

# St Peter's Catholic Parish

7<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 – Third Sunday of Lent

*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

### Where does God really dwell?

The Ten Commandments are badly named. Rather, they are the Ten Responses which should characterize a liberated people, freed from slavery by 'the Lord, your God'.

By the time Jesus came on the scene, the Temple in Jerusalem was no longer a fit dwelling place for a God who desires to free people from oppression and exploitation. To the contrary, Jesus saw the Temple ideology as placing undue burdens and shackles on people.

His anger at this erupted in dramatic street theatre. His overturning of the tables of the money-changers signaled the overturning of the Temple system.

What Our Lord revealed to uncomprehending authorities was that His body was the true sanctuary. The body of Jesus of Nazareth is the dwelling place of God, the habitation of the Lord God who liberates people. In short, God's sanctuary is not a place, but a person.

We could take a moment to pray, using the Ten Responses to review and guide our reflection and practice as we move towards Easter. This will help us to celebrate the enigmatic saying: 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it again.'

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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-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

## Contact Details

### Parish Priest

Fr Paletasala (Pale) Leota

### Parish Secretary

### Parish Council Chair

Mrs Bernadette Wood

### Liturgy Coordinator

Ms Sue Heffernan

### Finance Chair

Mr Neil Ffrench

### Lumen Christi Catholic College

Mr Shane Giles (02)64958888

### Marriage Preparations

Damien & Celi Kennedy

### Parish Office

Hours - 10am to 1pm  
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*" Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up."*

*"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"*

In the liturgy and liturgical catechesis of LENT the reminder of *baptism* already received or the preparation for its reception, as well as the theme of *repentance*, renew the entire community along with those being prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery, in which each of the elect will share through the sacraments of initiation. For both the elect and the local community, therefore, the Lenten season is a time for spiritual recollection in preparation for celebration of the paschal mystery. *RCIA 125*  
The Sacrament of Penance is better celebrated *before* rather than during the Easter Triduum.

**FRIDAY PENANCE.** Friday is a traditional day of penance and should be marked by prayer, self-denial and helping others. During Lent **penance** should be not only inward and individual, but also outward and social. *SC 110*

**What Is the Meaning of Lent? - Biblical Meaning and Purpose**

Lent is meant to be a time of repentance. These 40 days are set aside to praise and worship the Lord; to read the Bible more, and to pray more often. Christians who observe Lent correctly anticipate deeper intimacy with the Lord.

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

**EXPOSITION & ADORATION this Sunday at 3pm, Eden All are welcome**

**LITURGY COMMITTEE Meeting** 7pm on Tuesday 9/03 at the Parish Center, Merimbula

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** On all Fridays of Lent after 9.30am Mass at Merimbula

**LENTEN REFLECTION PRAYER GROUP** Commenced: Eden Thursday 7pm, Merimbula Monday 1pm at Parish Center. All are welcome. Contact Anne for more information 0408241230

**Monsignor Kevin Barry-Cotter.** The Archdiocese is sad to announce the death of Monsignor Kevin Barry-Cotter. The Requiem Mass will be live streamed: <http://youtu.be/4H57POdMy9O> on Thursday 11th March at 11.30 am from St James Church, Adelong. Anyone attending the funeral needs to register.

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

**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.

**Laudato Si' Lent: Lent 2021: A Journey of Hope**

The Global Catholic Climate Movement invites you to embark upon a journey of ecological conversion through reflection, repentance, and renewal. By committing to concrete changes through fasting and lifestyle changes, we will live more in solidarity with our Earth and each other and inspire our sisters and brothers to join this conversion process.

**REMINDER** If you would like a notice printed in the weekly bulletin, it would be appreciated if you could contact the office before 1pm on Thursday to ensure that you notice is included.

**Planned Giving Collections;** First: \$602.85; Second: Envelopes \$438; Loose \$213.80

*Thank you for your generosity and God bless you all*

*“Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit”*

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

Jennifer Wasley, Maree Linfoot, Mary O'Donnell, Judy O'Donnell, John Reynolds, Bill Petrie, Ysmael Valencia, Danielle Sou, Max Andrew, David Went, Ros Beveridge, Roy Bugden, Eric Mangion, Marie Hart, Anselmo Guiffre, Beata Denkiewicz.

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

Monsignor Kevin Barry-Cotter, "Bill" Raymond William Thornton, Tupa'i Iakopo Nanai, Peter Grubestic, Mary Fenech, Bernard Risi Creamer, Bernard Lamers, Rex Healy, Giuseppe Condemi, Brian Wyndham, Albina Dal Piva, Ruza Novinc, Maureen Partridge, Ken Clear, Millicent Clear, Anotonio Ziino, Maureen Frances DuBock, Sr Philomena Kalmund RSJ, Sr St Jude Doyle RSC, Peter Hamer, John Hulme, Milvia Silveri, Catherine Randazzo, Robert Gianfrotta, Jeanette Robert, Louis Pintin, Joy Bugden, Olga Novinc, Kieth Balantyne, Kim Geraghty, Dawn Lucas, James Barry, Greg Morrison, Claire Thomas, 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.*

