



# St Peter's Catholic Parish

2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2021 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*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

### Spiritual Drink

We are too familiar with today's gospel. Christ is the vine and we are the branches, sometimes in need of a good pruning. But God's purpose is not to produce a perfect vineyard. It is to produce a full-bodied wine at the end of history. There is a foretaste of this at every Mass. The wine we offer – 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands' – becomes the spiritual drink which best serves the purpose of our Heavenly Father. How does this happen?

For the Jewish people observing an animal whose throat is cut, it is obvious that the life drains out with the blood. 'Life' and 'blood' became synonyms. So, when the Jewish Jesus says of the wine in the chalice at the Last Supper: 'This is my blood', amongst other things he is saying: 'This is my life force, this is my very life given unreservedly for you.'

So, when we drink from the chalice at Holy Communion, the life of the Risen Lord courses through our bodies just as the sap of the vine courses through its branches. We share the same ultimate vitality so that our bodily existence builds into the Body of Christ. He becomes truly 'full-bodied' as the Divine Vigneron desires.

We could take a moment to pray that we respond to the pruning and the tending and the pressing by our Heavenly Father so as to contribute our distinctive character to the vintage at the end of history, the spiritual drink of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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## Contact Details

### Parish Priest

Fr Paletasala (Pale) Leota

### Parish Secretary

### Parish Council Chair

Mrs Bernadette Wood

### Liturgy Coordinator

Ms Sue Heffernan

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Mr Neil Ffrench

### Lumen Christi Catholic College

Mr Shane Giles (02)64958888

### Marriage Preparations

Damien & Celi Kennedy

### Parish Office

Hours – 10:00am to 1:00pm

Wednesday to Thursday,

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All who live in me, and I  
in them, bear much  
fruit.

## 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

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

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**The Month of May.** Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord's return....

In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honors with special love **Mary, the Mother of God**, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be. *SC 102, 103*

## **FEAST OF THE WEEK**

Monday - Sts Philip & James, apostles; celebrate on Tuesday

When **the Sacred Scriptures** are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel. *GIRM 29*

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 recognized, served, honoured and loved by us. *Pope Francis Catechesis on the Mass 2018*

## **The Month of May is the month of the ROSARY**

### **Parish News and Events ... Please ring 0435 036 236 for any parish enquiries**

**VIGIL Mass on Saturday has now changed to 5pm at Eden**

**Tuesday Mass is also moved forward to 4:30pm**

**Marian Procession** at Cobargo at 2:00pm on Sunday, 2 May, 2021.

**NO EXPOSITION** this Sunday at Eden due to Marian Procession at Cobargo at 2pm

**4 May: Plenary Council** Zoom Session with the Archbishop – 10:00am – 12:00pm. **DEANERY PLENARY ZOOM MEETING**

Register for the Eastern Deanery Plenary Zoom meeting taking place at 10am Tuesday 4 May 2021.

Register at <https://cgatholic.org.au/plenary/> All participants will need to have read the Working Document

"Continuing the Journey" available at [plenary.council@catholic.org.au](mailto:plenary.council@catholic.org.au)

**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>

### **Invest Your Marriage! Starting Tues 11 May**

St Joseph's Parish couples of every age and stage are warmly invited to join a 7 week course designed to strengthen your most important relationship. The Marriage Course, run via zoom by the Archdiocese, 7:15pm - 9:30pm Tuesdays, starts May 11. Participate together over a glass of wine from the privacy of your own home. Watch presentations with other couples but discuss content privately with your spouse. The cost is \$70 including two workbooks.

Register for free 30min info session 7.30pm Tuesday 27 Register and pay for course at <https://bit.ly/TMCRegister>

General info at <https://themarriagecourse.org/> Enquiries [steph.ransom@cg.org.au](mailto:steph.ransom@cg.org.au)

**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 2 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\\_UpdatedArchProtocols\\_PercyA.pdf](https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/wpcontent/uploads/2020/10/201008_UpdatedArchProtocols_PercyA.pdf)

### **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 3:00 pm on Saturday and 10:00 Merimbula Mass closes at 8:00 pm on Saturday. Please pass this to your friends and family. Thank you.

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## Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick

Edwin O'Brien, Sr Bernadetta Bennet, Rincy Mary Paul, Geoff Heffernan, Jennifer Wasley, Maree Linfoot, Mary O'Donnell, Judy O'Donnell, John Reynolds, Bill Petrie, Ysmael Valencia, Danielle Sou, Max Andrew, David Went, Ros Beveridge, Roy Bugden, Eric Mangion, Marie Hart, Anselmo Guiffre & Beata Denkiewicz.

## For the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including,

Brian Kennedy, Francine, James Geraghty, Patrick Ahern, Angela Plevey, Otila L Wright, Howard Collins, 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, Anotnio 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.

