

St Peter's Catholic Parish

15th November, 2020 – Thirty Third 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 other may experience the love of Christ.

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

Use Them or Lose Them

The basic message of today's Gospel is that we all have talents. Maybe not spectacular or dramatic like other people who get national or international acclaim; just ordinary, but nevertheless important.

At first sight, today's parable seems to suggest that the third servant took a prudent course of action, "I heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown." The scribes and Pharisees, towards whom it was directed, would argue: God demands perfection; the Law expresses his will; only a scrupulous observance of the Law can give us security. But God's way is different. He wants an abundant harvest. Jesus wants us to know that salvation comes to those who are prepared to risk their all for him. A talent is given to bear fruit, not to lie there unused. It may seem prudent not to risk, but in the end it is not what God expects of us.

Each of us is called to bring God's love, presence, light and peace into a particular world in which we are the centers. This is our vocation; this is the unique set of talents that has been entrusted to each of us by God. Use it or lose it!

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

1st Friday of the month at 8:30am, Merimbula
1st 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 – 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 Paletasala (Pale) Leota

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"Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven. "



"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"

Feasts of the Week ...

Tues 18 Nov St Elizabeth of Hungary

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.



Readings of the Week ...

Monday	Apoc 1, 1-4. 2, 1-5; Lk 18, 35-43
Tuesday	Apoc 3, 1-6. 14-22; Lk 19, 1-10
Wednesday	Apoc 4, 1-11; Lk 19, 11-28
Thursday	Apoc 5, 1-10; Lk 19, 41-44
Friday	Apoc 10, 8-11; Lk 19, 45-48
Saturday	Apoc 11, 4-12; Lk 20, 27-40



Parish News and Events ...

A very warm welcome to Sue Pedersen who has just moved to Eden. We are delighted you're becoming part of St Peter Parish family.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (PPC) on Monday November 16th, 7pm at Parish Center, Merimbula

Parish Finance Committee Meeting (PFC) on Tuesday November 17th, 7pm at Parish Center, Merimbula

November is the month for the faithful departed and 'ALL HOLY SOULS' in Purgatory

The Rosary devotion is recited before Mass on Saturday/Sunday for our loved ones and all the faithful departed.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY. Prayer of Saint Gertrude the Great: .

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home, and within my family. Amen.

The Feast of **CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY** next weekend which concludes the Liturgical Year 2020.

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 10am and 1pmpm Wed - Fri. Ph: 6495 1880 - https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/wp-content/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 (76) people in or outside subject to the 4 square meter rule.

PLEASE KEEP FOLLOWING ALL OF THE COVID-19 PROTOCOLS IN THE CHURCH

NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES have been distributed in the church this week. If you wish to have a Mass offered during November, please fill in the details and place your envelope in the collection box.

Columban Calendars 2021 are now available in the Parish Office at \$12 each.

Want to learn more about the Bible?

Please join us at 1:00pm every Monday in the Merimbula Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome. For more information please contact Trevor Cooper on 0438 500 262

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

Planned Giving Program

First Collection: \$468.35; Second Collection: Envelopes \$328; Loose \$356.05,
Much appreciated and thank you for your generosity.



"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"

Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick

Danielle Sou, Max Andrew, David Went, Ros Beveridge, Roy and Joy Bugden, Eric Mangion, Maureen Partridge, Marie Hart, Anselmo Guiffre, Beata Denkwicz, Peter Hamer.

For the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including,

Kieth Balantyne, Kim Geraghty, Dawn Lucas, James Barry, Greg Morrison, Claire Thomas, Glyneth Middlemiss, Brian Middlemiss, Errol Cole, Mary D'Arcy.

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



The Christian vision of death receives privileged expression in the liturgy of the Church, "Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven".

Instruction Ad resurgendum cum Christo
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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."**

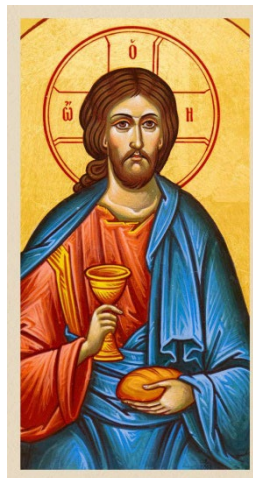
The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed before Mass on Sunday and Adoration and Benediction on every First Friday at 8.30am Merimbula Church.

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.

