

St Peter's Catholic Parish

Sunday 10th October, 2021 – 28th 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 others may experience the love of Christ.

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Loving Gaze

The man in this story is described (at the end) as a man of great wealth, so that when Jesus says 'There is one thing you lack', it would have got his attention. But he learnt to his shock that what he lacked was the big-heartedness which would enable him to give up the security and status and power which came with his possessions.

Jesus was not satisfied with the wealthy man's minimalist agenda of keeping the commandments. He is just as dissatisfied with us. We each know what is holding us back from being a wholehearted follower of Jesus Christ. At some stage in our lives, we have known, or know now, or will know, what it is we are hanging onto: the one thing we cannot, will not, give up, the one thing that is so much part of our personality we cannot imagine what it would be like to get rid of it.

There is only one thing that can give you, give me, the courage and trust that is needed. In this Gospel story, and the only time in Mark, it says: 'Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him.' This is not the glare of the critical eye but similar to the gaze of a parent on a newborn child, envisaging and encouraging a beautiful future for that child.

We could take a moment to pray, 'Lord, I know there is something I must give up to enable me to follow you more nearly. Give me the courage which can only come from knowing that you gaze steadily at me and love me.'

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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,	6pm, Eden
Sunday,	8am & 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

October is the month of the Rosary: Devotion before Mass

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

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Marriage Preparations

Damien & Celi Kennedy

Parish Office

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Wednesday to Friday

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**Go and sell whatever you
have and come follow me.**

Feast Days of the Week:

Friday 15th - St Teresa of Jesus (virgin, doctor)

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS... Please call 0435 036 236 or email pambula@cg.org.au for any Parish enquiries

Welcome To St Joseph's Church New Sacristy and Sanctuary!!!

I would like to extend a very sincere message of gratitude to each and every person, volunteers and patient and loyal parishioners who contributed to our St Joseph's Church Sacristy Project and process. This work and support included calling, organisation, sharing, discussion, supporting, financial support, praying, affirmation, kind words, prayers, questioning, etc. All of this support and work has been essential and is very much appreciated.

I would like to especially pay tribute to all of our Sacristy Project Committee members, in particular Teresa Hamer who spearheaded the project and to Neil Ffrench and our Parish Finance Committee for their support.

As we complete the new Sacristy and Sanctuary, we are hopeful that this energy and awesome work can transition to Church Building (*where Church is spelled with a Capital "C", and we, the people, are the Church*), where our building can be a verb to help us build our parish and we can be Christ for each other.

As we transition in goals and leadership, we cannot express enough our gratitude for each and every one of you. With much thanks, Paletasala Leota.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION-St Joseph's

Every WEDNESDAY 4pm – 5pm, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.
The Lord invites us to take some time out of our busy lives to spend some time with Him in quiet adoration, prayer and reflection.
ALL ARE WELCOME

You can still contribute to the cost of building and supporting our beautiful new Sacristy. Donations can be made into the following account:

BSB: 062-786

ACC: 00030097

Name: St Joseph's Pambula Sacristy Project

Reference: SURNAME SACRISTY PROJECT

If you prefer to give a **cash** or **cheque donation**, please place this in an envelope marked with SACRISTY DONATION and YOUR NAME, and place in the 2nd Collection box.

Thank you!

BOOK IN FOR MASS: It would be appreciated if you could use the online booking links on the parish website. <http://cg.org.au/pambula/Home.aspx>
We kindly 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 name and contact number at the door.

Just as Jesus had Peter cast the net wide to catch fish we need to cast ours wide for some Stewardship

i.e. We need more Volunteers & we need them now!!

