

# St Peter's Catholic Parish

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

*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 by Fr Michael Tate *Adolescent impatience*

Forget the tinselly sentimentality of most depictions of the Holy Family. This Gospel is real life. Anyone who has temporarily lost their child in a crowd knows the stabbing pain of uncertainty and fear. Even more real, and occurring more often, is the adolescent impatience of Jesus: 'Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?'

Every parent, bewildered and saddened by the growing up and the growing distance of a son or daughter, knows what Mary and Joseph must have felt.

By the time Mary and Joseph found Jesus, he had found the words to express his unique identity. In this little scene so full of pathos and heartbreak, we hear the first words of Jesus in the Gospels: 'Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?'

What was his 'Father's business' which was so engaging for Jesus? To draw every human being into the same family relationship as He enjoys. But did you note that it is our privilege to celebrate this realisation as a community? Only Jesus can say 'My Father'. We say 'Our Father'. We enter into the grace of intimate relationship with God, not as an atomised individual, but as a person within a society of baptised Christians – the Church.

We could take a moment to pray for the integrity which will enable us to express this sense of identity in the unfolding of our lives. We can pray also for those saddened or bewildered by our following of the One who taught us to pray 'Our Father'.

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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 4:00pm & 1<sup>st</sup>  
Friday of the month at 8:30am,  
Merimbula  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 3:00pm, Eden

### Weddings

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

### Mass Times

Saturday	6pm, Eden
Sunday	8am, Pambula 10am, Merimbula
Tuesday	5pm, Merimbula
Wednesday	9:30am, Pambula
Thursday	9:30am, Eden
Friday	9:30am, Merimbula

### Sacrament of Baptism

Welcoming Mass – 4<sup>th</sup> Sat/Sun of the month  
prior to Baptism. During Mass on 1<sup>st</sup>  
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

Mrs Alicia O'Connor

### Parish Council Chair

Mrs Bernadette Wood

### Liturgy Coordinator

Ms Sue Heffernan

### Finance Chair

Mr Neil Ffrench

### Lumen Christi Catholic College

Mr Shane Giles (02) 6495 8888

### Marriage Preparations

Damien & Celi Kennedy

### Parish Office

Hours - 9:30am to 1:30pm  
Wednesday to Friday

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Merimbula, NSW, 2548



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in the temple, sitting  
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men, listening to them.**

## Feast Days of the Week:

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December- St John, apostle, evangelist

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December- The Holy Innocents, martyrs

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January- Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS... Please call 0435 036 236 or email [pambula@cg.org.au](mailto:pambula@cg.org.au) for any Parish enquiries.

We kindly ask you to arrive early and check in by using the QR code system OR give your name and contact number at the door.

Dear People of God

Merry Christmas! I sincerely hope that the remembrance of Christ's birth brings you much peace and hope. As we celebrate Christmas, I would like to thank you for your presence and prayers with our parish family of St Peter's Catholic Church.

Just as the shepherds were led to a humble stable in Bethlehem to worship the infant Jesus, so have we been led to be together at this time and in this place to sing with the angels: Glory to God in the highest and peace to all people on earth! I hope that God's presence will be made known to you not only today but every day.

Know that I pray for you, your loved ones and your intentions. Thank you for lifting us in prayer as well. May you have the grace to find happiness and joy this Christmas and throughout the New Year... and may we meet each day in our prayers!

In joyful hope,  
Fr Paletasala (Pale) Leota



### Christmas Mass Times

#### Christmas Eve:

5pm- St Joseph's, Merimbula  
(Children's Mass)

7pm- Our Lady Star of the Sea, Eden

9pm- St Peter's, Pambula

#### Christmas Day:

10am- St Joseph's,  
Merimbula

Children attending the 5pm  
Christmas Eve Mass are  
invited to dress up as an angel  
or a shepherd.

### NEW YEAR'S DAY SATURDAY 1 JANUARY: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

#### MASS TIMES:

-9:30AM-St Joseph's, Merimbula

-6PM- Our Lady Star of the Sea, Eden

#### PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE:

The Parish Office will close at 1:30pm on Thursday 23 December, 2021 and will reopen at 9:30am on Wednesday 12 January, 2022.

#### Archdiocesan NSW Protocols COVID-19

The latest directives from NSW Health:

-Anyone can attend a wedding, funeral or place of worship.

-You are not required to be fully vaccinated or carry vaccination evidence.

-Face masks are not required.

-COVID-19 Safe Check-in is required at places of worship, funerals, memorial services, or gatherings afterwards.

-Density limits no longer apply to weddings, funerals or memorials.

