



St Peter's Catholic Parish

16th May, 2021 – The ASCENSION Of The LORD

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 other may experience the love of Christ.

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Resurrection for the whole cosmos

Our Risen Lord could have appeared to groups of followers generation after generation until now. But he withdrew his visible bodily presence from us. Why? I think because he needed to wean human beings from our tendency to be self-centred. The Resurrection starts the transformation of the whole of creation, not just us.

Ordinary human beings are the heart and mind and voice of non-angelic creation. We love and understand and speak on its behalf. The transforming effect of Our Lord's glorified humanity is much more profound. Every molecule, every quantum of energy, the past, present and future are all in the process of being changed towards 'the fullness of him who fills the whole creation'.

At every Mass, this divine resurrection power is at work. Elements of the universe, wheat-bread, grapes-wine, become the Real Presence of Our Lord's glorified body.

The privilege of a ministerial priest is to be the ritual servant of this divine transformation. Invoking the Holy Spirit and reciting the words of the Last Supper is the priest's role in Our Lord's creative real anticipation of the end of time.

We could take a moment to pray for the grace to let go of our self-centredness, to stop staring into the empty sky as though lamenting Our Lord's absence, and to savour the privilege of receiving his Real Presence in the transformed elements of creation as we and they share in that Holy Communion which is the destiny of the whole cosmos.

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The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

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

Mass Times

Saturday, 5:00pm, Eden

Sunday, 8:00am, Merimbula

Sunday, 10:00am, Merimbula

Tuesday, 4:30pm, Merimbula

Wednesday, 9:30am, Merimbula

Thursday, 9:30am Eden

Friday, 9:30am Merimbula

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 9:30am - 10:00am, Merimbula

Saturday, before Vigil Mass, Eden

Adoration

1st Friday of the month at 8:30am,

Merimbula

1st Sunday at 3:00pm, Eden

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

Weddings

By appointment only – at least 6

months' notice in advance.

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary

Tuesdays at 4:30pm, St Joseph's

Merimbula

"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"

The Month of May. Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord's return....

In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honors with special love **Mary, the Mother of God**, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be. *SC 102, 103*

When **the Sacred Scriptures** are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel. *GIRM 29*

Partaking in the Eucharist commits us to others, especially the poor, teaching us to pass from the flesh of Christ to the flesh of our brothers and sisters, in whom he waits to be recognized, served, honoured and loved by us. *Pope Francis Catechesis on the Mass 2018*

The Marian Month of May is the month of the ROSARY

Parish News and Events ... Please ring 0435 036 236 for any Parish enquiries

NO MASS this week due to Clergy Meeting at Galong; if a priest is needed please call the above number.
PPC COMMITTEE Meeting on Thursday, May 20 at 7:00pm Eden.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Children from Lumen and non-Lumen Schools and their parents will be present for a Commitment Mass next weekend. Please keep our children in your prayers as they go through their preparations to receive the Sacrament on Sunday 8th August at 10am.

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. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

Invest Your Marriage! Starting Tues 11 May

St Joseph's Parish couples of every age and stage are warmly invited to join a 7 week course designed to strengthen your most important relationship. The Marriage Course, run via zoom by the Archdiocese, 7:15pm - 9:30pm Tuesdays, starts May 11. Participate together over a glass of wine from the privacy of your own home. Watch presentations with other couples but discuss content privately with your spouse. The cost is \$70 including two workbooks. Register for free 30min info session 7.30pm Tuesday 27 Register and pay for course at <https://bit.ly/TMCRegister> General info at <https://themarriagecourse.org/> Enquiries steph.ransom@cg.org.au

Flowers at St Joseph's Merimbula: roster numbers need boosting. If you would like to join the ladies on the flower roster for St Joseph's, please call Helen on 0400 304 044.

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.

Book-in for Mass Please remember that as per restrictions we are still expected **to book and check in for mass**, maintain a special-distance of 2 square metres, receive Holy Communion in the hand only, refrain from physical contact when offering the Sign of Peace, and to sanitise when entering and exiting the premises. Please email or ring the parish office between 10:00am – 1:00pm Wed - Fri. Ph: 0435 036 236.

https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/wpcontent/uploads/2020/10/201008_UpdatedArchProtocols_PercyA.pdf

PLEASE KEEP FOLLOWING ALL OF THE COVID-19 PROTOCOLS IN THE CHURCH

When you are checking in for mass, it would be appreciated if you use the online booking links on the parish website. <http://cg.org.au/pambula/Home.aspx> They are clearly visible under the heading BOOK IN FOR MASS. Please 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 and 8:00 am Merimbula Mass close at 3:00 pm on Saturday and 10:00 Merimbula Mass closes at 8:00 pm on Saturday. Please pass this to your friends and family. Thank you.

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

Lyn Collie, Sr Benedetta Bennet, Rincy Mary Paul, 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, Marie Hart, Anselmo Guiffre & Beata Denkiewicz, Joan Darr

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

Anne Riches, Edwin O'Leary, Brian Kennedy, Francine, James Geraghty, Patrick Ahern, Angela Plevvey, Otila L Wright, Howard Collins, Patricia Friend, "Bill" Raymond William Thornton, Tupa'i lakopo Nanai, Peter Grubestic, Mary Fenech, Brian Wyndham, Albina Dal Piva, Ruza Novinc, Maureen Partridge, Ken Clear, Millicent Clear, Anotonio Ziino, Maureen Frances DuBock, 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 & Mike Aggenbach.

