

St Peter's Catholic Parish

1st August, 2021 - **Eighteenth 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

Who can satisfy human appetites?

Some religions, and even strands of Catholicism, try to suppress appetites in order to achieve some 'out-of-this-world' liberation. But appetites are good things, telling us what we humans need as bodily, social, spiritual beings. They provide a reality check against our tendency to think that salvation is exclusively about the soul.

Our appetites for food and drink, for affection and companionship, for the truth about the Big Picture of our life journey, need to be satisfied or we disintegrate in various ways.

Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaims in today's Gospel that He is the total satisfaction of our deepest human appetites: 'I am the Bread from Heaven which gives life to the world.'

That 'Life' is nothing less than participation in Divine Life, existing in the Big Picture in the way God intended. That is the nourishment offered not to a particular tribe or ethnic group, but to the whole of humanity, indeed to the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray for faith to recognise that the bread brought up at the Offertory is truly transformed: no longer short term food like manna in the desert, but 'the Bread of Life', the Real Presence of the One who nourishes our humanity, indeed who gives Life to the world.

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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,	5:00pm, Eden
Sunday,	8:00am, Merimbula
Sunday,	10:00am, Merimbula
Tuesday	4.30:00pm, 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

Ms Alicia O'Connor

Parish Council Chair

Mrs Bernadette Wood

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Marriage Preparations

Damien & Celi Kennedy

Parish Office

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*Whoever comes to me will never
be hungry; whoever believes in
me will never thirst.*

The readings from the Word of God are to be LISTENED to REVERENTLY by everyone, for they are an element of the greatest importance in the Liturgy. Although in the readings from Sacred Scripture the Word of God is addressed to all people of whatever era and is understandable to them, a fuller understanding and a greater efficaciousness of the word is nevertheless fostered by a living commentary on the word, that is, by the HOMILY, as part of the liturgical action. *GIRM 29*

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

Feasts Day of the Week: Tuesday – St Dominic, priest
Wednesday – St John Vianney, priest
Friday – The Transfiguration of the Lord



Reception of the Children to be Baptised into our Catholic Parish of Pambula

We warmly welcome Miley Mariah who will be baptised this weekend and her parents Amber & Braydon John Grant and will support them in prayer, praying to God for the gift of a strong faith for them and their child.

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>

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 9:30am – 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, 8:00 am Merimbula Mass and 10:00 am Merimbula Mass close at 3:00pm 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



Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$455.95; Second: Envelopes \$1,095.50; Loose \$165.65

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

“Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit”

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 7 August – Walking in the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage at Eden. Starts at 11:00am and followed by Mass at 12:00pm presided by Archbishop Christopher Prowse.

10:00am Mass Sunday 08.08.2021 - Confirmation Mass

Over the past few months the Parish and Lumen Christi Catholic College have been preparing 24 children in readiness for them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 08.08.2021 at the 10:00am Mass at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula. Unfortunately, as you are aware, Covid-19 restrictions have now been re-imposed which means that we are required to comply with the 4 square metre rule. Accordingly, the number of people who can attend a Mass at St Joseph's Church is reduced significantly. Due to the numbers of Confirmation candidates, their parents and sponsors attending Mass, it has been decided that on Sunday 08/08/2021 there will be 3 Masses held at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula – 8:00am, 10:00am and 2:00pm. We, therefore, ask and encourage as many Parishioners as possible who usually attend the 10:00am Mass if they could, on this weekend only, attend either the 8:00am Mass in Merimbula or the 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass in Eden.

So that we can ensure numbers of people attending either of these 2 Masses 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 on the weekend of 07.08.2021 /08.08.2021. We sincerely apologise for this inconvenience and seek your assistance so that the Parish can comply with the NSW Health Covid-19 requirements.

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

Parishioners will remember that last year plans for the installation of a Sacristy and renovations to the Sanctuary in St Joseph's Church, Merimbula finalised and agreed to by the Archdiocese. Accordingly, the builder plans to commence this work on Monday 06.09.2021. We are advised by the builder that the work will take 5 weeks to complete, so that the Church can be re-opened again in time for Masses on Sunday 10.10.2021. As the church will be closed during this time, Sunday Masses will be held at Our Lady Star of the Sea church in Eden. During those 4 Sundays Mass will be held at 8.30am and 10:00am only. There will be no Saturday Vigil Mass during those Sundays. So that we can help Parishioners travel to Eden to attend one of those Sunday Masses, the Parish is organising a bus to leave from the church in Merimbula to take Parishioners to Mass in Eden. If anyone would like to travel to Eden on the bus, could you please notify the helpers at the door as well as letting them know which Mass time would suit you? The Parish will try to assist anyone who needs help in attending Sunday Mass in Eden during the 4 Sundays that St Joseph's Merimbula will be closed.