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."*

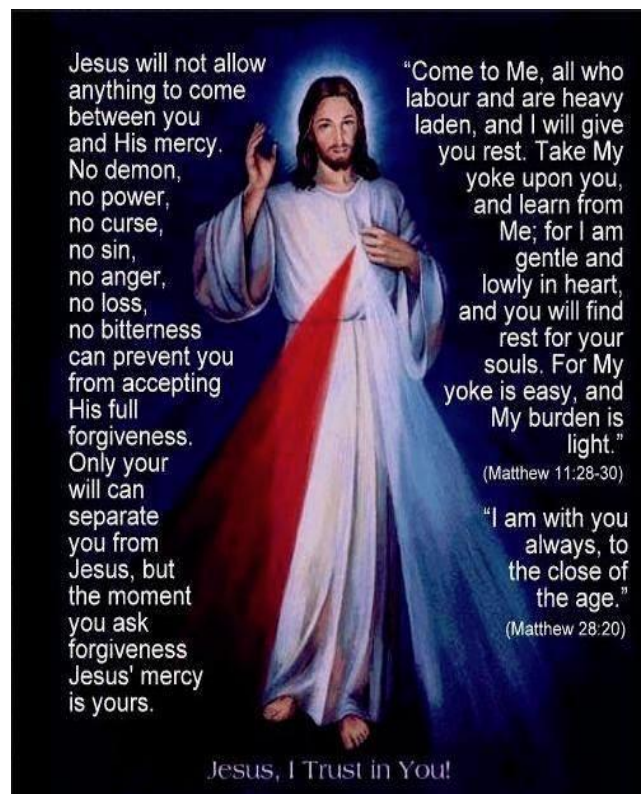
*The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed before Mass on Sunday and Adoration and Benediction on every First Friday at 8.30am Merimbula Church; First Sunday 3pm at Eden*

### Parish Secretary

I wish to inform you that Patricia Field has stepped down from the position of Parish Secretary due to health reasons.

Therefore, on behalf of the Parish I would like to pay tribute to Patricia and acknowledge her great enthusiastic role and thanking her for her contribution to the parish. Please know how much we appreciate your service here in the Parish Office. The work you perform as Secretary is most often one that is "behind the scenes", however, I want to assure you that not only do we see the work, most importantly the Lord sees your hours of labor to make Pambula/Eden/Merimbula/Wyndham a place that the Name of Christ is honored.

We wish you all the best and assure you of our prayers.





## LENTEN LIVE STREAM - CANBERRA-GOULBURN ARCHDIOCESE.

'Walk in the Spirit' Walk in the Spirit will be live-streamed for six consecutive Thursdays during Lent from 7.30pm—9.00pm, 18th of February to 25th March 2021. Each session will include talks, sharing, prayer, and discussion opportunities. The sessions will be available for viewing via the Catholic Voice YouTube site and loaded up on the Walk in the Spirit website.

The sessions can be viewed live or after the event has been recorded. Participants will also be provided with a series of formation materials to support them on their Lenten journey. The sessions' recording will enable parishes with established Lenten groups to view at their convenience. For more details and to register go to <https://cg catholic.org.au/walk-in-the-spirit>.

**We need to love our parish church and use it:** Our church is the place where we come together as a community to love and praise God. It is the holy place where we gather strength to support one another in the task of living the gospel. It is the place where we come privately to enter into intimate conversation with God. In this building many prodigal sons and daughters have met the merciful Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and have been welcomed back to our community. In this building, tears have been shed by those in pain and grief. Let's look around our church this morning/evening and treasure it. When we pass our church, we might take the time to make a brief visit. Let us make our church even more of a holy place by adding our prayers and songs to parish worship and offering our time and talents in the various ministries.

**Entrance Antiphon:** My eyes are ever fixed on the Lord, for he releases my feet from the snare. O look at me and be merciful, for I am wretched and alone.

**Communion Antiphon:** The sparrow even finds a home, the swallow finds a nest wherein to place her young, near to your altars, Lord of Hosts, my King, my God! How happy they who dwell in your house! For ever they are praising you.

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Do you want newly engaged couples to be able to make a go of their marriage? Do you wonder what can be done to help them in this? Here's a marriage preparation program that works. Fr Rob Ruhnke, a Redemptorist priest in the USA, has spent years developing a program for marriage preparation, "For Better & For Ever", which doesn't rely on couples devoting enormous amounts of time to marriage prep involvement, but works instead with the relationship between a couple approaching marriage, and a couple who have lived their marriage for some years – with both learning from each other. Rob's program doesn't stop at the wedding, but invites the relationship to continue for about 2 years. It's in that time that couples begin to find challenges to their relationship – and are often afraid to talk with anyone about it, because it might show that their marriage is 'on the rocks'. It's a time when couples can learn that these challenges are a normal part of marriage, of our rough edges being rubbed off so together we can move from our individual 'families of origin' to the new 'family of origin' that the couple is developing together. It provides newly married couples a trusted relationship wherein they can talk about their reality, learn that it is normal, and find, from someone who has lived it, ways to use those challenging times to develop a new and stronger relationship. Rob has learned, during covid-19, that the training for mentor couples can now be done entirely by Zoom, so couples the world over can become involved, be mentors. You are invited to go online to <http://marriagepreparation.com>, where you can read about the program, watch several videos, etc.

## PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY 14th February 2021

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Be More". Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

**Oliva, 22**, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes, and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership. Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by **visiting** [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or **phoning 1800 024 41**

**First Reading Ex 20:1-17**

A reading from the book of Exodus

*The Law was given through Moses.*

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68**  
**(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life..**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. **(R.)**

4. They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb. **(R.)**

**Second Reading 1 Cor 1:22-25**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.*

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

**Gospel Acclamation: Jn 3:16**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

**God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.**

**Gospel Jn 2:13-25**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.*

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.