

St Peter's Catholic Parish

Sunday 15th August, 2021-The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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.

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

REFLECTION

A mother carries her child in her womb, giving that child a share in her own life. What if a child were able to share its life with its mother? This is what we believe happened between our Risen Lord and his mother, Mary.

It is our faith that our Lord nourishes Mary with His Resurrection life, meaning that her bodysoul, her total humanity, is suffused with His Divine glory. She grace-fully made the transition from earthly to heavenly existence without the wrenching apart of body and soul which we may expect. This is what we mean by 'The Assumption'.

This has been believed and celebrated since the early centuries of the church. Why was it only proclaimed by Pope Pius XII in 1950? I think because in the first half of the 20th century tens of millions were killed in wars, death camps and in the Russian and China Communist dictatorships.

The Holy Spirit needed to remind the world that human beings are bodysouls made for transfiguration, not disfiguration by starvation, torture, massacre and disposal like animal carcasses.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we may share in the gift of transfigured bodies at the end of history.
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Holy Days of Obligation for Australia and New Zealand are 15 August (Assumption) and 25 December (Christmas). The importance of a day in the liturgical calendar is determined by its rank (solemnity, feast, memorial); a Holy Day is simply a solemnity celebrated like a Sunday, that is, with obligation. (Ordo 2021)

Churches, Mass Celebrations and Prayer

Churches

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Eden
St Joseph's, Merimbula
St Peter's, Pambula
St Joseph's, Wyndham

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 9:30am - 10:00am, Merimbula
Saturday, before Vigil Mass, Eden

Adoration

Every Wednesday at 4:00pm &
1st Friday of the month at 8:30am,
Merimbula
1st Sunday at 3:00pm, Eden

Weddings

By appointment only – at least 6
months' notice in advance.

Mass Times

Saturday,	5:00pm, Eden
Sunday,	8:00am, Merimbula
Sunday,	10:00am, Merimbula
Tuesday	4.30:00pm, Merimbula
Wednesday,	9:30am, Merimbula
Thursday,	9:30am, Eden
Friday,	9:30am, Merimbula

Sacrament of Baptism

Welcoming Mass – 4th Sat/Sun of the
month prior to Baptism. During Mass
on 1st Saturday/Sunday of the month.
Please ring office for all Baptism
preparation enquiries

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary

Tuesdays at 4:30pm,
St Joseph's Merimbula

Contact Details

Parish Priest

Fr Palélasala (Palé) Leota

Parish Secretary

Ms Alicia O'Connor

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Mrs Bernadette Wood

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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS... Please ring 0435 036 236 for any Parish enquiries

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 4:00pm every Wednesday at Merimbula

Feast Days of the Week: Friday 20th -St Bernard, abbot, doctor
Saturday 21st - St Pius X, pope

CATHOLIC MISSION

In two weeks, Catholic Mission will share with us the powerful story of Churai, a mother who found her way to the Mother and Babies Home, run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, during a desperate time in her life. The Good Shepherd Sisters' mission is to promote the dignity and human rights of all, especially women and children; but they can only do that with support from people like you. Please come with an open and generous heart.

NEW CHANCELLOR OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

We farewell and thank Victor Dunn, who is retiring as Chancellor, and we welcome Patrick McArdle.

AUSTRALIA PRAYS-SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST

We are united together to pray given the current level of need and distress caused by Covid-19. Call for Nightly Prayer 16th-21st August

Register for Zoom link and Daily Devotions at nationaldayofprayer.org.au/lordhavemercy

"Our eyes look to the Lord our God until he shows us his mercy." — Ps. 123:2

PROMOTING VOCATIONS

Information referencing the following events has been emailed to all Parishioners

Follow: Thursday 19 August. An enquiry night for any young men who may be wanting to find out about the vocation to priesthood.