MAINTENANCE GROUP AT ST JOSEPH'S ~ the members at St Joseph's are now overwhelmed as there are so few left to maintain the large grounds around this church property. What would take a group of say 2-3 to knock over in 1 hour is taking 2 fellas 4.5 hours... please lend a hand. **For more information please speak to Father or the office.**

CHURCH CLEANING MAINTENANCE ~ Volunteers needed for general maintenance and cleaning duties one day a week, once a month, as per Roster at St Joseph's, Merimbula. **Kindly contact Chantal Meslin or the Parish Office.**

WORKING BEE: TOMORROW SAT 9 OCTOBER AT



ST JOSEPH'S, MERIMBULA 9AM-12PM.

*PLEASE COME HELP CLEAN/SET UP THE CHURCH.

*HELP MOVE HEAVY ITEMS SUCH AS PEWS.

*BYO CLEANING EQUIPMENT, BROOMS, DUSTERS, CLOTHS, ETC.

* PLEASE WEAR SOCKS-THE ALTAR STEPS CAN ONLY BE WALKED ON IN SOCKS (NO SHOES ON THE STEPS YET!)

*DRINKS PROVIDED!

PROTOCOLS AND RESTRICTIONS

"Everyone should look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." – Philippians 2:4

As we continue to gather and worship together, it is very important that we be as safe as possible. It is required for all who enter and are in our worship and gathering spaces and parish office for any reason to comply with the recommendations of the COVID 19 Plan and Restrictions.

1. Masks are mandatory, except children under 12.
2. Gatherings are to observe the 4sqm rule.
3. No singing.
4. *Service NSW app* to be used for *COVID Safe Check-in*.

By being safe and respecting others in our community, we are an example of God's love. We are grateful that our Church – which is God's house and our home – is an example of our love for one another.

Final Confirmation Mass 10am Sunday 17th October –

The final group of Confirmation candidates, their parents and sponsors will be attending 10am Mass Sunday 17 October. We encourage as many Parishioners as possible who usually attend the 10am Mass if they could, on next weekend only, attend either the 8am Mass in Merimbula or the 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass in Eden. To ensure numbers of people attending 10am Mass complies with NSW Health Covid-19 requirements, it is requested that you please advise our helpers at the door which of these alternative times you can attend Mass next Sunday. We sincerely apologise for this inconvenience and seek your assistance so that the Parish can comply with the NSW Health Covid-19 requirements.

Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$250.85; Second: Envelopes \$420.50; Loose \$161.95

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.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS CONTINUED...

LECTIO DIVINA: Fr Pale continues to lead Lectio Divina each Wednesday 6:30pm via Zoom. Lectio Divina is an ancient way of praying with the Scriptures used heavily throughout the history of the Church by those living the Benedictine way of life. This is a simple and easy way to prayerfully experience Scripture. Please contact the Parish Office for weekly Zoom link details.

October is World Mission Month: Consider your capacity to either make a major gift in this life or an eternal legacy, through a gift in your will. For more information about ways you can contribute to the work supported by Catholic Mission, please go to www.catholicmission.org.au or contact our Diocesan Director, Karen McKerrow, on 0411 924 288 or kmckerrow@catholicmission.org.au

THE MARRIAGE COURSE-STARTS 19 OCTOBER: To register for the course: www.cgatholic.org.au/marriagefamily/the-marriage-course/ or contact Steph Ransom steph.ransom@cg.org.au

"Ritual bodies as 'Reasonable Worship': Putting Liturgy in Proper Ethical Perspective": 18 October 2021 (10-11:30am AEDT)

For more info go to: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/news-events-and-resources>

View the Catholic Voice Weekly at <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/current-edition/>

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."