*May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of our Lord, Rest in Peace. Amen.*

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 Merimbula Church; First Sunday 3:00pm at Eden*

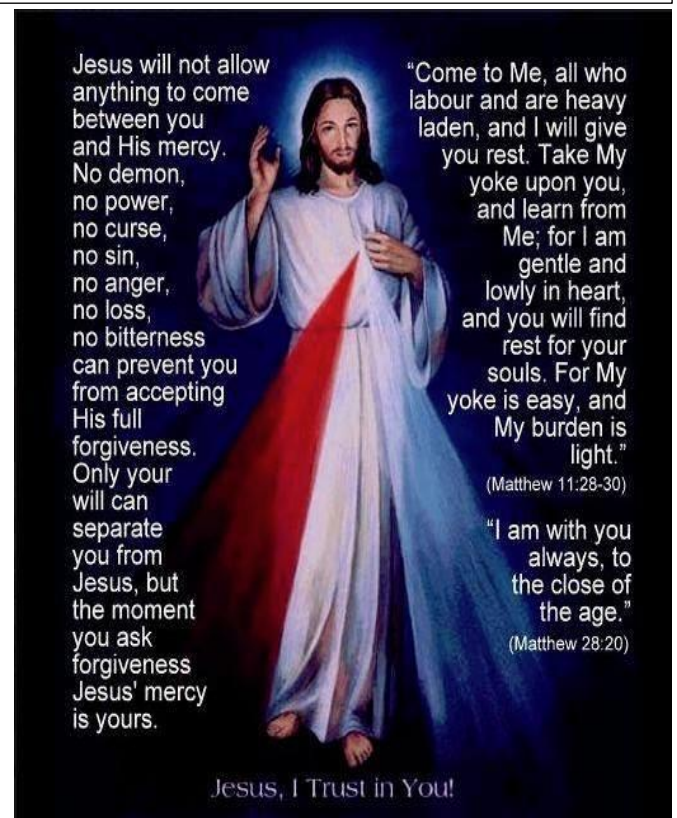
### VACANCY: Parish Secretary

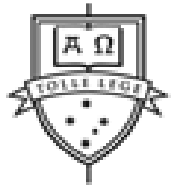
Applicants are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary for St Peter's Parish, Pambula (Merimbula). This is a part-time permanent position from 9:30am to 1:30pm each day, Wednesday to Friday each week.

#### Essential Requirements:

- Experience with financial & database packages.
- Strong communication and liaison skills
- Strong organisational skills
- Ability to work in a team environment and take direction.
- Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teachings.
- Experience in an office environment.
- Salary will be subject to Clerk Award Level 4/5. Please email [pambula@cg.org.au](mailto:pambula@cg.org.au) or phone 0435 036 236 for a copy of the selection criteria and duty statement. Application and Resume may be addressed to:  
The Parish Priest of St Peter's Parish Pambula.  
PO Box 249  
MERIMBULA NSW 2548

**Applications close 11:59pm, Friday, May 28, 2021.**





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Series of short sessions: online via Zoom

#### Engaging Your Faith

Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$20 per session, running 11 to 31 May. Booking, payment and further information: [www.ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/](http://www.ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/)

**How is your knowledge of the Bible?** Have you taken time to really study the scriptures? Would you like to explore the Book of Genesis? You are welcome to join a discussion group held each Monday afternoon in the Pambula Hospitality Centre. The first Genesis session is Monday 19 April, commencing at 1:00 pm. For more information, please contact Anne 0408 241 230.



**LITURGY COMMITTEE Meeting** on Tuesday 7:00pm  
May 11 at Mary MacKillop Hall, Eden.

Sunday 2 May

2021  
**Marian  
Procession**

**Recovery &  
Thanksgiving**

Sunday 2 May at 2pm  
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH  
Wandello Road, Cobargo NSW 2550

### Important Dates for Sacrament of Reconciliation:

#### Parent Formation Evening #1

Wednesday, 12 May  
St Joseph's Church, Merimbula 6:00pm - 7:30pm  
(Supper provided, child-minding available)  
Please RSVP to  
[Antoinette.Woods@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Antoinette.Woods@cg.catholic.edu.au) for  
catering purposes.

#### Enrolment Mass

Saturday, 22 May & Sunday 23 May  
Eden's Our Lady Star of the Sea 5:00pm  
Saturday and  
St Joseph's Church, Merimbula 10:00am Sunday

#### Parent Formation Evening #2 TBC

Wednesday, 16 June  
St Joseph's Church, Merimbula 6:00pm - 7:30pm  
(Supper provided, child-minding available)

#### Family Masses

Saturdays and Sundays in May, June, July and  
August Sat 5:00pm Eden/Sunday 8am & 10:00am  
in Merimbula

Jobs will be allocated so children play an active  
role in the Mass.

*If you are unable to attend, you need to let Fr  
Pale know beforehand by emailing him on*  
[Pale.Leota@cg.org.au](mailto:Pale.Leota@cg.org.au)

#### Thursday 29 July TBC - 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.

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



### First Reading Acts 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

**(R.)** *I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **(R.)**
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.  
**(R.)**
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
'These things the Lord has done.' **(R.)**

### Second Reading 1 Jn 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

*His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.*

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive

because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

### Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

### Gospel Jn 15:1-8

*All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already,  
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.  
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,  
but must remain part of the vine, neither can you  
unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in  
plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch  
that has been thrown away— he withers; these  
branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and  
they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you,  
you may ask what you will and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear  
much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

### Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked  
wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his  
deliverance, alleluia.

### Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says  
the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in  
plenty, alleluia.

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

