. Finally, Jesus tells us... "If he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector."

Harsh!!! Yes, but treating the brother or a sister as an outcast may help him see the error of his ways and bring about conversion, much like the Prodigal Son came to his senses and sought forgiveness when he realized the wrong he had chosen. What is often called 'tough love' with regard to people who have an addiction and their family have to let them go to the bottom before they can begin to get up and begin the road to recovery!

While alone with our brokenness, Gods' light can shine and enable us to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit saying, "*Come back to me even in your brokenness, and I will make you whole.*"

In treating with others we must see them as sisters and brothers, children of God like each of us, and, just like each of us, needing direction in our life's journey. Have a blessed Sunday.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Today we remember and pray for our fathers and acknowledge the Father of us all - God our Creator. May God bless and reward our fathers for all they have done for us. As we remember the gift of our fathers, grandfathers and godfathers, living and dead, we also listen to God's word. We are called to follow Jesus as he is, who brings peace, mercy, love and light to others. Happy Father's Day!!!

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL – COLLECTION FOR SICK &

RETIRED PRIESTS will be conducted across the Archdiocese this weekend 5th/6th September. The Clergy Retirement Foundation supports and cares for 30 retired priests. Your generous donation helps provide accommodation, financial assistance and health care. Gifts over \$2 are tax-deductible. Envelopes are available on your seats or you can donate online through the Archdiocese website. Your continued support of your clergy is greatly received and appreciated.

CONTACT DETAILS Parish Office Hours: Wednesday -Friday 10am—1pm

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

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Saturday Before Vigil Mass Eden

Baptism: Welcoming Mass 4th Sat/Sunday of the month prior to Baptism during Mass on 1st 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

St. Peter's Parish, Pambula Mission Statement

Dur 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.

Feast of the Week 8th September – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY ROSARY Please join us on Tuesday afternoon in Merimbula

Church at 4:15 before Mass for a continuous Rosary To Our Lady, praying especially for an end to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

SUNDAY READINGS

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Thus says the Lord: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

Psalm 95

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him. **R**.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. **R**.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works." **R**.

Romans 13:8-10

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday	1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	Micah 5:1-4; or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Wednesday	1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	1 Cor 8:1-7; 11-13; Lk 6:27-38
Friday	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27; Lk 6:39-49
Saturday	1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49

Congratulations to Shane Giles on his appointment as Principal of Lumen Christi Catholic College from the start of the 2021 school year. The Parish of Pambula wishes Shane every continued success as he undertakes his new role and assures him of our support.

Lumen Christi is now Enrolling for 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Lumen Christi is now enrolling for 2021 and places are filling quickly. If you are a parent or carer of a Kindergarten child and considering enrolling your child at Lumen Christi in 2021 and have not yet completed an online enrolment application form please do so as soon as possible. Similarly, if you have any friends or relatives that may be thinking about enrolling their child in Kindergarten in 2021, please encourage them to contact our Enrolment Officer.

Once you've submitted your child's online application, the College will contact you with more information. Please download a copy of our College Handbook via this link or visit the College website to discover more about learning at Lumen Christi. Should you have any queries about enrolling your child at Lumen Christi, please don't hesitate to contact our Enrolment Officer, Catherine Martino on (02) 6495 8829 or email

<u>catherine.martino@cg.catholic.edu.au</u> Thank you

FIRST RECONCILIATION

This Sacrament will be celebrated at 6:30pm on Thursdays 3rd & 10th September, 2020 at Merimbula Church. Parents of the children, together with the children themselves, will be celebrating and receiving this Sacrament. Your prayers are appreciated.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will be celebrated at 6:30pm on Wednesday 16th/9 and Thursday 17th/9, 2020. Your prayers and support are encouraged and appreciated.

2021 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

The Columban Calendar continues to play a major role in supporting the missionary work of Columbans, The Mission Society of St Columban. Next year's calendars are now available to order. Please ring the Parish Office 64951880 or email *pambula@cg.org.au* Cost will be \$9.00 each.



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.

Let us pray for and support those who are sick

Eileen Jacob, Matthew Kennedy, 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 Denkiewicz, Irene Spinks, Peter Hamer, Amber Keft, Beryl Field.

For the faithful departed or whose Anniversaries occur including

Glynneth Middlemiss, Irene Barry, Leo Pease, Laurie Jacob, Errol Cole, Irena Harambura, Cassandra Hopkins, Diane Pelt, Guy Robert, Michael & Steven Pease, Terry Rowe, David Luck, Chris Helby, Daphne McMahon, John Seberry, Caleb Pointon, Tess Rizetti, Ian Thomas, John Seychelles, Robert 'Stumpy' Wallis, Ann Marie Weinlich, Christine Fogg, Mary D'Arcy.

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

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."

<u>Prayer for Australia</u>. 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, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

First Collection: \$353.95; Second Collection Envelopes \$720.50 loose:\$162.55 Much appreciated. Thanks for your generosity.

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*