

St Peter's Catholic Parish

8th August, 2021 – St Mary of the Cross MacKillop 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 others' may experience the love of Christ.

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Saint Mary of the Cross

This Gospel does not say we should not worry about what others eat or drink or have to wear. In fact we will be judged on whether we gave 'the Least' food, shelter, companionship in illness or in prison (Mt 25).

In the mid-late 19th century, a young woman was very concerned with the plight of the poor and the marginalised in the colonies which later became the Commonwealth of Australia. Amongst the most obvious necessities of life for these 'least' was schooling of the young, as education is a proven path out of poverty.

So, this woman, whose most famous saying was 'never see a need without trying to do something about it', set about remedying that situation. Mary McKillop established the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart principally to educate the poor.

She suffered excommunication for revealing sexual abuse of youngsters by a paedophile priest. That was reversed five months later, but this all took its toll on her fragile health.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we may join St Mary of the Cross in Heaven, together with all the Josephite sisters who set their hearts on the Father's kingdom and His saving justice.

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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 &
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

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Marriage Preparations

Damien & Celi Kennedy

Parish Office

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*Whoever comes to me will never
be hungry; whoever believes in
me will never thirst.*

That word constantly proclaimed in the liturgy is always, then, a living, active word through the power of the Holy Spirit. It expresses the Father's love that never fails in its effectiveness towards us. *GIL 14*



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

Feasts Day of the Week: Tuesday – St Lawrence, deacon, martyr
Wednesday – St Clare, virgin
Saturday – St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr

First Friday of the Month: Exposition and Adoration, followed by Mass at 9:30am at Merimbula.

Congratulations to the children who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday.

On your Confirmation Day...

We pray that the Lord

Will always surround you

With the fullness of His love,

That He will always lead you

By the light of His truth,

And that He will always bless you

With the peace of His presence.

Walking in the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage at Eden: Saturday 7 August – Starts at 11:00am and followed by Mass at 12:00pm, presided by Archbishop Christopher Prowse.

In the coming weeks, Catholic Mission will share the essential mission work of Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies during their time of need. **You will have the opportunity to respond to this great work and help Sister Chalaad reach out to more mothers and their babies.** Please come with an open and generous heart.

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>

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

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 9:30am – 1:00pm Wed - Fri. Ph: 0435 036 236.

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/wpcontent/uploads/2020/10/201008>

Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$467.30; Second: Envelopes \$713.00; Loose \$775.85

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.



"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"

10:00am Mass Sunday 08.08.2021 - Confirmation Mass

Over the past few months the Parish and Lumen Christi Catholic College have been preparing 28 children in readiness for them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 08.08.2021 at the 10:00am Mass at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula. Unfortunately, as you are aware, Covid-19 restrictions have now been re-imposed which means that we are required to comply with the 4 square metre rule. Accordingly, the number of people who can attend a Mass at St Joseph's Church is reduced significantly. Due to the numbers of Confirmation candidates, their parents and sponsors attending Mass, it has been decided that on Sunday 08/08/2021 there will be 3 Masses held at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula – 8:00am, 10:00am and 2:00pm. We, therefore, ask and encourage as many Parishioners as possible who usually attend the 10:00am Mass if they could, on this weekend only, attend either the 8:00am Mass in Merimbula or the 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass in Eden.

So that we can ensure numbers of people attending either of these 2 Masses complies with NSW Health Covid-19 requirements, it is requested that you please register to attend one of these alternative times on the weekend of 07.08.2021/08.08.2021. We sincerely apologise for this inconvenience and seek your assistance so that the Parish can comply with the NSW Health Covid-19 requirements.

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.

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



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

Garry 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, 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:

Luigi Gianfrotta, Silvia Tagliatalatel, Errol Cole, Yvonne Sixthsmith, Jean Sheedy, John Seberry, Paul Bagnara, Narcisa Gonzales Sonares, Ingrald Ingebutisen, 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, Stumpy Wallis, 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.

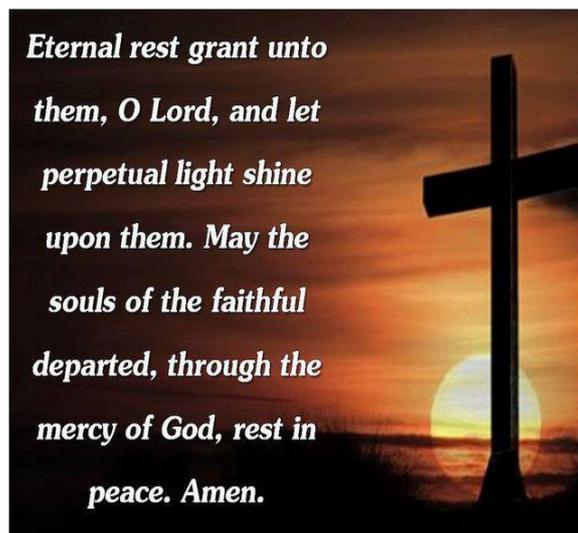
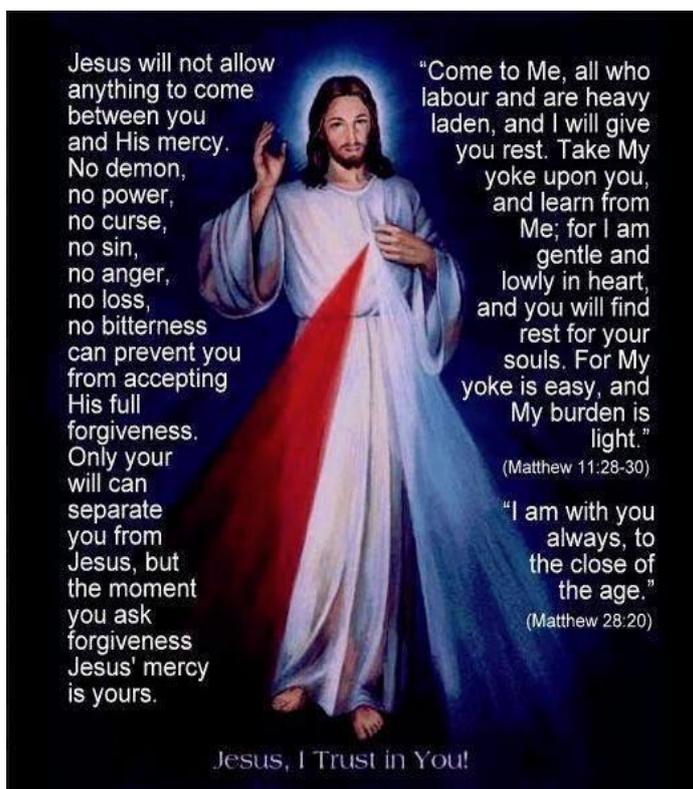
*May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of our Lord, Rest in Peace. Amen
May the fullness of peace be theirs in eternal life.*

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

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



First Reading 1 Kgs 17: 7-16

A reading from the first book of Kings

The jar of meal shall not be spent according to the word of the Lord spoken through Elias.

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please,' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:1-8

(R.) My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R**

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R**

Entrance Antiphon Cf Mt 25:34, 36, 40

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord:
I was sick, and you visited me.
Amen, I say to you: whatever you did
for one of the least of my brethren,
You did it for me.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 13:35

This is how all will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

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

Second Reading Col 3: 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Bear with one another, forgive each other.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 27:55

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 6:25-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not worry about your life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and what you are to wear. Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing!

Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not worth much more than they are?

Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life?

And why worry about clothing?

Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith?

So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What are we to wear?"

It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all.

Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well.

So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.