

# St Peter's Catholic Parish

27th December, 2020 – 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 other may experience the love of Christ.*

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

## The Liberation of Women

In today's Gospel, Mary, having given birth, is regarded as ritually unclean. She could not take part in public worship until she was 'purified'. This involved offering up a couple of pigeons which she and Joseph had to buy. No wonder that, at the Cleansing of the Temple, Jesus shatters the cages in which the pigeons were kept! He was angry with a Temple system which saw Mary that way, which thought of all women giving birth that way. Indeed, his whole ministry is full of instances when women breach religious and cultural taboos in his presence, because of his presence.

This Feast of the Holy Family gives us the opportunity to thank God for our mothers who, like Mary, helped fulfil God's plan for humankind by birthing us into the world.

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Church changes rules and structures which confine women in cages built from ideologies foreign to the Gospel, lest those rules become swords which pierce Mary's soul.

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**"Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents."**

## 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-10am, Merimbula

Saturday, before Vigil Mass, Eden

### Adoration

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at 8:30am,

Merimbula

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 3pm, Eden

### Weddings

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

### Mass Times

Saturday, 6pm, Eden

Sunday, 8am, Merimbula

Sunday, 10am, Merimbula

Tuesday 5pm, Merimbula

Wednesday, 9:30am, Merimbula

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

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## Feasts of the Week ...

The homily has special importance due to its Eucharistic context: it surpasses all forms of catechesis as the supreme moment in the dialogue between God and his people which leads up to sacramental communion

*Evangelii Gaudium (2013) 137*

## Readings of the Week ...

Monday	1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday	1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
Thursday	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Friday	Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Saturday	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

## Parish News and Events ... Please ring 0435036236 for any parish enquiries

**NEW PARISH PHONE NUMBER** The parish office is back online both with the internet and the phone. We do however have a new phone number 0435 036 236 the old number is no longer connected. To all of our parishioners who have been trying to contact the office via the old landline we apologize and thank you for your patience.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS TIMES.** IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU REGISTER FOR CHRISTMAS MASS

<b>8:30am</b>	<i>Our Lady Star of the Sea</i>	Eden
<b>10am</b>	<i>St Joseph's</i>	Merimbula

**N.B.** We have added an extra Mass on Christmas Day at 8am, Merimbula to accommodate everyone due to large number of visitors around the area. Please be advised to consider attending either the 9pm or 8am Mass

### 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 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 10am - 1pm Wed - Fri. Ph: 0435036236 -

[https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/wpcontent/uploads/2020/10/201008\\_UpdatedArchProtocols\\_PercyA.pdf](https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/wpcontent/uploads/2020/10/201008_UpdatedArchProtocols_PercyA.pdf)

**REMINDER:** The maximum number of people at a religious service (*not including weddings and funerals*) must not exceed 300 (120) people in or outside (30) subject to the 2 square meter rule.

**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 **Try Booking links** on the parish website. <http://cg.org.au/pambula/Home.aspx> Scroll down to upcoming events and click on the relevant mass registration link.

This system is being regularly monitored and is much easier than using the email or voice message at the parish office. Please pass this to your friends and family also. Thank you.

**Columban Calendars 2021** are now available in the Parish Office at \$10 each.

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

**O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, All Praise and All Thanksgivng be every moment thine.**

Warm Greetings!

Another year has come to a close, and as we embark on a new year, I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know how much we appreciate your faithful giving the ministry of St Peter's, St Joseph's & Our Lady Star of the Sea.

It is gifts like yours that continues to enable us to function as a healthy and vibrant Parish & church. We desire to continue to reach out into our community with love and concern, but most importantly the Gospel of Jesus Christ! HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Planned Giving Collections; First: \$800.00; Second: Envelopes \$828.50, Loose \$278.65

Thank you for your aenerosivty and God bless you all

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## Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick

Brian Wyndham, John Reynolds, Bill Petrie, Ysmael Valencia, Danielle Sou, Max Andrew, David Went, Ros Beveridge, Roy Bugden, Eric Mangion, Maureen Partridge, Marie Hart, Anselmo Guiffre, Beata Denkiewicz, Peter Hamer.

## For the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including,

Milvia Silveri, John Hulme, Jeanette Robert, Louis Pintin, Joy Bugden, Olga Novinc, Kieth Balantyne, Kim Geraghty, Dawn Lucas, James Barry, Greg Morrison, Claire Thomas, Glyneth Middlemiss, Brian Middlem, Errol Cole, Mary D'Arcy.

*May the Souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



Only in **silence** can the word of God find a home in us, as it did in Mary, the woman of the word and, inseparably, woman in silence. *Verbum Domini* (2010) 66

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 act of praise. *Laudato Si* (2015) 235

## 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."*

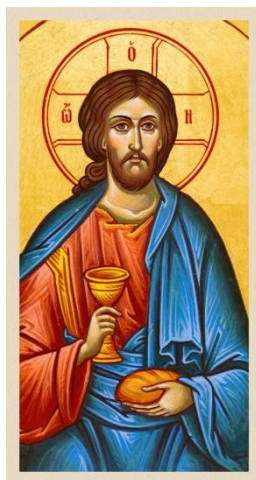
*The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed before Mass on Sunday and Adoration and Benediction on every First Friday at 8.30am Merimbula Church.*

## Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## Prayer for Australia

Lord you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



## Prayer after Communion

Lord, we thank you for coming into our hearts in Communion. We believe you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. You are our life and our hope. Draw us more deeply to yourself and transform our hearts through your abiding love. May we come to know Sunday as a special day of faith the day of our risen Lord. May our celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday consecrate this day to you. O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine. All Praise and All Thanksgiving be every moment thine.

**First Reading** Sir 3:2-6. 12-14**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus**

*Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.*

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.

Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 104:1-6. 8-9. R.v.7.8

*(R.) The Lord remembers his covenant for ever*

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. O sing to him, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works! (R.)

Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. (R.)

Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke. O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose. (R.)

He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. (R.)

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia! : Col 3:15. 16**

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

**Alleluia!**

**Second Reading** Col 3:12-21**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians**

*Concerning the Christian life in the world.*

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.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

**Gospel: Lk 2:22-40****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

*The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.*

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom: and God's favour was with him.