



St Peter's Catholic Parish

Sunday 22nd August, 2021-21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

The Word of Eternal Life

I remember seeing a James Bond film in which the Voodoo priest could summon the Living Dead – called Zombies – people hovering between life in the grave and life above ground level, but ultimately trapped as human beings living a grave-dominated existence. There are billions of the Living Dead around the world. People, apparently like you and me, but in fact living with the belief that the grave will mark the extinction of their life.

But *our* ears are attuned to pick up words which sound the possibility of a different destiny, a different reality. We have heard a voice which speaks the truth, a voice which speaks of a more beautiful reality. That voice says that you and I, individually, personally, are star dust with a marvellous destiny: a destiny that will see our ensouled bodies transformed, transfigured, translucent with Divine Light and energy.

The voice is that of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We hear that voice from within the Church, which has transmitted the tradition of 'The Voice' for twenty centuries.

Heeding that Voice, I move from the company of the Living Dead to the companionship of the Conqueror of Death. I am no longer a 'Dead Man Walking' but a man alive with the reality of eternal life already within me.

That is why when I hear the challenge: 'Do you also wish to go away?' I enter into that tradition and answer with St Peter, I answer in the company of billions of others over twenty centuries: 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.'

We could pause for a moment and pray that, living in the tradition of the Church, I may hear the Word in the Gospel and take that Word within myself in Holy Communion so that I might be no longer a 'Dead Man Walking', but a human being alive with the reality of eternal life already within me.

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In the readings, the table of God's Word is spread before the faithful, and the riches of the Bible are opened to them. (GIRM 57)

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

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| 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

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Lord, whom shall we go to?

*You have the words of
everlasting life.*

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

Feast Days of the Week: Tuesday 24th -St Bartholomew, apostle
Friday 27th - St Monica
Saturday 28th -St Augustine, bishop, doctor

LOCKDOWN EXTENDED

Wishing everyone peace, comfort and good health during this time of isolation. We look forward to celebrating Mass in our Churches again soon. Please join the live stream Masses from Canberra:

Live Stream Mass St. Christopher's Cathedral Monday-Saturday 12.15pm; Sunday 11am

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

POPE PRAYS FOR PEACE IN AFGHANISTAN

Pope Francis has expressed his hope for the peace and safety of the citizens of Afghanistan.

During his Angelus address on August 15, 2021, the Pope said "I join in the unanimous concern for the situation in Afghanistan. I ask all of you to pray with me to the God of peace, so that the clamour of weapons might cease and solutions can be found at the table of dialogue."

He added that only through dialogue, "can the battered population of that country — men, women, elderly and children — return to their own homes, and live in peace and security, in total mutual respect."

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/pope-prays-for-peace-in-afghanistan-as-taliban-takes-control/>

AUSTRALIA PRAYS-SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST

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



PLANNED GIVING

We would be grateful if you could continue to make your contributions during Lockdown. If you currently use the Planned Giving Envelopes, please hold onto them at home for now. Alternatively, we invite you to make Online Contributions. Contact the Parish Office for further instructions.

Archdiocesan Protocols COVID-19 Safety Plan: Effective Saturday 14 August, 2021, until further notice (Vicar General)

1. Parish Offices are closed.
2. Churches and chapels are closed.
3. Public Masses and other Public Liturgies are not to be celebrated. However:

Funerals (10 people only, not including ministers) are permitted.

Weddings (5 people only, couple, minister, two witnesses) are permitted.

4. Holy Communion can be taken to the sick.
5. Anointing of the Sick can be celebrated.
6. Visitation to hospitals by priests should be minimal (rely on designated hospital chaplains where possible).
7. Face Masks are mandatory.

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>

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

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PRAY FOR HAITI

At least one thousand people have died in the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti last week. At least five thousand people are injured and an unknown number of people missing.

Please pray for the people of Haiti in their despair, having been hit by this natural disaster, shortly after the recent assassination of their President Jovenel Moise.

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/haiti-searches-for-victims-of-devastating-earthquake/>

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.

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

Ruth Mercieca, Gary 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 Denkiewicz, 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, 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, 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.



Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day
long.

First Reading Jos 24:1-2, 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua
We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.
Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together
at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges
and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves
before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will
not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to
serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served
beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose
land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will
serve the Lord.'
The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting
the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our
God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of
Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great
wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the
way we travelled and among all the peoples through
whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is
our God.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3, 16-23, R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my
lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble
shall hear and be glad. (R.)

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their
remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to
the just and his ears to their appeal. (R.)

They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their
distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those
whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)

Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the
Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)

Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good
are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)



Second Reading Eph 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
*This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and
the Church.*

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives
should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord,
since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the
whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and
as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their
husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their
wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed
himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean
by washing her in water with a form of words, so that
when he took her to himself she would be glorious,
with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy
and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love
their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to
love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never
hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it;
and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because
it is his body – and we are its living parts.
For this reason, a man must leave his father and
mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will
become one body. This mystery has many
implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and
the Church.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:63, 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the
words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
*Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of
everlasting life.*

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of
Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could
anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers
were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset
you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to
where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For
Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe,
and who it was that would betray him. He went on,
'This is why I told you that no one could come to me
unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his
disciples left him and stopped going with him.
Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do
you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered,
'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of
eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the
Holy One of God.'

Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 6:54

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has
eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the
last day.

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