

St Peter's Catholic Parish

18th July, 2021 - **Sixteenth Sunday**

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

Dividing Walls of Enmity

In the Temple precinct in Jerusalem there was a stone barrier separating the inner area into which only Jewish people could enter. A non-Jew would cross the barrier under pain of death. This is the 'dividing wall of enmity' to which St Paul refers, and which has been torn down by Jesus Christ in whom a new humanity is being created where discrimination or segregation is to have no place.

It is to the great shame of the Catholic Church that it collaborated in putting the Jewish people behind dividing walls of enmity in the ghettos of Europe. It is to the great credit of St John Paul II that much of this enmity was overcome, symbolised when he pressed a prayer into a cleft between stones of the Wailing Wall of the Old Temple.

Every week we come to Mass in response to Our Lord's invitation in today's gospel: 'Come away and rest a while.' Our Lord is saying 'Come away by yourselves so that I can nourish you with Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink which is my Holy Communion with you.'

Yes, we do that as a moment celebrating our distinctive identity, but always as a prelude to the great task. We are to go out and break down the various 'dividing walls of enmity': racism, caste and class, historical grievances, sexist subjugation.

We could take a moment to pray that we imitate St John Paul II in pressing our prayers and actions into whatever opportunities present themselves so as to break down dividing walls of enmity within our families, local communities and even around the world.

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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

Every Wednesday at 4pm & 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 Paléatasala (Palé) Leota

Parish Secretary

Ms Alicia O'Connor

Parish Council Chair

Mrs Bernadette Wood

Liturgy Coordinator

Ms Sue Heffernan

Finance Chair

Mr Neil Ffrench

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Damien & Celi Kennedy

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a shepherd.*



"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"

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 recognised, 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

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

Welcome to our new Secretary, Ms Alicia O'Connor. We also farewell and thank Sandra Bray for her time in the office.

Feast Day of the Week: Thursday – Mary Magdalene



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>

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.

Book-in for Mass Please remember that as per restrictions we are still expected to book and check in for mass, maintain a spacial-distance of 4 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>

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, 8:00 am Merimbula Mass and 10:00 am Merimbula Mass close at 3:00pm Saturday. Please pass this to your friends and family. Thank you.

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

The Catholic Daily Voice is available for you to subscribe to and receive via email by clicking on the following link: <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/> and follow instructions online to subscribe.

PLANNED GIVING: Due to a large increase in the cost of planned giving envelopes, numbers are now being reduced to a minimum. All givers whose numbers are over 70 will now be allocated a new number, effective from 1 July, 2021. Be assured your giving history will remain on file. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Envelopes for the next financial year are available in the Church. Your continued support is much appreciated. Contributions to the Planned Giving Program are vital to the financial viability of our Parish. Anyone wishing to join the program is asked to contact the Parish Office.

Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$405.65; Second: Envelopes \$460.50; Loose \$227.55

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

"For surely our task is not to reinforce crumbling structure on fractured ground but to find new grounds to build new communities of grace." Archbishop Peter Comensoli

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Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding

Dear Parishioners

We are all aware of the findings of the recent Royal Commission into Institutional abuse. Our Parish is fortunate to accept an offer from Maria Hicks from the Archdiocese's Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding to come down and speak to us.

Maria would like to make clear the standards expected and practices to follow to keep both ourselves and all those we come into contact with safe, when fulfilling our roles in Church life. Maria recommends that all people come and listen and share your concerns. Maria will give time to answer any questions you have.

Absolutely everyone is welcome, and I urge you to come along and become informed of the standards and how to safeguard both yourself and those who you engage with at church and church sanctioned events. Maria will be here on **Thursday 22 July, at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula at 7.00pm. Look forward to seeing you there.**

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 7 August – Walking in the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage at Eden.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday, 8 August St Joseph's Church, Merimbula 10:00am.

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.



Archdiocesan Protocols COVID-19 Safety Plan: Effective Monday, 28 June 2021 for NSW Parishes Only

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.

Vicar General

WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers to our Parish. If you have recently moved into the parish or have not registered as a parishioner, we invite you to complete a new parishioner card and invite you to join the stewardship program. The new parishioner cards are located on the table in the church in the middle aisle.

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

Anabella Morrell, Michele Cooper, Frazer Cooper, Margaret O'Sullivan, Tina Sio, Patricia Kay, Irene Spinks, Mary Scanlan, Shiela Kebby, Lyn Collie, Sr Benedetta Bennet, Rincy MaryPaul, Geoff Heffernan, Jennifer Wasley, MareeLinfoot, 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 Denkiewicz & Joan Darr, George Field.

