

St Peter's Catholic Parish

Sunday 2nd January, 2022 – The EPIPHANY of the LORD

*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

Stars and Seekers after Truth

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control *this* infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth.

As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

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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, Pambula 10am, Merimbula
Tuesday	5pm, Merimbula
Wednesday	9:30am, Pambula
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

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East to worship the king.*

Feast Days of the Week:

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - The earliest Christmas feast, originating in the East in the third century and passing to the West in the fourth century. Celebrates the divine 'manifestation' or 'coming'. In the East it commemorates the baptism of the Lord and in the West the visit of the Magi. The mystery of the incarnation is now revealed to everyone in the world, represented by these wise men from foreign lands.

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



NEW YEAR'S DAY Saturday 1 January:
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
MASS TIMES:
9:30AM-St Joseph's, Merimbula
6PM- Our Lady Star of the Sea, Eden

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE:

The Parish Office will close at 1:30pm on Thursday 23 December, 2021 and will reopen at 9:30am on Wednesday 12 January, 2022.

2021 Archbishop's Christmas Appeal raised: \$1,863.35
Thank you to all who contributed.

READ THE CATHOLIC VOICE NEWS AT:
<https://cgcatholic.org.au/>

Columban Calendars are now available for purchase from the churches for \$7. Please place payment in an envelope marked "Columban Calendar" and place in the 2nd collection.

Archdiocesan NSW Protocols COVID-19 (Vicar General, 17 December 2021)

The latest directives from *NSW Health*:

- Anyone can attend a wedding, funeral or place of worship.
- You are not required to be fully vaccinated or carry vaccination evidence.
- Face masks are not required.
- COVID-19 Safe Check-in *is* required at places of worship, funerals, memorial services, or gatherings afterwards.
- Density limits no longer apply to weddings, funerals or memorials.

We kindly ask you to arrive early and check in by using the QR code system OR give your name and contact number at the door.



Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$726.05; Second: Envelopes \$310.50; Loose \$265.80

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.

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

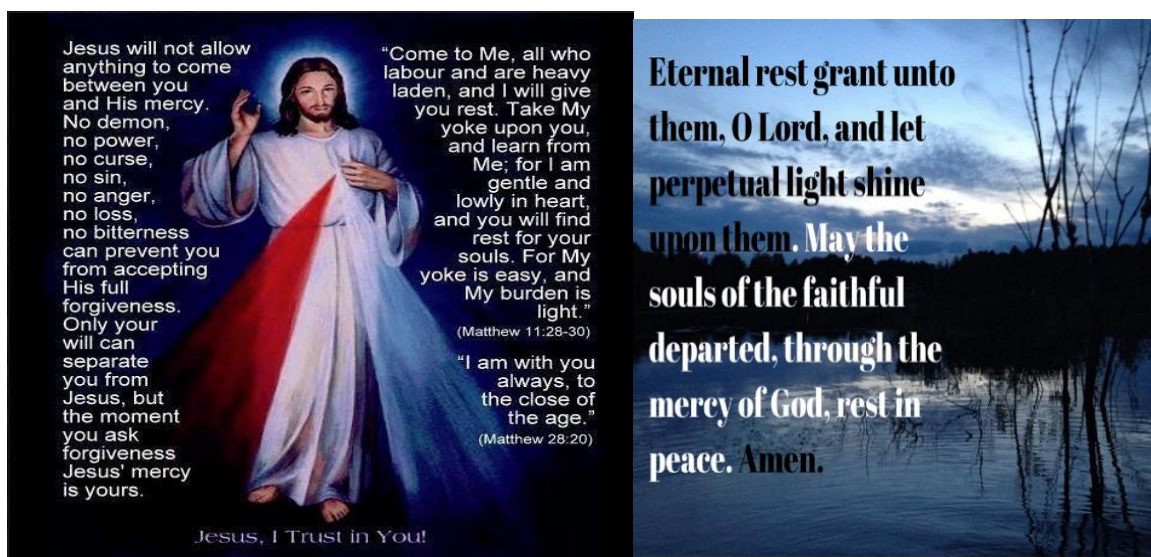
David Muffler, Tony Vella, Peter Lewis, Maureen Goodman, Michael Sheppard, Anne Bugden, Sandra Bray, Fr John Boyd-Boland ofm, Simplicio Cesar Paul's Jr, Lydia V. Gaerlan, Chris Greenwood, Margaret Coates, Ron Anderson, Anabella Morrell, Fraser Cooper, Margaret O'Sullivan, , Patricia Kay, Irene Spinks, Mary Scanlan, Lyn Collie, Geoff Heffernan, Jennifer Wasley, Mary O'Donnell, Judy O'Donnell, John Reynolds, Max Andrew, David Went, Ros Beveridge, Eric Mangion, Mae Hart, Anselmo Guiffre, Beata Denkiewicz, George William Field, Una Smith.

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

Peter Hamer, Richard Klimas, Roy Bugden, Robert Gianfrotta, John Tagliatalata, Tina Sio, Sheila Kebby, Tony Tomasovic, Giuseppina Gianfrotta, Raymond Doughney, Danielle Louise Sou, Wilfredo A. Riosa, Desmond W. Twigg, Veronica "Vonnie" Sheetz, Silvia Tagliatalata, 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, Tupa'i Iakopo Nanai, Peter Grubestic, Mary Fenech, Brian Wyndham, Albina Dal Piva, Ruza & Mihajlo Novinc, Maureen Partridge, Ken Clear, Millicent Clear, John Hulme, Catherine Randazzo, Jeanette Robert, James Barry, Greg Morrison, Glyneth Middlemiss, Brian Middlemiss, Mary D'Arcy, Janine Capell, Winifred Stephenson, Paletasala Paulo.

*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."

Sunday's Gospel and Readings

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chr 29:12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

First Reading Is 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, R. see v.11
Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R.)

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Sunday's Gospel and Readings

Gospel Acclamation Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Creed is said.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Mt 2:2

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

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

<https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2022jan02/0>



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