(Vicar General, 17 December 2021)

#### READ THE CATHOLIC VOICE NEWS AT:

<https://cgcatholic.org.au/>

*We extend a very warm welcome and pray for the following children who are to be Baptised over the coming week:*

**Ernest Beau Ffrench**

**Tex Cary Walker**

**Ellise Isobel Walker**

**Harley Walker**

*May these children be blessed in Christ on this holy day, the beginning of a wonderful life in faith, hope and love.*

#### Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$815.40; Second: Envelopes \$378.00; Loose \$249.35

**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.

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

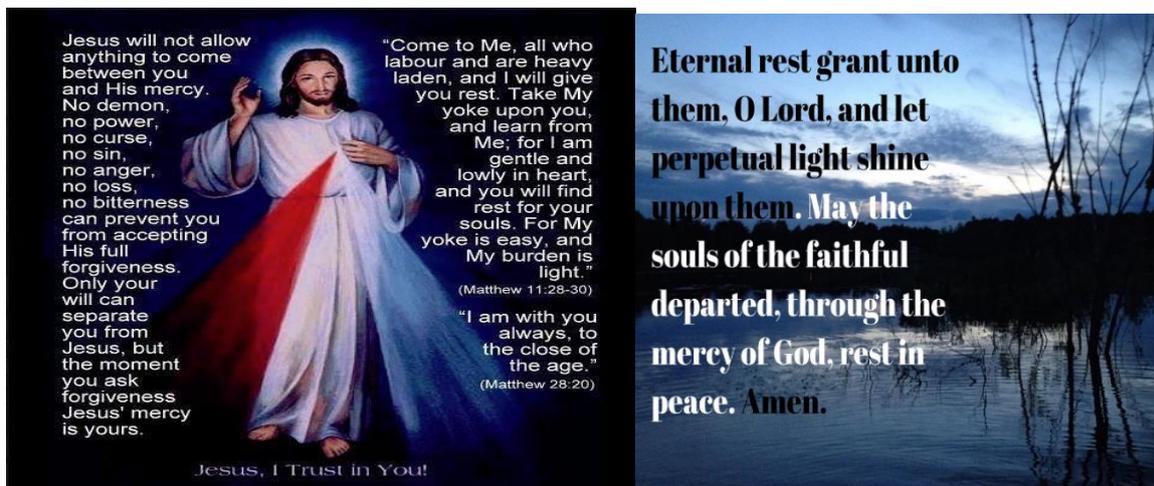
David Muffler, Tony Vella, Peter Lewis, Roy Bugden, Maureen Goodman, Michael Sheppard, Anne Bugden, Sandra Bray, Fr John Boyd-Boland ofm, Simplicio Cesar Paul's Jr, Lydia V. Gaerlan, Chris Greenwood, Margaret Coates, Ron Anderson, Anabella Morrell, Fraser Cooper, Margaret O'Sullivan, , Patricia Kay, Irene Spinks, Mary Scanlan, Lyn Collie, Geoff Heffernan, Jennifer Wasley, Mary O'Donnell, Judy O'Donnell, John Reynolds, Max Andrew, David Went, Ros Beveridge, Eric Mangion, Mae Hart, Anselmo Guiffre, Beata Denkiewicz, George William Field, Una Smith.

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

Jeanette Robert, Robert Gianfrotta, John Taglialatela, Tina Sio, Sheila Kebby, Tony Tomasovic, Giuseppina Gianfrotta, Raymond Doughney, Danielle Louise Sou, Wilfredo A. Riosa, Desmond W. Twigg, Veronica "Vonnie" Sheetz, Silvia Taglialatel, Errol Cole, John Seberry, Carolynne Picker, Anna Maria Weinlich, Ronald Gaha, Coona Maureen Turner, Stumpy Wallis, Anne Riches, Edwin O'Leary, Brian Kennedy, James Geraghty, Tupa'i lakopo Nanai, Peter Grubestic, Mary Fenech, Brian Wyndham, Albina Dal Piva, Ruza & Mihajlo Novinc, Maureen Partridge, Ken Clear, Millicent Clear, Peter Hamer, John Hulme, Catherine Randazzo, Jeanette Robert, James Barry, Greg Morrison, Glyneth Middlemiss, Brian Middlemiss, Mary D'Arcy, Janine Capell, Winifred Stephenson, Paletasala Paulo.

*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.



**Columban Calendars** are now available for purchase from the churches for \$7. Please place payment in an envelope marked "Columban Calendar" and place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection.

This year, the **Archbishop's Christmas Appeal** will be used to support: the ecumenical **Christmas Bowl** appeal and its work in Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Contributions will be made to support **Diocesan projects** within the Dioceses of Otukpo, Nigeria, Africa, Thamarassery, India and Gizo in PNG. Within Gizo Diocese assistance will support construction of a school hall at Vanga Point. Other **international endeavours** will include support towards: projects focused on helping the poor within the La Salette Matha Province, in India and further student assistance for those in need at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land.

**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."**



## Sunday's Gospel and Readings

### Entrance Antiphon Lk 2:16

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

### First Reading 1 Sm 1:20-22. 24-28

A reading from the first book of Samuel

*For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.*

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.' When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.' When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.' There she left him, for the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 83:2-3. 5-6. 9-10. R. v.5

*How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. (R.)

They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. (R.)

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed. (R.)

### Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

*He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

## Sunday's Gospel and Readings

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

### Gospel Acclamation Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

### Gospel Lk 2:41-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men, listening to them.*

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

### Communion Antiphon Bar 3:38

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

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

<https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2021Dec26/o>



<https://www.cainsministry.org/post/young-jesus-luke-2-42-50>