Vocations Discernment Weekend: Friday 24 Sept – Sunday 26 Sept. An extended discernment opportunity involving a retreat at Galong.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO ARE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION THIS SUNDAY.

On your Confirmation Day...

We pray that the Lord

Will always surround you

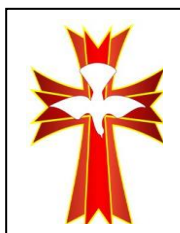
With the fullness of His love,

That He will always lead you

By the light of His truth,

And that He will always bless you

With the peace of His presence.



Get vaccinated for the common good

Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available.

<https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

Sacristy & Sanctuary Renovations to St Joseph's Church, Merimbula - September-October 2021

Parishioners will remember that last year plans for the installation of a Sacristy and renovations to the Sanctuary in St Joseph's Church, Merimbula finalised and agreed to by the Archdiocese. Accordingly, the builder plans to commence this work on Monday 06.09.2021. We are advised by the builder that the work will take 5 weeks to complete, so that the Church can be re-opened again in time for Masses on Sunday 10.10.2021. As the church will be closed during this time, Sunday Masses will be held at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Eden. During those 4 Sundays, Mass will be held at 8.30am and 10:00am only. There will be no Saturday Vigil Mass during those Sundays. So that we can help Parishioners travel to Eden to attend one of those Sunday Masses, the Parish is organising a bus to leave from the church in Merimbula to take Parishioners to Mass in Eden. If anyone would like to travel to Eden on the bus, could you please notify the helpers at the door as well as letting them know which Mass time would suit you? The Parish will try to assist anyone who needs help in attending Sunday Mass in Eden during the 4 Sundays that St Joseph's Merimbula will be closed.

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 with Benediction on every First Friday at 8.30am & every Wednesday at 4:00pm at Merimbula Church; First Sunday 3:00pm at Eden

Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$433.10; Second: Envelopes \$465.50; Loose \$217.30

THANK YOU

... to ALL parishioners who continually support our Parish through our plate collections at Mass, through the envelopes and direct banking. Without your financial help our Parish could not continue to function.

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BOOKING IN FOR MASS

Please use the online booking links on the parish website <http://cg.org.au/pambula/Home.aspx> under the heading BOOK IN FOR MASS. Click on the relevant link and register your details. This system is being regularly monitored and is much easier than using the email or voice message at the parish office. Please note that bookings for Eden Vigil Mass, 8:00am Merimbula Mass and 10:00am Merimbula Mass close at 3:00pm Saturday.

We ask you to arrive early and check in by using the QR code system provided at the entrance to the Church. Those without QR code capabilities can give their first name and contact number at the door. *Thank you*

Archdiocesan Protocols COVID-19 Safety Plan: Effective Monday, 28 June 2021 for NSW Parishes only (Vicar General)

Masses, Weddings, Liturgies, Gatherings

1. Masks are mandatory for those 12 years +
2. Priest (when celebrating Liturgy) and Lectors (when proclaiming the Word) can dispense with the mask
3. Priest and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion *must wear masks when distributing the Sacred Host*
4. *No congregational singing*, but a cantor (x4) can sing if 4m² from congregation
5. Holy Communion only under the species of bread
6. Holy Communion to be received only in the hand
7. No touching at the sign of peace
8. Collection bags not to be passed around, but can be placed on an extended stick to allow collection of cash by a few parishioners
9. Apply the 4m² rule to all liturgies and gatherings (except funerals).

Funerals

10. Restricted to 100 persons.

Other Matters

11. Service NSW App is mandatory
12. Physical roster is reasonable for those who are unable to use the App (keep for 30 days)
13. Availability of hand sanitiser is essential
14. Families can sit together, but in relation to other persons/families apply 4m² rule.

Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers.