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
 Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
 O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
 and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.
 Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognize
 Jesus, our companion on the road.
 Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.
 Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart
 to hear what you are saying.
 Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
 that we may live the joy of the Gospel.
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.
 Amen.



Our Lady Help of Christians, *pray for us.*
St Mary MacKillop, *pray for us*

BECOMING CATHOLIC - THREE CHURCHES ONE PARISH

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith?

Welcome!

The Catholic Church's mission is to offer people of all ages and backgrounds the opportunity to deepen their understanding and relationship with Jesus Christ.

Becoming Catholic involves a journey of faith, accompanied by the support of a parish community. This process is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA. During the RCIA process you meet with others to share, reflect, pray and learn more about the Catholic faith. There are ceremonies or 'rites' at each stage to signify the steps along the way. If you or someone you know would like to know more about becoming Catholic or would like to start the process of becoming Catholic as an adult, please contact our Parish Office.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

St Augustine, a great Saint of the Church, said, "Our hearts are restless, O Lord, until they rest in you."

The RCIA is for all seeking to become members of the Catholic Church.

The RCIA is best described as a journey of faith that passes through a number of different phases and focuses on conversion of heart and mind to Christ. It is a gradual journey tailored to the needs of the individual.

It is a faith journey of adults to initiation through the unified rites of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Grounded in the four pillars of Word, Liturgy, Community and Mission, adults are provided with a sponsor, meet regularly to learn about Catholicism and become part of the fabric of the Parish prior to initiation.

The faith journey is adapted for children of catechetical age (8-17 years) and adults who are already baptised in another Christian tradition. It is a process for those who have not been Baptised at all, for those who have been Baptised into another Christian tradition and also for those who have been Baptised Catholic but have not throughout their lives been involved at all in the Catholic faith but are now wanting to make that Faith journey/commitment in their lives, and for all to become full members of the Catholic Church.

Collect

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

Proverbs 31, 10-13. 19-20. 30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.

She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127, 1-5.

(R.) *Happy are those who fear the Lord.*

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive around your table (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all
the days of your life. (R.)

SECOND READING

First letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 5, 1-6.

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, "How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia

Gospel Mt 25, 14-30

Because you have been faithful over a few things; enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

Prayer Over the Offering

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer After Communion

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. Through Christ our Lord.

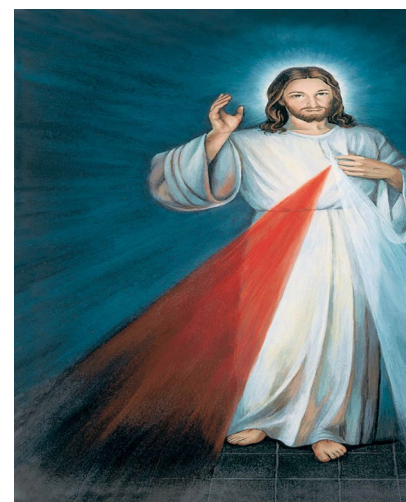
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Scripture. It must be said that CHRIST himself 'is present in his word, since it is he who speaks when Scripture is read in Church.' Indeed, 'the liturgical celebration becomes the continuing, complete and effective proclamation of God's word. The word of God, constantly proclaimed in the liturgy, is always a living and effective word through the power of the HOLY SPIRIT. It expresses the Father's love that never fails in its effectiveness towards us.' The Church has always realized that in the liturgical action the word of God is accompanied by the interior working of the Holy Spirit who makes it effective in the hearts of the faithful.

Verbum Domini (2010) 52



Every gift we receive from God has corresponding responsibility. It must bear fruit in plenty so that others may also share in the blessing. Each one receives gives according to the measure one is capable. We become responsible and accountable for that gift else we become half-hearted servants. The Parable of Talents is a warning to those who do not produce anything. It is a kind of stripping (recalling) of anything that is left in an unproductive person. Pope Francis reminds us that "only one whose gaze is fixed on that which is truly essential can renew his yes to the gift received." Bapa



Please find attached a flyer for the **Catholic Theological College Open Day** online sessions running in November. We would like to bring to your attention the following 2021 Semester 1 units that may assist your pastoral development program:

- BN1001C Exploring the New Testament with Mark's Gospel weekly classes
- CT1110C Introducing Catholic Theology weekly Classes
- DS1001C Christian Spirituality A: Patristic and Medieval Authors weekly classes
- DP2/3/8015C Pastoral Leadership for a Safe Church intensive
- DS8600C Meditation in the Christian Tradition Saturday intensive
- DT9631C Ageing Persons and Pastoral Care Saturday intensive

Dr Rosemary Canavan
Academic Dean
Senior Lecturer in New Testament

A REMINDER to all students who have enrolled at Lumen Christi Catholic College for 2021.

