



St Peter's Catholic Parish

25th April, 2021 – **FOURTH 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

The Voice

In the regions where Jesus was an itinerant preacher, three or four flocks could be kept in a communal sheepfold for safety. In the morning, the shepherds would come and, as each called out, the sheep attuned to the sound of his voice would follow to life-giving pasture.

We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention. We are bombarded by messages, social media incessantly chattering. Jesus invites us to get attuned to his voice, listening for the distinctive sound of it so that, even if it is faintly heard in a cacophony, we immediately turn toward it so that we can follow it in a life-giving direction.

How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese character for gospel is 'happy sounds'. I like the plural. Jesus' gospel voice is not a monotone but a polyphony sounding in different ways in different situations.

As disciples, we have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice so that we can echo it in our own lives. We become reverberations of Christ's voice in many different situations, helping him to lead others to life-giving pastures.

We could take a moment to pray for better listening so that we might recognise the gospel voice of Jesus Christ, especially at the moment of death. Then we may hear the one voice we need and long for: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.'

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The good shepherd
lays down his life for his
sheep.

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, 6:00pm, Eden

Sunday, 8:00am, Merimbula

Sunday, 10:00am, Merimbula

Tuesday, 5:00pm, 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

"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"

The Sacraments are a privileged way in which nature is taken up by God to become a means of mediating supernatural life.

Through our worship of God, we are invited to embrace the world on a different plane.

Water, oil, fire and colours are taken up in all their symbolic power and incorporated in our acts of praise.
Laudato Si (2015) 235

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Monday – St Mark, evangelist; celebrate on Tuesday
Wednesday – St Peter Chanel, priest, martyr
Thursday – St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor
Saturday – St Joseph the Worker (Celebrate on Friday)

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*

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

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal: Collection for Formation of our Seminarians:

We have two seminarians studying for the priesthood in our Archdiocese. There are other young men too, considering the priestly calling. The 2021 Good Shepherd Appeal is an opportunity for spiritual and financial generosity. Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today: by envelopes, by giving at www.cgatholic.org.au/goodshep, or by calling: (02) 6239 9801. Your gift ensures our seminarians continue to receive the best possible formation and education.

ANZC Day this Sunday, a national day of remembrance in Australia and NZ

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

4 May: Plenary Council Zoom Session with the Archbishop – 10:00am – 12:00pm

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.

PARISH CENTRE CLOSURE, Merimbula

Due to some OH&S issues with the Merimbula Parish Centre, it will be closed until further notice. A review will be completed and decisions taken as to the remedial action and /or future of the existing Centre. Whilst this Centre is unavailable, Parish Committee meetings will be held in Mary Mackillop Hall in Eden. Apologies for any inconvenience caused by this closure.

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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Thank you for your generosity and God bless you all

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Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick

Sr Bernadetta Bennet, Deacon Paul Rumly, 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.

Brian Kennedy passed on Thursday night at Pambula Hospital and was surrounded by his family. His funeral will be held in Melbourne and laid to rest next to his late wife. RIP

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:

