

# St Peter's Catholic Parish

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 – 24<sup>th</sup> 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

### *Peter: earthquaked and then upside down*

Here in our Australian democracy we hardly feel the force of the famous gospel passage in which Jesus forewarns his disciples of the high cost of following him. We trivialise the meaning of taking up the cross to make it refer to bearing a chronic ailment, or putting up with a particularly irritating family member or work colleague: 'It/he/she is the cross I have to bear.'

No, our Lord was referring to the terrible reality which could be inflicted on his followers, as even happens today: the beheadings by ISIL in Iraq, the rape and enslavement of women in Nigeria, the displacement from homelands in Syria. The True Cross is not to be found in splinters of wood but in the various means by which suffering is inflicted on those whose allegiance to Jesus Christ does not waiver.

Peter could not, would not, grasp this. His head was full of political fantasy, easy sovereignty. Jesus rebuked Peter quite savagely: 'Satan, get behind me.' Only after the resurrection, believing that our Lord had conquered the worst that death could do, did Peter follow Jesus to crucifixion, upside down at the base of the Vatican Hill.

We could take a moment to pray for and, where possible, give appropriate political support to, our fellow Christians wherever they are persecuted, forced to bear the true cross of suffering. May God give those Christian martyrs victory in the embrace of the resurrection power of Jesus 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

Every Wednesday at 4:00pm & 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of  
the month at 8:30am, Merimbula  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 3:00pm, Eden

### Weddings

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

### Mass Times

Saturday,	5:00pm, Eden
Sunday,	8:00am, Merimbula
Sunday,	10:00am, Merimbula
Tuesday	4.30pm, 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 Paléatasala (Palé) Leota

### Parish Secretary

Mrs Alicia O'Connor

### Parish Council Chair

Mrs Bernadette Wood

### Liturgy Coordinator

Ms Sue Heffernan

### Finance Chair

Mr Neil Ffrench

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### Marriage Preparations

Damien & Celi Kennedy

### Parish Office

Hours - 9:30am to 1:30pm

Wednesday to Friday

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***You are the Christ...the  
Son of Man was destined  
to suffer much.***

<b>Feast Days of the Week:</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	- St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor
	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	- The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	- Our Lady of Sorrows
	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	- St Cornelius, pope, martyr & St Cyprian, bishop, martyr

*The PRIEST is the only Minister of the Eucharist. Lay people who assist with the distribution of holy communion are therefore always called MINISTERS OF COMMUNION (never Eucharistic Ministers). (Ordo, 2021)*

#### **INVITATION TO JOIN ONLINE MASS DURING LOCKDOWN**

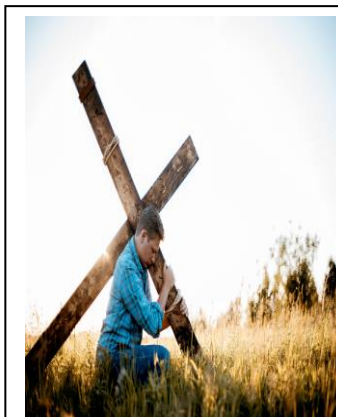
Wishing everyone peace, comfort and good health during this time of isolation. We look forward to celebrating Mass in our Churches again soon. Please join the live stream Masses from Canberra:

**Live Stream Mass St. Christopher's Cathedral** Monday-Saturday 12.15pm;  
Sunday 11am <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

#### **ROSARY DEVOTION**

Archbishop Christopher invites us all to pray the Rosary via Zoom. All you need are your Rosary beads and your intentions. Every Wednesday and Friday at 4 pm sharp! Zoom Meeting ID: 850 2245 8332 Passcode: 543675

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022458332?pwd=MDZ4ODFhNjlvdnFkd21aVDQzWnAydz09>



Reference: <https://www.laurajdavis.com/blog/are-you-taking-up-your-cross-daily>

#### **LECTIO DIVINA**

To help deepen our relationship with the Gospels, Fr Pale will be leading Lectio Divina each Wednesday 6:30pm via Zoom, starting on the 25<sup>th</sup> August. 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 Zoom link details.

#### **HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO OUR PARISH**

Thank you to those parishioners who have setup regular contributions to our parish. This is a great support to our clergy and church. Please consider if your household can afford to contribute— any amount would be greatly appreciated. Those who are envelope-planned givers can either hold onto their envelopes until Church reopens or easily transfer to electronic payments. If you would like to set up an electronic payment which will cover both your first and second collection donations please email the Parish Office – [pambula@cg.org.au](mailto:pambula@cg.org.au) or call 0435036236 and Alicia will assist you.

**We will be ordering 2022 editions of the Columban Calendar, Ordo and Daily Mass Book in the next few weeks. Please contact the office ASAP if you would like us to order you a copy.**

#### **THE MARRIAGE COURSE-STARTS 19 OCTOBER**

Whether you've been together for 6 months or 40 years, in a good place or struggling, The Marriage Course offers practical support and ideas to strengthen your marriage, in a fun, impactful format. Hosted by the Archdiocese, explore 7 topics together in the comfort of your own home (via ZOOM). It is for all ages and stages of marriage. Starting Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Cost is \$70. To watch a trailer about the course click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qba2wYpXgUs> To register for the course: [www.cgatholic.org.au/marriagefamily/the-marriage-course/](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/marriagefamily/the-marriage-course/) or contact Steph Ransom [steph.ransom@cg.org.au](mailto:steph.ransom@cg.org.au)

#### **Sacristy & Sanctuary Renovations to St Joseph's Church, Merimbula September-October 2021**

All Sunday Masses will be at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Eden from Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September – 3<sup>rd</sup> October due to the closure of St Joseph's Church, Merimbula for renovations. There will ONLY be Sunday Masses at 8:30am and 10am. There will be no Vigil Mass. This is also dependent on the lockdown easing. Please notify the Parish Office if you wish to catch the bus that will leave from the church in Merimbula to take parishioners to Mass in Eden. Apologies for any inconvenience.

