



St Peter's Catholic Parish

23rd May, 2021 – The **PENTECOST 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

Divine Energy and being Catholic

The term 'Holy Ghost' is an unfortunate rendering of 'Holy Gust', the divine wind, the breath of God, the Holy Spirit which can come into the lives of individuals and communities, sometimes as the merest whisper of a breeze, sometimes at gale force.

This is what happened at Pentecost. St Luke, writing the Acts of the Apostles, grasps for imagery to portray the force of the Holy Spirit's descending on Mary and Peter and other disciples. This divine flaming Gust cleared away the undergrowth of timidity and anxiety imprisoning those disciples in the upper room. Then they became like seed pods germinating in the ashes, allowing a new community to take root, a community where barriers of language, ethnicity and race were overcome.

The primary task of St Peter, then as now, is to present the Resurrection in a way understandable by people of every language group around the world. Everything else his successor does is secondary to his preaching 'the marvels of God'. Pope Francis is doing this by word and deed.

We could take a moment to pray for forgiveness for the wind breaks which we, individually and as a parish or larger church community, erect to shield us from the Holy Spirit gusting into our lives. Let us ask for the courage to allow ourselves to be a windswept people ignited by Divine Love.

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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, 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 – 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

"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"

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*



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

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses"

FEAST OF OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS – Patron of Australia: This Feast will be celebrated on Tuesday at 5:30pm

Sacrament of Confirmation: Children from Lumen and non-Lumen Schools and their parents will be present for a Commitment Mass this weekend. Please keep our children in your prayers as they go through their preparations to receive the Sacrament on Sunday 8th August at 10am.

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

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.

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.

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

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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"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"

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

Shiela Kebby, Lyn Collie, Sr Benedetta Bennet, Rincy Mary Paul, 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, Marie Hart, Anselmo Guiffre, Beata Denkiewicz & Joan Darr

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

Ronald Gaha, Coona Maureen Turner, Stumpy Wallis, Anne Riches, Edwin O'Leary, 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, 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 Merimbula Church; First Sunday 3:00pm at Eden

VACANCY: Parish Secretary

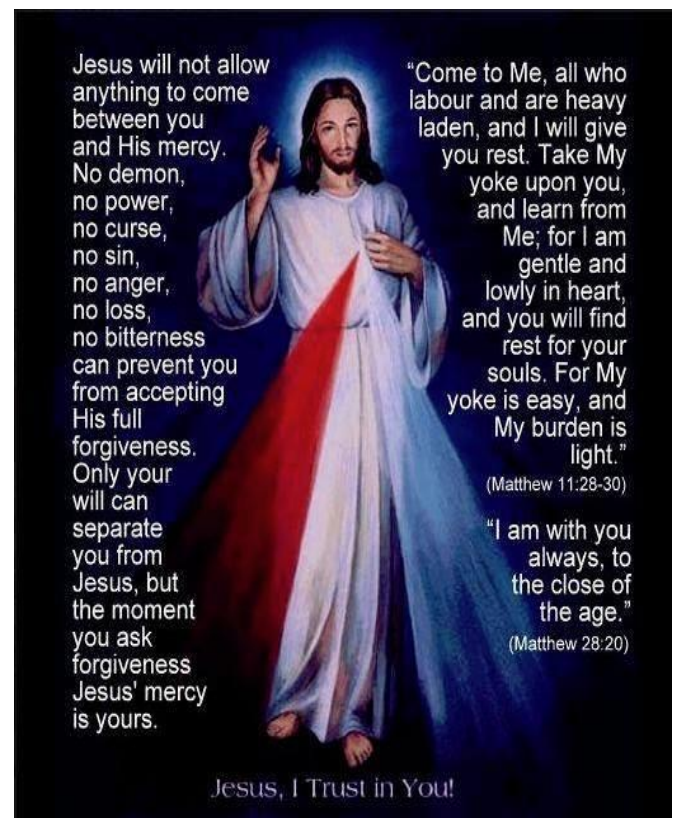
Applicants are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary for St Peter's Parish, Pambula (Merimbula). This is a part-time permanent position from 9:30am to 1:30pm each day, Wednesday to Friday each week.

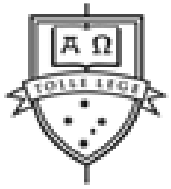
Essential Requirements:

- 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@cq.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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Important Dates for Sacrament of CONFIRMATION:

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 8 & 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

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.

Sacrament of Confirmation: **Sunday, 8 August**

St Joseph's Church, Merimbula 10:00am.

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all
people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus
whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for
Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their
hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good
work that You have begun in them. As we prepare
these children for Confirmation, make each of us an
instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what
is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do
not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and
help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You
will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ
our Lord, Amen.

Plenary Council Prayer: Come Holy Spirit of
Pentecost! Come Holy Spirit of the Great South Land!
Oh God bless and unite all your people in Australia and
guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.
Give us the grace to see your face in one another and
to recognize Jesus, our companion on the road. Give
us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of
you truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.
Lead your Church into a Hope filled future, that we
may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our
Lord, bread for the journey, from age to age. Amen!

Catholic Theological College

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.



PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH TO THE SON

Lord Jesus,
You grew in wisdom and maturity as you lived in the
family of Nazareth in daily communion with St Joseph
and Mary, your mother.
From St Joseph, you learned the dignity of human work
Give parents the wisdom to support their Children
and to guide them in the way and work of your
Kingdom.
St Joseph, faithful parent and diligent worker, pray for
us.

An encouragement to our catechists and missionary outreach.

The pope has issued a new ministry of Catechist. Find
some commentary at:
[https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/247611/pop
e-francis-institutes-new-ministry-of-catechist](https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/247611/pope-francis-institutes-new-ministry-of-catechist)
And then head to the Vatican website for the document.
It is a mere 6 pages and worth the read.

Reading Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) *Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth..*

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

Entrance Antiphon Wis 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, alleluia.

Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.
There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:
'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Communion Antiphon Acts 2:4,11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

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