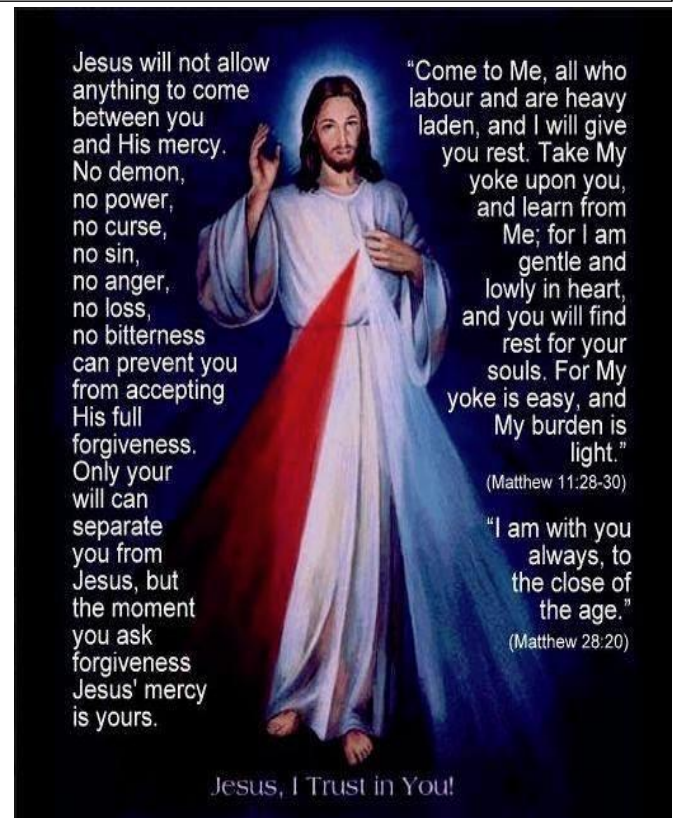
- Experience with financial & database packages.
- Strong communication and liaison skills
- Strong organisational skills
- Ability to work in a team environment and take direction.
- Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teachings.
- Experience in an office environment.
- Salary will be subject to Clerk Award Level 4/5. Please email pambula@cg.org.au 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.



Jesus will not allow anything to come between you and His mercy. No demon, no power, no curse, no sin, no anger, no loss, no bitterness can prevent you from accepting His full forgiveness. Only your will can separate you from Jesus, but the moment you ask forgiveness Jesus' mercy is yours.

"Come to Me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

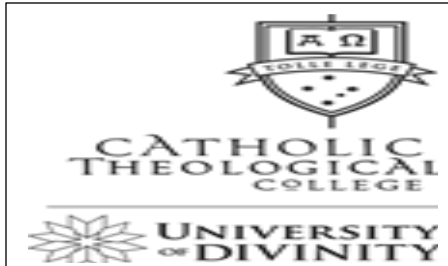
(Matthew 11:28-30)

"I am with you always, to the close of the age."

(Matthew 28:20)

Jesus, I Trust in You!

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.



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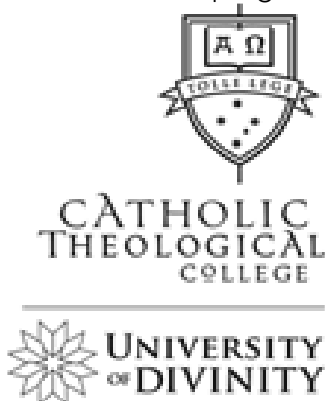
Series of short sessions: online via Zoom

Engaging Your Faith

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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Do you want newly engaged couples to be able to make a go of their marriage? Do you wonder what can be done to help them in this? Here's a marriage preparation program that works. Fr Rob Ruhnke, a Redemptorist priest in the USA, has spent years developing a program for marriage preparation, "For Better & For Ever", which doesn't rely on couples devoting enormous amounts of time to marriage prep involvement, but works instead with the relationship between a couple approaching marriage, and a couple who have lived their marriage for some years – with both learning from each other. Rob's program doesn't stop at the wedding, but invites the relationship to continue for about 2 years. It's in that time that couples begin to find challenges to their relationship – and are often afraid to talk with anyone about it, because it might show that their marriage is 'on the rocks'. It's a time when couples can learn that these challenges are a normal part of marriage, of our rough edges being rubbed off so together we can move from our individual 'families of origin' to the new 'family of origin' that the couple is developing together. It provides newly married couples a trusted relationship wherein they can talk about their reality, learn that it is normal, and find, from someone who has lived it, ways to use those challenging times to develop a new and stronger relationship. Rob has learned, during covid-19 that the training for mentor couples can now be done entirely by Zoom, so couples the world over can become involved, be mentors. You are invited to go online to <http://marriagepreparation.com>, where you can read about the program, watch several videos, etc.



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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 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 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 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 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29.

(R.) *The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. **(R.)**
2. I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John
We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children; and that is
what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been
revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him because we shall see him as he
really is.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:

the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for
his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he
sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and
scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired
man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own
know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the
Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this
fold, and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only
one flock and one shepherd.

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free
will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in
my power to take it up again; and this is the
command I have been given by my Father.'

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the
word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life
for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

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

