

St Peter's Catholic Parish

11th July, 2021 - **Fifteenth 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 other may experience the love of Christ.

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Big Picture sets you free

As St Paul would have put it in terms of modern science, before the cosmos was big-banged into existence, before human creatures evolved over the aeons, before you were loved into existence through your parents, God conceived of you, 'God chose you in Christ'.

The universe was erupted into existence by Divine Ecstasy so that creatures might be drawn to evolve into human beings so that you, personally, might enjoy a wonderful destiny.

That destiny is to be an ensouled body totally transfigured by Divine Light, maderadiant by Divine Energy, living through love in God's presence.

That is the Big Picture, the 'Very Big Picture'. Grasp that, or rather be grasped by that, and it will enable you to do things you would otherwise not risk doing. One way could be that portrayed in today's Gospel. Jesus could say to his missionary followers: "take no purse, no haversack" because they had an interior freedom from anxiety about the future, a freedom generated from knowing that they had been divinely loved even before time began. You might take a moment to pray for the courage to make a generous response to the truth spoken directly to you by St Paul. 'Before the world was made, He chose you, chose you in Christ.'

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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

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, 6:00pm, Eden
Sunday, 8:00am, Merimbula
Sunday, 10:00am, Merimbula
Tuesday 5:00pm, 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

Parish Council Chair

Mrs Bernadette Wood

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Ms Sue Heffernan

Finance Chair

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Marriage Preparations

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Parish Office

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Wednesday to Thursday

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*He called the Twelve,
And began to send them out*

Partaking in the Eucharist commits us to others, especially the poor, teaching us to pass from the flesh of Christ to the flesh of our brothers and sisters, in whom he waits to be recognised, served, honoured and loved by us.

Pope Francis Catechesis on the Mass 2018

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

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>

Flowers at St Joseph's Merimbula: roster numbers need boosting. If you would like to join the ladies on the flower roster for St Joseph's, please call Helen on 0400 304 044.

Book-in for Mass Please remember that as per restrictions we are still expected **to book and check in for mass**, maintain a special-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 10:00am – 1:00pm Wed - Fri. Ph: 0435 036 236.

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

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 3:00pm Saturday and 10:00am Merimbula Mass closes at 8:00pm on 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

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PLANNED GIVING: Due to a large increase in the cost of planned giving envelopes, numbers are now being reduced to a minimum. All givers whose numbers are over 70 will now be allocated a new number, effective from 1 July, 2021. Be assured your giving history will remain on file. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Envelopes for the next financial year are available in the Church. Your continued support is much appreciated. Contributions to the Planned Giving Program are vital to the financial viability of our Parish. Anyone wishing to join the program is asked to contact the Parish Office.

Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$464.95; Second: Envelopes \$573.50; Loose \$218.45

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

“For surely our task is not to reinforce crumbling structure on fractured ground but to find new grounds to build new communities of grace.” *Archbishop Peter Comenseli*

“Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit”



Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding

Dear Parishioners

We are all aware of the findings of the recent Royal Commission into Institutional abuse. Our Parish is fortunate to accept an offer from Maria Hicks from the Archdiocese's Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding to come down and speak to us.

Maria would like to make clear the standards expected and practices to follow to keep both ourselves and all those we come into contact with safe, when fulfilling our roles in Church life. Maria recommends that all people come and listen and share your concerns. Maria will give time to answer any questions you have.

Absolutely everyone is welcome, and I urge you to come along and become informed of the standards and how to safeguard both yourself and those who you engage with at church and church sanctioned events.

Maria will be here on **Thursday 22 July, at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula at 7.00pm. Look forward to seeing you there.**

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 7 August – Walking in the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage at Eden.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday, 8 August St Joseph's Church, Merimbula 10:00am.

Thursday 29 July - Confirmation Retreat Day Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Eden 9:15am - 2:30pm. All students making their Confirmation attend this day. The College bus will transport students from LCCC. Other students arrange their own transport to and from the Church.



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

WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers to our Parish. If you have recently moved into the parish or have not registered as a parishioner, we invite you to complete a new parishioner card and invite you to join the stewardship program. The new parishioner cards are located on the table in the church in the middle aisle.