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

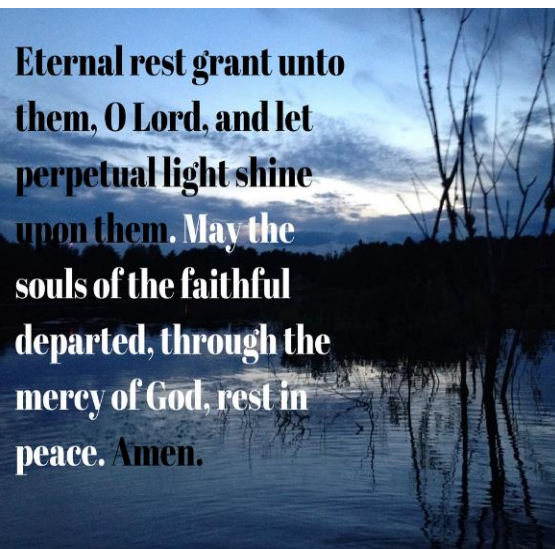
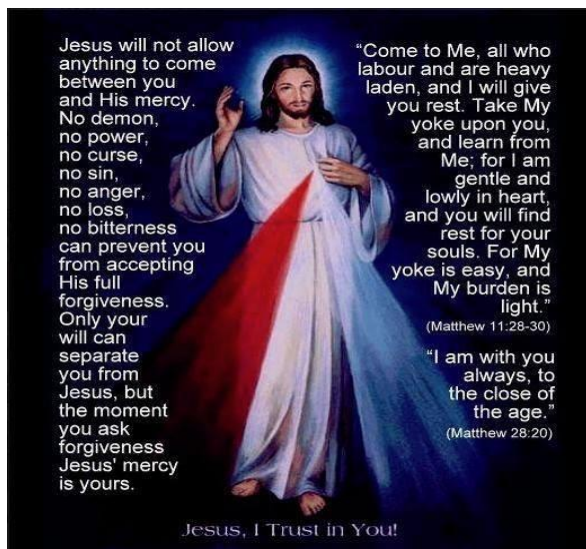
Fr John Boyd-Boland ofm, Simplicio Cesar Paul's Jr, Lydia V. Gaerlan, Chris Greenwood, Margaret Coates, Ron Anderson, Ruth Mercieca, Garry Clear, Anabella Morrell, Michele Cooper, Fraser Cooper, Margaret O'Sullivan, Tina Sio, Patricia Kay, Irene Spinks, Mary Scanlan, Shiela Kebby, Lyn Collie, Sr Benedetta Bennet, Geoff Heffernan, Jennifer Wasley, Mary O'Donnell, Judy O'Donnell, John Reynolds, Bill Peterie, Danielle Sou, Maureen Andrew, Max Andrew, David Went, Ros Beveridge, Eric Mangion, Mae Hart, Anselmo Guiffre, Beata Denkiewicz, George William Field

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

Wilfredo A. Riosa, Desmond W. Twigg, Glyneth Middlemiss, Brian Middlemiss, Bernard "Bernie" Cornell, Veronica "Vonnie" Sheetz, Silvia Tagliatalat, 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, "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, James Barry, Greg Morrison, Glyneth Middlemiss, Brian Middlemiss, 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.



"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"

Sunday's Gospel and Readings

Entrance Antiphon Ps 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading Wis 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger forever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. (R.)

Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!



<https://jesuitreflections.wordpress.com/2017/03/02/cracking-the-beatitudes-blessed-are-the-poor-in-spirit-for-theirs-is-the-kingdom-of-heaven/>

Gospel Mk 10:17-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

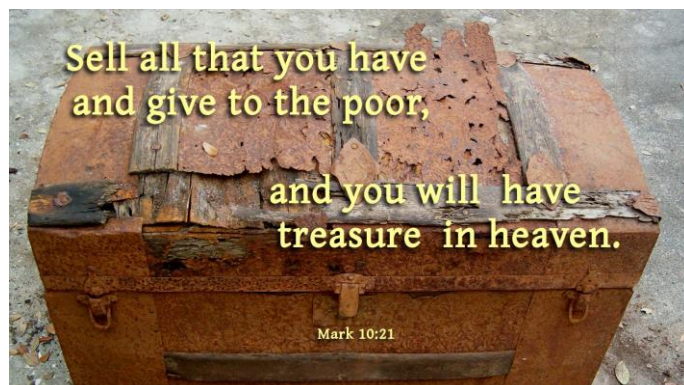
Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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

<https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2021Oct10/0>



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