#### **"Ritual bodies as 'Reasonable Worship': Putting Liturgy in Proper Ethical Perspective".**

On **18 October 2021** (10-11:30am AEDT) the ACU Centre for Liturgy will have the privilege of hosting Fr Bruce Morrill, SJ, who will give our next online public lecture (via Zoom) exploring the vital connection between ethics and our physical enactment of liturgy. The lecture is meant to empower Christians to be 'living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God' (Rom 12:1). Liturgy and ethics are integrally related in a sound interpretation of Christian tradition but the theological rhetoric of sacrifice, holiness, royal priesthood, and more, can be puzzling, if not provocative, for 21st century Catholics. This lecture proposes that acceptance of the disruptive challenge of this language will illuminate rather than obscure the connection between liturgy and ethical living. For more information and to book, go to: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/news-events-and-resources>

**Archdiocesan Protocols COVID-19 Safety Plan:  
Effective Saturday 14 August, 2021, until further notice  
(Vicar General)**

1. Parish Offices are closed.
2. Churches and chapels are closed.
3. Public Masses and other Public Liturgies are not to be celebrated. However:

*Funerals* (10 people only, not including ministers) are permitted.

*Weddings* (5 people only, couple, minister, two witnesses) are permitted.

4. Holy Communion can be taken to the sick.
5. Anointing of the Sick can be celebrated.
6. Visitation to hospitals by priests should be minimal (rely on designated hospital chaplains where possible).
7. Face Masks are mandatory.

**Covid-19 Vaccination**

*Pope Francis urges us to get vaccinated as an act of love:*

<https://youtu.be/JWf3Ji11EaU>

Some of the things the Pope says are:

- \* Getting a Covid jab that is “authorized by the respective authorities” is an “act of love.”
- \* Helping others do the same is also an act of love. “Love for oneself, love for our families and friends, and love for all peoples. Love is also social and political.”
- \* The Pope noted that social and political love is built up through “small, individual gestures capable of transforming and improving societies.”
- \* “Getting vaccinated is a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable”
- \* Pope Francis then prayed to God that “each one of us can make his or her own small gesture of love.”
- \* “No matter how small, love is always grand...Small gestures for a better future.”

**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.***

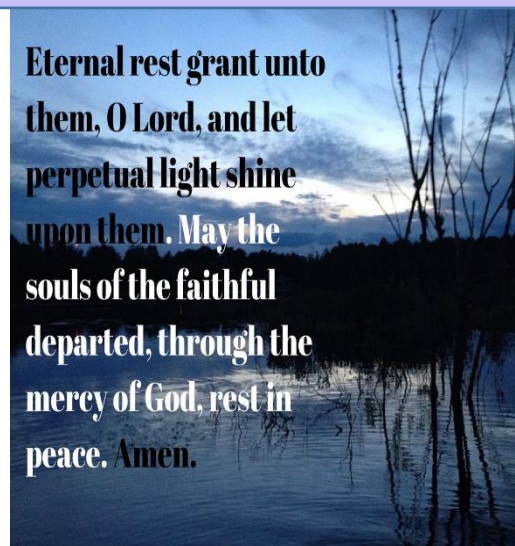
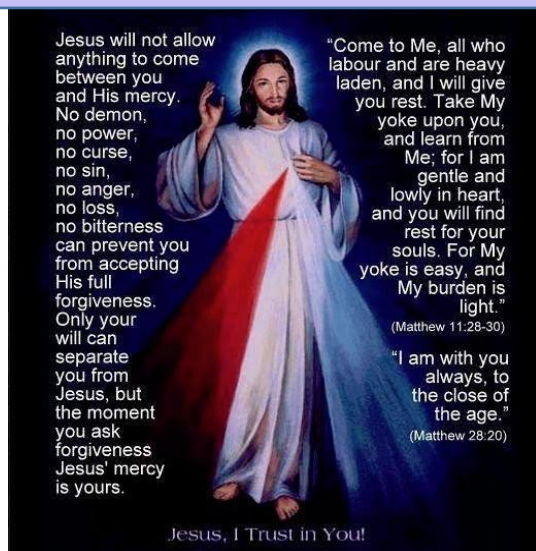
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***We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including:***

Bernard “Bernie” Cornell, Veronica “Vonnie” Sheetz, Martin Speddings, Luigi Gianfrotta, Silvia Tagliatalat, Errol Cole, John Seberry, Paul Bagnara, Narcisa Jason Gaerlan, Fr Brian Mahar, Anthony Holdsworth, Michael Tupper, Carolynne Picker, Anna Maria Weinlich, Ronald Gaha, Coona Maureen Turner, Stumpy Wallis, Anne Riches, Edwin O'Leary, Brian Kennedy, James Geraghty, Patrick Ahern, Patricia Friend, “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, Dawn Lucas, 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.





## Sunday's Gospel and Readings

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Sir 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

### First Reading Is 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I gave my body to those who struck me.*

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

*(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.*

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. (R.) They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. (R.)

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. (R.)

### Second Reading Jas 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James

*Faith without good works is dead.*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

### Gospel Acclamation Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

### Gospel Mk 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
*You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

### Communion Antiphon Cf. 1 Cor 10:16

The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

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

<https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2021Sep12/0>



Reference: <https://www.stillromancatholicafteralltheseyears.com/jesus-scripture-take-cross-come-follow/>