

# St Peter's Catholic Parish

25<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 - **Seventeenth 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

## **A younglad and the hungers of humanity**

The disciples fell into the verbal trap which Jesus set. They believed that market forces should dictate how the hunger of the crowd could be satisfied. It was a young lad who put the disciples to shame, simply handing over five barley loaves and two fish to Jesus. It was because of his generosity that Divine generosity was able to feed the crowd.

Divine desire to satisfy the hungers of humanity for the various necessities of life (food, shelter, companionship, education, medicines) require human generosity. Otherwise, Divine Compassion cannot be effective in the world.

Voluntary renunciation of property and sharing of wealth still occurs in the little oases of monasteries and convents, echoes of the radical redistribution of wealth recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 4:32-35). St Luke makes it clear that this was essentially linked to the Apostles' testifying to the Resurrection 'with great power'.

Francis of Assisi and now Francis of Buenos Aires remind us that the Church itself needs to engage in the redistribution of its wealth to enable the hungers of humanity to be satisfied. This will give authenticity to its preaching of the Gospel, and enable its evangelising to be undertaken 'with great power'.

We could take a moment to pray that we become more like the little boy in the Gospel, more like Francis of Assisi, more like Francis of Buenos Aires, voluntarily sharing our wealth to satisfy the hungers of humanity.

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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 4pm & 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, 4.30:00pm, 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

## **Contact Details**

### **Parish Priest**

Fr Paléatasala (Palé) Leota

### **Parish Secretary**

Ms Alicia O'Connor

### **Parish Council Chair**

Mrs Bernadette Wood

### **Liturgy Coordinator**

Ms Sue Heffernan

### **Finance Chair**

Mr Neil Ffrench

### **Lumen Christi Catholic College**

Mr Shane Giles (02) 6495 8888

### **Marriage Preparations**

Damien & Celi Kennedy

### **Parish Office**

Hours - 9:30am to 1:30pm  
Wednesday to Friday

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*He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.*

*"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"*

**Zeal for the promotion and restoration of the liturgy is rightly held to be a sign of the providential dispositions of God in our time, a movement of the Holy Spirit in the Church.**

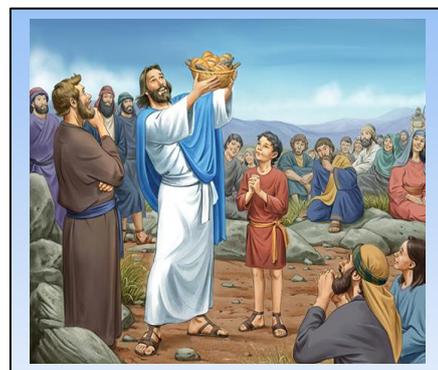
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**Parish News and Events ...**

**Please ring 0435 036 236 for any Parish enquiries**

**Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 4:00pm every Wednesday at Merimbula**

**Feast Day of the Week:** Monday – Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary  
Thursday – St Martha  
Saturday – St Ignatius of Loyola, priest



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

We warmly welcome Miley Mariah and her parents Amber & Braydon John Grant this Saturday/Sunday 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>

**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 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.

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**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**

**The Catholic Daily Voice** is available for you to subscribe to and receive via email by clicking on the following link: <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/> and follow instructions online to subscribe.

**PLANNED GIVING:** Due to a large increase in the cost of planned giving envelopes, numbers are now being reduced to a minimum. All givers whose numbers are over 70 will now be allocated a new number, effective from 1 July, 2021. Be assured your giving history will remain on file. We apologise for any inconvenience.

**Envelopes for the next financial year are available in the Church.** Your continued support is much appreciated. Contributions to the Planned Giving Program are vital to the financial viability of our Parish. Anyone wishing to join the program is asked to contact the Parish Office.

**Planned Giving Collections:**

First: \$536.45; Second: Envelopes \$475.50; Loose \$265.35

**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

**"For surely our task is not to reinforce crumbling structure on fractured ground but to find new grounds to build new communities of grace." Archbishop Peter Comenseli**

*"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"*

## World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

**Sunday, 25 July 2021**, the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, has been designated by Pope Francis, as the first **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**, to coincide with the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents. It is occurring in the Year of Amoris Laetitia Family 2021-22 with the theme, *'I am with you always'*.

Please find attached:

- The text of Pope Francis' own address for this occasion.

These and further resources can be found in an online Pastoral Kit created by the Dicastery for Laity, Family & Life.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday 7 August – Walking in the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage at Eden.