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

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

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

Narcisa Gonzales Sanares, Ingrid Ingebutsen, Jason Gaerlan, Ben Gaerlen, Fr Brian Mahar, Anthony Holdsworth Tekauita Sipili, Mijael Novinc, Roza Novinc, Michael Tupper, Ross Beath, Carolynne Picker, Anna Maria Weinlich, Lloyd Wesley Cocks, Ronald Gaha, Coona Maureen Turner, StumpyWallis, Anne Riches, Edwin O'Leary, Brian Kennedy, James Geraghty, Patrick Ahern, Patricia Friend, "Bill" Raymond William Thornton, Tupa'i lakopo Nanai, Peter Grubestic, Mary Fenech, Brian Wyndham, Albina Dal Piva, Maureen Partridge, Ken Clear, Millicent Clear, Anotonio Ziino, Maureen Frances DuBock, 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 & Mike Aggenbach.

*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.*

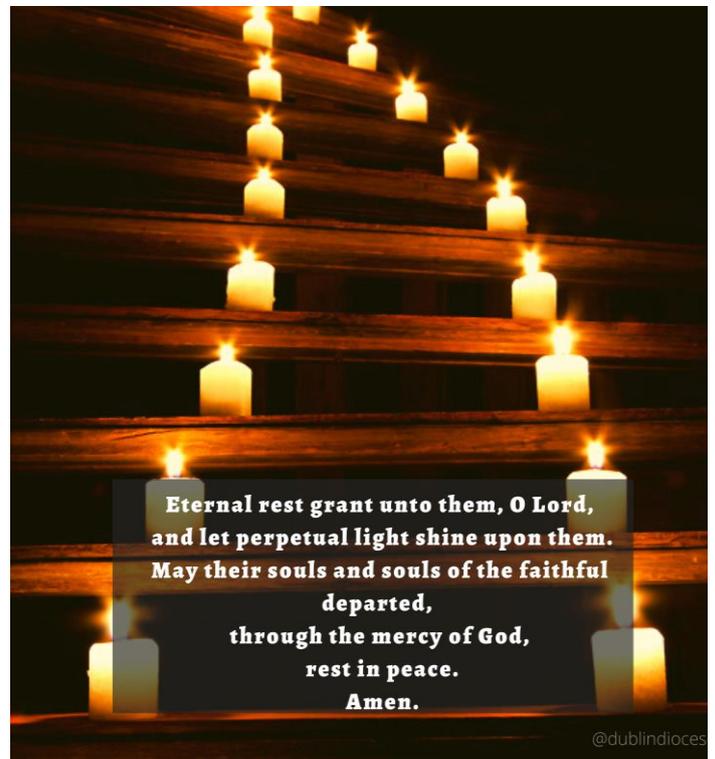
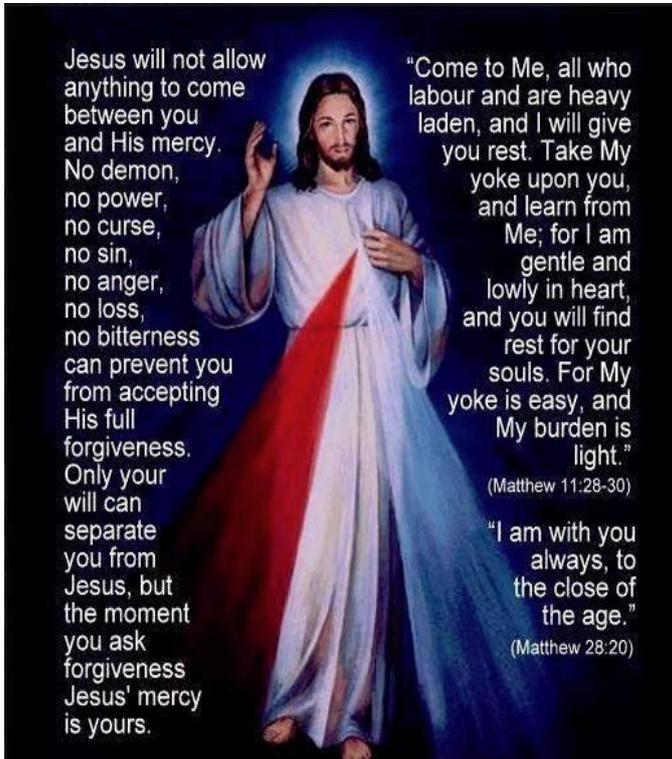
Please advise the Office if you would like to be added to or taken off the list for prayers.

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



Reading Am 7:12-15

A reading from the prophet Amos
Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there.

We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores; but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

Responsorial Psalm 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) *Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

(R.)

The Lord will make us prosper and
our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Communion Antiphon Ps 83:4-5

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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



Reading Eph 1:3-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight.

He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.

Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it; and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Gospel Mk 6:7-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.