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

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

Gary Clear, 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, Maree Linfoot, 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 & George Field.

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

Yvonne Sixthsmith, Jean Sheedy, John Seberry, Paul Bagnara, Narcisa Gonzales Sonares, Ingrid Ingebutisen Jason Gaerlan, Ben Gaerlan, Ananias Javier Gonzales, Fr Brian Mahar, Anthony Holdsworth, Mijael Novinc, Roza Novinc, Michael Tupper, Ross Beath, Carolynne Picker, Anna Maria Weinlich, Lloyd Wesley Cocks, 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, Errol Cole, Mary D'Arcy, Janine Capell & Winifred Stephenson.

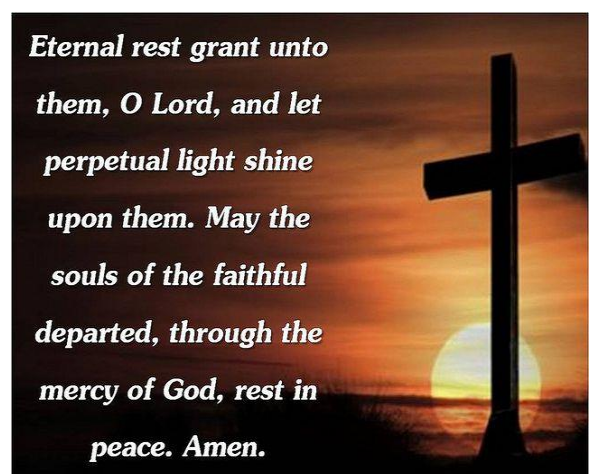
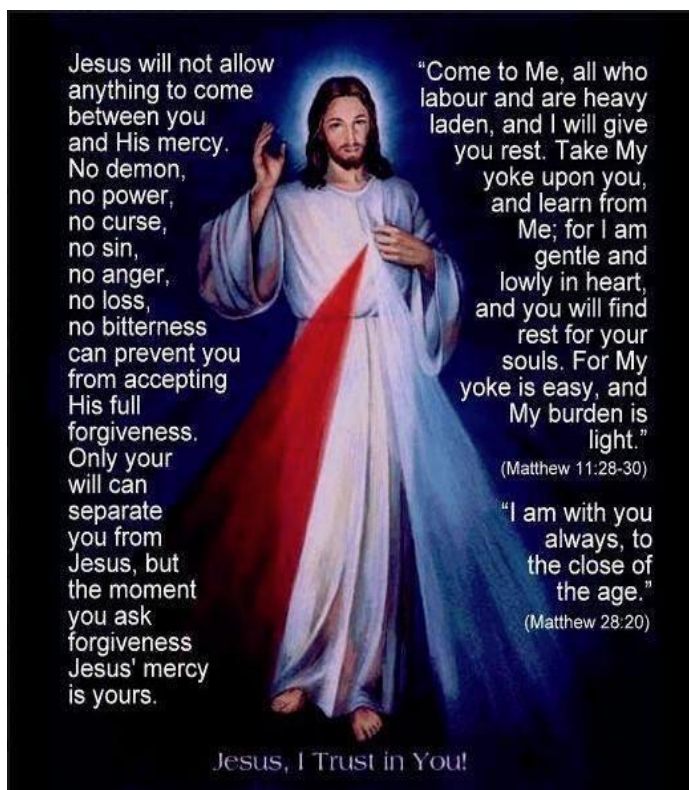
*May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of our Lord, Rest in Peace. Amen
May the fullness of peace be theirs in eternal life.*

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 Ex 16:2-4. 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus
I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God." And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all around the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24 (R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. **R**

He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. **R**

Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won. **R.**

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 69:2,6

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Communion Antiphon: Wis 16:20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

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

Reading Eph 4:17, 20-24

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Gospel Jn 6:24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
*Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.*

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'
Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'