*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.

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 Merimbula Church; First Sunday 3:00pm at Eden

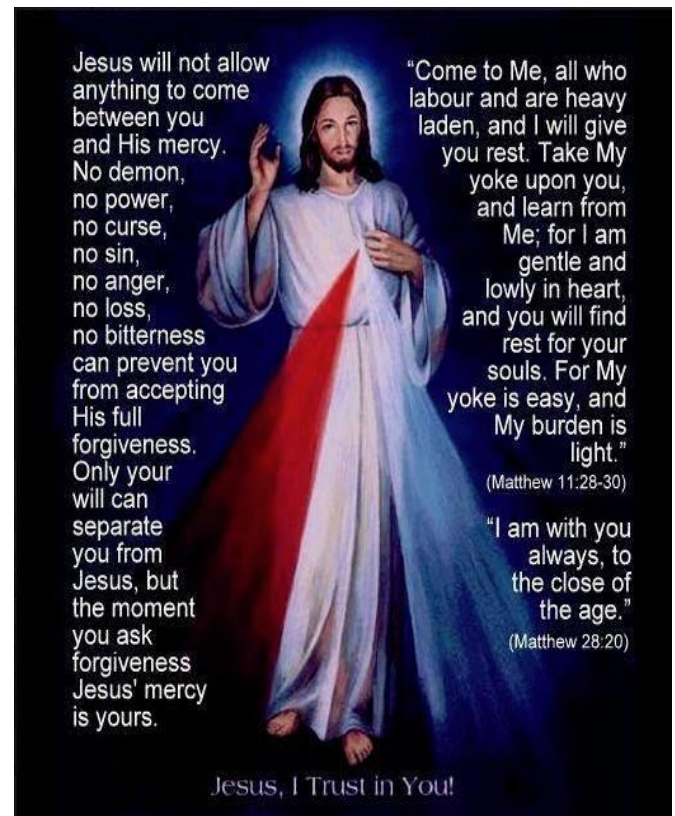
VACANCY: Parish Secretary

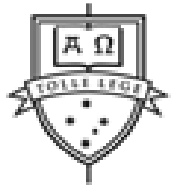
Applicants are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary for St Peter's Parish, Pambula (Merimbula). This is a part-time permanent position from 9:30am to 1:30pm each day, Wednesday to Friday each week.

Essential Requirements:

- Experience with financial & database packages.
- Strong communication and liaison skills
- Strong organisational skills
- Ability to work in a team environment and take direction.
- Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teachings.
- Experience in an office environment.
- Salary will be subject to Clerk Award Level 4/5. Please email pambula@cg.org.au or phone 0435 036 236 for a copy of the selection criteria and duty statement.
- Application and Resume may be addressed to:
The Parish Priest of St Peter's Parish Pambula.
PO Box 249
MERIMBULA NSW 2548

Applications close 11:59pm, Friday, May 28, 2021.





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How is your knowledge of the Bible? Have you taken time to really study the scriptures? Would you like to explore the Book of Genesis? You are welcome to join a discussion group held each Monday afternoon in the Pambula Hospitality Centre. The first Genesis session is Monday 19 April, commencing at 1:00 pm. For more information, please contact Anne 0408 241 230.



PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH TO THE SON

Lord Jesus,
You grew in wisdom and maturity as you lived in the family of Nazareth in daily communion with St Joseph and Mary, your mother.
From St Joseph, you learned the dignity of human work
Give parents the wisdom to support their Children and to guide them in the way and work of your Kingdom.
St Joseph, faithful parent and diligent worker, pray for us.

An encouragement to our catechists and missionary outreach. The pope has issued a new ministry of Catechist. Find some commentary at: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/247611/pope-francis-institutes-new-ministry-of-catechist>
And then head to the Vatican website for the document. It is a mere 6 pages and worth the read.

Important Dates for Sacrament of CONFIRMATION:

Enrolment Mass

Saturday, 22 May & Sunday 23 May
Eden's Our Lady Star of the Sea 5:00pm Saturday and St Joseph's Church, Merimbula 8 & 10:00am Sunday

Parent Formation Evening #2 TBC

Wednesday, 16 June
St Joseph's Church, Merimbula 6:00pm - 7:30pm
(Supper provided, child-minding available)

Family Masses

Saturdays and Sundays in May, June, July and August
Sat 5:00pm Eden/Sunday 8am & 10:00am in Merimbula
Jobs will be allocated so children play an active role in the Mass.

If you are unable to attend, you need to let Fr Pale know beforehand by emailing him on

Pale.Leota@cg.org.au

Thursday 29 July - Confirmation Retreat Day

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Eden
9:15am - 2:30pm.

All students making their Confirmation attend this day. The College bus will transport students from LCCC. Other students arrange their own transport to and from the Church.

Sacrament of Confirmation: **Sunday, 8 August**

St Joseph's Church, Merimbula 10:00am.

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Laudato Si Jubilee - Liturgy of the Word 10:30am sharp Friday 21-May-21

Archbishop Christopher will mark the Vatican's Jubilee & **Laudato Si** week with a tree planting and liturgy outdoors at St Peter Chanel's, 2 Loch Street YARRALUMLA. This ecumenical gathering will also inaugurate an archdiocesan-wide **Laudato Si**, Caring for Creation movement. Tel: 0428625110. Streaming 10:45am at

<https://www.facebook.com/archdiocesecanberra/goulburn>

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.. **(R.)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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

