

St Peter's Catholic Parish

18 April, 2021 – **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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*

Ghosts, meals and humanity

When Jesus appeared to them, the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost, a sort of projection of a human image on the screen of the world but with no human depth and vitality. In fact, ghosts seem to drain life and warmth from those they encounter.

The disciples became convinced that they were in the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ when he assumed a characteristic way of acting – sharing a companionable meal (of fish).

His bodily presence of that sort is now withdrawn from us. But we are now encountered by him in the Mass which has many dimensions, one of which is that of a sacred meal. When we share in the sacramental signs of his Real Presence in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion, he brings us the life and warmth of the Risen Son.

In fact, he shares his very life with us, and because his life is gloriously fully human, we become less ghost-like as he heals those parts of our personality which drain goodness and vitality from the world.

We could take a moment to pray to take greater opportunities to share in the Real Presence of Our Risen Lord under the appearance of bread and wine. This will move us from the illusion of being alive to that vitality which is nourished by his glorified humanity.

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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

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, 6:00pm, Eden
Sunday, 8:00am, Merimbula
Sunday, 10:00am, Merimbula
Tuesday, 5:00pm, 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 Paletasala (Pale) Leota

Parish Secretary

Parish Council Chair

Mrs Bernadette Wood

Liturgy Coordinator

Ms Sue Heffernan

Finance Chair

Mr Neil Ffrench

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Marriage Preparations

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Parish Office

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Wednesday to Thursday,

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249, Merimbula, NSW, 2548



" This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!"

"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"

The Sacraments are a privileged way in which nature is taken up by God to become a means of mediating supernatural life.

Through our worship of God, we are invited to embrace the world on a different plane.

Water, oil, fire and colours are taken up in all their symbolic power and incorporated in our acts of praise.
Laudato Si (2015) 235

SING ALLELUIA! Augustine says rightly, 'Singing is for one who loves', and there is also an ancient proverb? 'Whoever sings well, prays twice over'. *GIRM* 39

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



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

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.

A WORD OF THANKS to all who helped with their time and service at liturgies especially during Holy Week. To the musicians and singers for organizing the music; the readers for proclaiming the Word, the florists and all those who prepare and serve on the altar, greeters, collectors and counters and all who attended and participated in this special time in our liturgical year. May the blessings of Easter with all its rich treasure, peace and joy be part of your life today, tomorrow and always. HAPPY EASTER!!

A Big Thank You to the Principal and Lumen Christi School for kindly permitting us to use their facilities and venue for our Holy Week Celebrations. Much appreciated.

PARISH CENTRE CLOSURE, Merimbula

Due to some OH&S issues with the Merimbula Parish Centre, it will be closed until further notice. A review will be completed and decisions taken as to the remedial action and /or future of the existing Centre. Whilst this Centre is unavailable, Parish Committee meetings will be held in Mary Mackillop Hall in Eden. Apologies for any inconvenience caused by this closure.

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

Rincy Mary Paul, Geoff Heffernan, Jennifer Wasley, Maree Linfoot, Mary O'Donnell, Judy O'Donnell, John Reynolds, Bill Petrie, Ysmael Valencia, Danielle Sou, Max Andrew, David Went, Ros Beveridge, Roy Bugden, Eric Mangion, Marie Hart, Anselmo Guiffre & Beata Denkiewicz.

For the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including,

Angela Plevvey, Mary Xuereb, Rita Farrugia, Otila L Wright, Arlette, Guidoni, Howard Collins, Patricia Friend, Sandra E. Wood, Monsignor Kevin Barry-Cotter, "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, Anotonio Ziino, Maureen Frances DuBock, Peter Hamer, John Hulme, Catherine Randazzo, Jeanette Robert, Olga Novinc, Kieth Balantyne, Kim Geraghty, Dawn Lucas, Jam 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.

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 and 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, April 9, 2021.

Jesus will not allow anything to come between you and His mercy. No demon, no power, no curse, no sin, no anger, no loss, no bitterness can prevent you from accepting His full forgiveness. Only your will can separate you from Jesus, but the moment you ask forgiveness Jesus' mercy is yours.



"Come to Me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

(Matthew 11:28-30)

"I am with you always, to the close of the age."

(Matthew 28:20)

Jesus, I Trust in You!

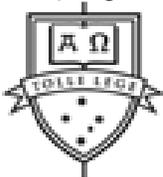
Project Compassion

Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413. Please return Project Compassion boxes & envelopes.

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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Do you want newly engaged couples to be able to make a go of their marriage? Do you wonder what can be done to help them in this? Here's a marriage preparation program that works. Fr Rob Ruhnke, a Redemptorist priest in the USA, has spent years developing a program for marriage preparation, "For Better & For Ever", which doesn't rely on couples devoting enormous amounts of time to marriage prep involvement, but works instead with the relationship between a couple approaching marriage, and a couple who have lived their marriage for some years – with both learning from each other. Rob's program doesn't stop at the wedding, but invites the relationship to continue for about 2 years. It's in that time that couples begin to find challenges to their relationship – and are often afraid to talk with anyone about it, because it might show that their marriage is 'on the rocks'. It's a time when couples can learn that these challenges are a normal part of marriage, of our rough edges being rubbed off so together we can move from our individual 'families of origin' to the new 'family of origin' that the couple is developing together. It provides newly married couples a trusted relationship wherein they can talk about their reality, learn that it is normal, and find, from someone who has lived it, ways to use those challenging times to develop a new and stronger relationship. Rob has learned, during covid-19, that the training for mentor couples can now be done entirely by Zoom, so couples the world over can become involved, be mentors. You are invited to go online to <http://marriagepreparation.com>, where you can read about the program, watch several videos, etc.



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Important Dates for Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Parent Formation Evening #1

Wednesday, 12 May
St Joseph's Church, Merimbula 6:00pm - 7:30pm
(Supper provided, child-minding available)
Please RSVP to
Antoinette.Woods@cg.catholic.edu.au for
catering purposes.

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

First Reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) *Lord, let your face shine on us.*

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me,
have mercy and hear me! **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who grants favours
to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **(R.)**
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord **(R.)**
4. I will lie down in peace
and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord,
make me dwell in safety. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Jn 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:35-48

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon Lk 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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