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

John Seberry, Paul Bagnara, Narcisa Gonzales Sonares, Ingrald Ingebutisen, Jason Gaerlan, Ben Gaerlan, Ananias Javier Gonzales, Fr Brian Mahar, Anthony Holdsworth, Tekauita Sipili, Mijael Novinc, Roza Novinc, Michael Tupper, Ross Beath, Carolynne Picker, Anna Maria Weinlich, Lloyd Wesley Cocks, Ronald Gaha, Coona Maureen Turner, StumpyWallis, 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, Maureen, Peter Hamer, John Hulme, Catherine Randazzo, Jeanette Robert, Dawn Lucas, James Barry, Greg Morrison, Glyne Middlemiss, Brian Middlemiss, Errol Cole, Mary D'Arcy, Janine Capell, Winifred Stephenson.

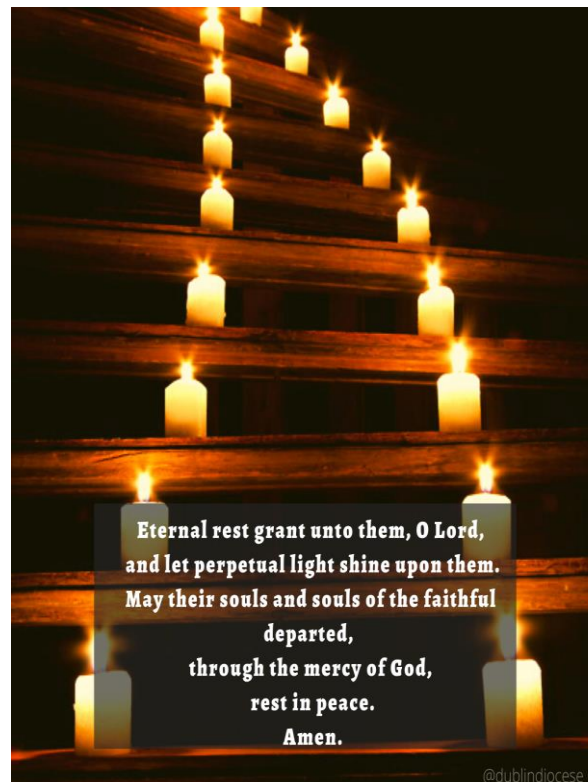
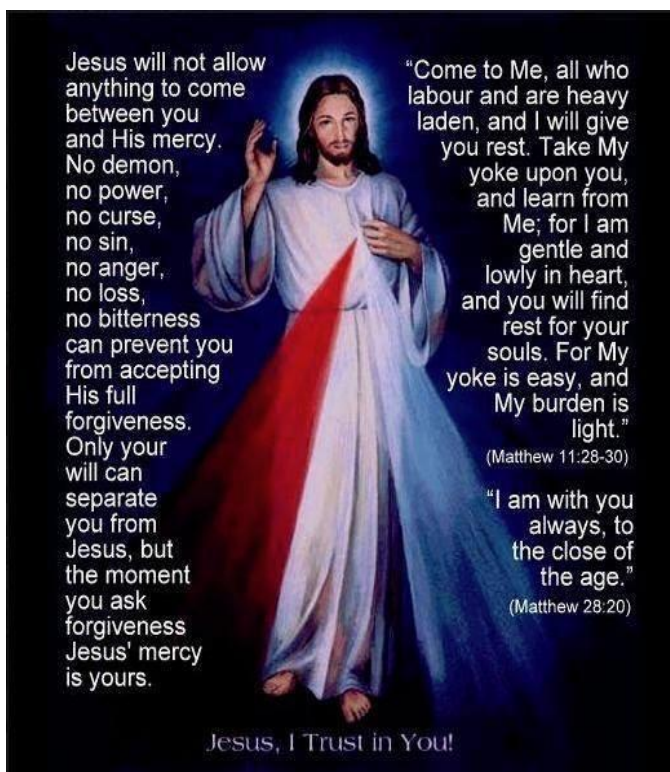
*May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of our Lord, Rest in Peace. Amen
May the fullness of peace be theirs in eternal life.*

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

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



Reading Jer 23:1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.2

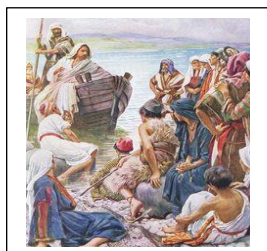
(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff,
with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R**



Reading Eph 2:13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Gospel Mk 6:30-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help.

The Lord sustains my soul.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Communion Antiphon Ps 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

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