### 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 **4m<sup>2</sup>** 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 **4m<sup>2</sup>** 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 4m<sup>2</sup> rule.

Vicar General

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

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, MareeLinfoot, 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:*

John Seberry, Paul Bagnara, Narcisa Gonzales Sonares, Ingrald Ingebutisen, Jason Gaerlan, Ben Gaerlan, Ananias Javier Gonzales, Fr Brian Mahar, Anthony Holdsworth, Tekauita Sipili, 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 lakopo Nanai, Peter Grubescic, Mary Fenech, Brian Wyndham, Albina Dal Piva, Ruza Novinc, Maureen Partridge, Ken Clear, Millicent Clear, Maureen, 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.

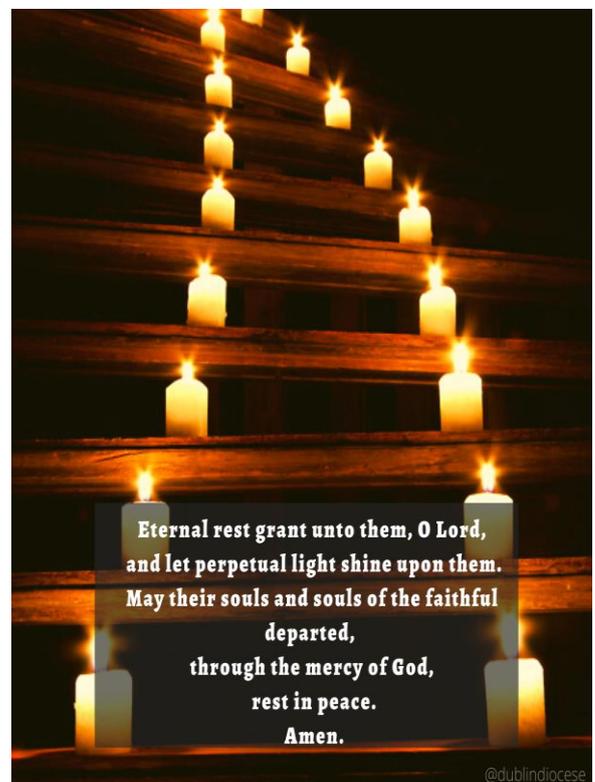
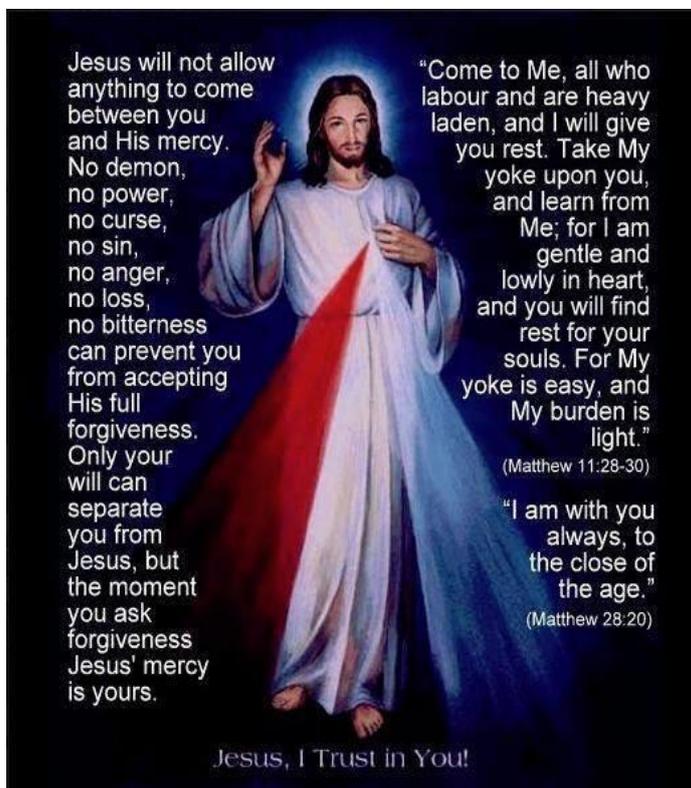
*May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of our Lord, Rest in Peace. Amen  
May the fullness of peace be theirs in eternal life.*

*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 2 Kgs 4:42-44

A reading from the second book of the Kings  
*They will eat and have some left over.*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. **R**

The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live. **R**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

### Communion Antiphon: Ps 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.

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



### Reading Eph 4:1-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians  
*There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together? There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.

### Gospel Jn 6:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.*

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.'

There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves.

The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.