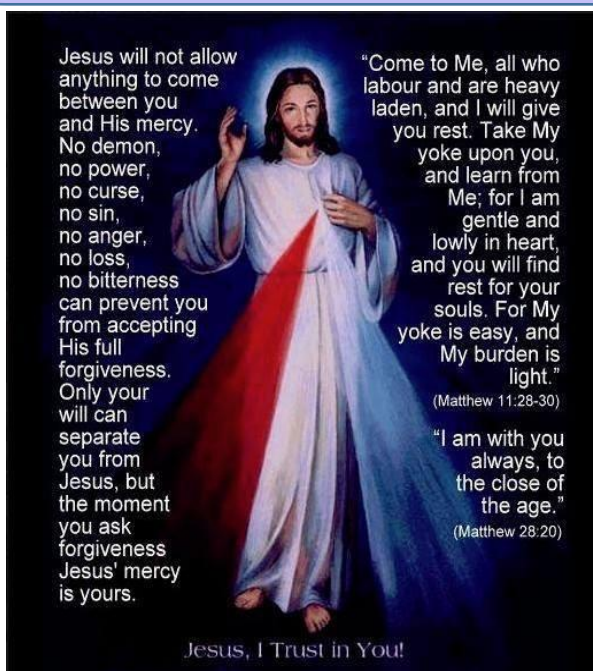
Ruth Mercieca, Garry Clear, Anabella Morrell, Michele Cooper, Frazer Cooper, Margaret O'Sullivan, Tina Sio, Patricia Kay, Irene Spinks, Mary Scanlan, Shiela Kebby, Lyn Collie, Sr Benedetta Bennet, Geoff Heffernan, Jennifer Wasley, Maree Linfoot, Mary O'Donnell, Judy O'Donnell, John Reynolds, Bill Peterie, Danielle Sou, Max Andrew, David Went, Ros Beveridge, Roy Bugden, Eric Mangion, Mae Hart, Anselmo Guiffre, Beata Denkwicz, George William Field.

We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including:

Veronica "Vonnie" Sheetz, Martin Speddings, Luigi Gianfrotta, Silvia Tagliatalat, Errol Cole, Yvonne Sixthsmith, Jean Sheedy, John Seberry, Paul Bagnara, Narcisa Jason Gaerlan, Ben Gaerlan, Ananias Javier Gonzales, Fr Brian Mahar, Anthony Holdsworth, Mijael Novinc, Roza Novinc, Michael Tupper, Ross Beath, Carolynne Picker, Anna Maria Weinlich, Lloyd Wesley Cocks, Ronald Gaha, Coona Maureen Turner, Stumpy Wallis, Anne Riches, Edwin O'Leary, Brian Kennedy, James Geraghty, Patrick Ahern, Patricia Friend, "Bill" Raymond William Thornton, Tupa'i Iakopo Nanai, Peter Grubestic, Mary Fenech, Brian Wyndham, Albina Dal Piva, Ruza Novinc, Maureen Partridge, Ken Clear, Millicent Clear, Peter Hamer, John Hulme, Catherine Randazzo, Jeanette Robert, Dawn Lucas, James Barry, Greg Morrison, Glyneth Middlemiss, Brian Middlemiss, Errol Cole, Mary D'Arcy, Janine Capell & Winifred Stephenson.

*May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of our Lord, Rest in Peace. Amen
May the fullness of peace be theirs in eternal life.*

Please advise the Office if you would like to be added to or taken off the list for prayers.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Rev 12:1

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of the Virgin Mary, at whose Assumption the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

First Reading Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I saw a woman clothed with the sun and with the moon at her feet.

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 44:10-12. 16. R. v.10

(R.) The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house. **R.**

So will the king desire your beauty:
He is your lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:20-26

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

As members of Christ all people will be raised, Christ first, and after him all who belong to him.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 27:55

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 1:39-56

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
The Almighty has done great things for me; he has lifted up the lowly.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.

Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.

He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart.

He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

Communion Antiphon Lk 1:48-49

All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

N.B. Communion Antiphon is omitted when a hymn is played.