ORIENTATION DAYS**KINDERGARTEN 2021**

Day 1 Thursday, 5 November 2020 – 9:00am to 10:15am
Day 2 Tuesday, 10 November 2020 – 9:00am to 10:15am
Day 3 Thursday, 19 November 2020 – 9:00am to 10:15am
Day 4 Tuesday, 24 November 2020 – 9:00am to 10:15am
Children attend all 4 days and wear comfortable clothes and runners, bring a drink & hat.

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Wednesday, 18 November 2020 – 9:00am to 3:25pm
Students wear their primary sports uniform and runners.
Bring pencil case, recess, lunch, drink & hat.

ALL HOLY SOULS - NOVEMBER 2020

Desmond McMahon
Phyllis Umback
Bette Godfrey
Thomas Heffernan
Peter Grubestic
John Seychelles
Tess Rizzetti
Mary Roberson
Robert Wallis
Anna Maria Weinlich
Daphne McMahon
David Luck
Christopher Helby
Diane Pelt
Errol Cole
Leonard Pease
Claire Thomas
Glyneth Middlemiss
Dawn Lucas
Mary D'Arcy
Tupai Iakopo Nanai
Leilua Tevaga Pilia'e Kose
Mijo & Nikolina Dragosevic
Tony & Ana Novinc
Mike & Roza Novinc
Ivo & Katica Novinc
Josip (Pepo) Novinc
Stipo Novinc
Jozo & Katica Marko
Slavro Skoko
Jan Zyglarewicz
Malgorzata Zyglarewicz
Ingnacy Mielczarek
Anna Mielczarek
Leota Tauvela L
Paula L
Tevaga P
Tautava Tevaga
Sale L
Ana L Sio
Pedro Lapinig
Rosario Tan
Carlos Ayta
Ruth Parn Pike
Heather Grimmett
Elwood Zimmerman
Fiona
Cornelia Ealleros
Pedro Malaque
Alona Oppus
Moorhead & Christie Families
Giuseppina Gianfrotta

Alapati L Sio
Faiumu F.O.
Fereni Faiumu
Reglade Family
Baggio Family
Meslin Family
Vernon Family
Lacaze Family
Lilian Grace
Jack Grace
John Grace
Crocker Family
Rayner Family
Diversi Family
Crotty Family
Inquald Ingebrigtsen
Jason Gaerlan
Benjamin Gaerlan
Gloria Valencia
Marciano Valencia
Trinidad Valencia
Wolfgang Werle
John Morrell
Bernice Alcock
Margaret Mead
John McNaught
Jay Jansen
Joe Jansen
Father Benedict Lynch
Peter & Martina Lammers
Ernie & Merle Heffernan
Bernie & Kath Ffrench
Ken Clear
Millie Clear
Harriet Garnar
William Garnar
George Ernest Worth
Margarita Aneur
Hanong Lapinig
Merlyn Cahonap
Robert O'Brien
Bill Alcock
Gerry Coyle
The Geraghty Family
Perks Family
Maryvonne Martinez
McRae Family
Kennedy Family
Hamer Family
Dal Piva Family
Colin Riches
Anne Riches

Jean Pierre Galice
Moana Galice
Vincent Seashel
Litang
Tosong & Feux,
Ancil & Trini Suase,
Susan
Mencing & Julia Suase
Laling & Rosing Suase
Laling & Luding Pasaron
Rose & Claire Pasaron
Chris & Iday Pasaron
Enting
Ramon
Boy & Marshal
Joe & Violy
Nayong
Valderama
Esmer
Maria
Elma & Cely
Celestine
Ekong & Lourdes Cazar
Dokduk
Coring
Sr Ramona
Sr Gloria
Evan
Petar & Biserka Tomic
Jure & Stipo Tomic
Anda Zeko
Ruza Novinc
Luigi Gianfrotta
Robert Gianfrotta
Silora Tagliatela
John Tagliatela
Jean Pierre Galice
Heather Wiggins
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Instruction *Ad resurgendum cum Christo* 2016