

# St Peter's Catholic Parish

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 – 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*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

### *Beyond the Boundaries*

An easy way to deal with this Gospel: 'anyone who is not against us is for us,' would be to emphasise the transformation of the relationship of Catholics with Protestants. Too easy.

But what about our relationship with the Muslims? There is a huge gulf between Muslims and us about Jesus Christ. Muslims do not even believe that he was killed on the cross, let alone raised to life. We hold to the testimony and the faith of the Apostles.

But Catholics also believe that the Divine Wind blows where it pleases amongst all people of all religious traditions (and of none). In the early Church this was expressed by saying that the Seeds of the Word were sown by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of all human beings.

We need to recognise the Seed of the Word in Islam – our shared belief in the one God, Creator of the cosmos, Lord of history, merciful and just. The task of the Church is to bring that Seed closer to the illumination of Divine Light so that it may eventually grow in belief that God is indeed One in the loving relationship of Triune life.

The world is holding its breath over the encounter of the Catholic Church and Islam. There is a history of mutual violence and contemporary barbarities which are inhumane and blasphemous. But, in the face of indifference and hostility to religion, at least in the West, it is good to acknowledge what we share in common.

We may take a moment to pray for the grace to relate to those Muslims whom we know in our own society in light of our faith that the Divine Wind has sown and is nurturing the Seed of the Word amongst them.

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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 & 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

Sunday,	8:30am Eden
Sunday,	10:00am, Eden
Wednesday,	9:30am, Eden
Thursday,	9:30am, Eden
Friday,	9:30am, Eden

### 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

Mrs Alicia O'Connor

### Parish Council Chair

Mrs Bernadette Wood

### Liturgy Coordinator

Ms Sue Heffernan

### Finance Chair

Mr Neil Ffrench

### Lumen Christi Catholic College

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### Marriage Preparations

Damien & Celi Kennedy

### Parish Office

Hours - 9:30am to 1:30pm

Wednesday to Friday

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Merimbula, NSW, 2548



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## Feast Days of the Week:

Monday 27th	- St Vincent de Paul, priest
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	- Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	- St Jerome, priest, doctor
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	- St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	- The Holy Guardian Angels

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month –  
**Adoration and Benediction**  
at 8:30am at Eden,  
followed by Mass.

**PARISH NEWS & EVENTS...** Please call 0435 036 236 or email [pambula@cg.org.au](mailto:pambula@cg.org.au) for any Parish enquiries

### WELCOME BACK TO MASS! Current Mass times are as follows:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30am at Eden

Sunday 8:30am and 10:00am at Eden

BOOK IN FOR MASS: It would be appreciated if you could use the online booking links on the parish website. <http://cg.org.au/pambula/Home.aspx>

We kindly 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 name and contact number at the door.

*Please Note: Due to the changing Covid situation, there will no longer be a bus operating between St Joseph's, Merimbula, and Our Lady Star of the Sea, Eden. Apologies for the inconvenience.*

### Sacristy Renovations at St Joseph's, Merimbula:

Please consider contributing to the cost of building our beautiful new Sacristy.

Donations can be made into the following account:

BSB: 062-786

ACC: 00030097

Name: St Joseph's Pambula Sacristy Project

Reference: SURNAME SACRISTY PROJECT



**If you are unable to attend Mass at Eden, you are welcome to join online Mass at 10am Sunday via**  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/Ucc957fQR5LoAqSTORGvMfxw>

**LECTIO DIVINA:** To help deepen our relationship with the Gospels, Fr Pale is leading Lectio Divina each Wednesday 6:30pm via Zoom. Lectio Divina is an ancient way of praying with the Scriptures used heavily throughout the history of the Church by those living the Benedictine way of life. This is a simple and easy way to prayerfully experience Scripture. Please contact the Parish Office for weekly Zoom link details.

**The First Assembly of the Plenary Council begins next weekend.** Visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/> During the first General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, key moments will be live-streamed between October 3-10, including: daily masses, morning prayer for Plenary Council members, and sharing the fruits of discernment. The Opening Mass will be live-streamed from 2.00 pm AEST 3 October. Visit the Plenary Council website for a calendar of live streams during the Assembly. We ask all to prayerfully support the members as we "open the windows to let the Holy Spirit move in our Church."

**October is World Mission Month:** let us turn our hearts, minds and even our financial affairs, to the missionary work that the Catholic Church does with, and for, children around the world including Thailand. Consider your capacity to either make a major gift in this life or an eternal legacy, through a gift in your will. For more information about ways you can contribute to the vital, life-giving work supported by Catholic Mission, or for any information, please go to [www.catholicmission.org.au](http://www.catholicmission.org.au) or contact our Diocesan Director in Canberra & Goulburn, Karen McKerrow on 0411 924 288 or email at [kmckerrow@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:kmckerrow@catholicmission.org.au)

**THE MARRIAGE COURSE-STARTS 19 OCTOBER:** Explore 7 topics together in the comfort of your own home (via ZOOM). It is for all ages and stages of marriage. Starting Tuesday 19th October. Cost is \$70. To watch a trailer about the course click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qba2wYpXgUs> To register for the course: [www.cg.catholic.org.au/marriagefamily/the-marriage-course/](http://www.cg.catholic.org.au/marriagefamily/the-marriage-course/) or contact Steph Ransom [steph.ransom@cg.org.au](mailto:steph.ransom@cg.org.au)

**"Ritual bodies as 'Reasonable Worship': Putting Liturgy in Proper Ethical Perspective": 18 October 2021 (10-11:30am AEDT)**

The lecture is meant to empower Christians to be 'living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God' (Rom 12:1). Liturgy and ethics are integrally related in a sound interpretation of Christian tradition but the theological rhetoric of sacrifice, holiness, royal priesthood, and more, can be puzzling, if not provocative, for 21st century Catholics. This lecture proposes that acceptance of the disruptive challenge of this language will illuminate rather than obscure the connection between liturgy and ethical living. For more information and to book, go to: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/news-events-and-resources>

**We will be ordering 2022 editions of the Columban Calendar, Ordo and Daily Mass Book next week. Please contact the office ASAP if you would like us to order you a copy.**

View the **Catholic Voice Weekly** at <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/current-edition/>

### Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$843.10; Second: Envelopes \$1,553.00; Loose \$131.00

**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.

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## Archdiocesan Protocols COVID-19 Safety Plan: Effective Friday 17 September, 2021

### 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 singing.
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 50 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.

## Covid-19 Vaccination

Pope Francis urges us to get vaccinated as an act of love: <https://youtu.be/JWf3Ji11EaU>

Some of the things the Pope says are:

- \* Getting a Covid jab that is "authorized by the respective authorities" is an "act of love."
- \* Helping others do the same is also an act of love. "Love for oneself, love for our families and friends, and love for all peoples. Love is also social and political."
- \* The Pope noted that social and political love is built up through "small, individual gestures capable of transforming and improving societies."
- \* "Getting vaccinated is a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable"
- \* Pope Francis then prayed to God that "each one of us can make his or her own small gesture of love."
- \* "No matter how small, love is always grand... Small gestures for a better future."

## 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."**

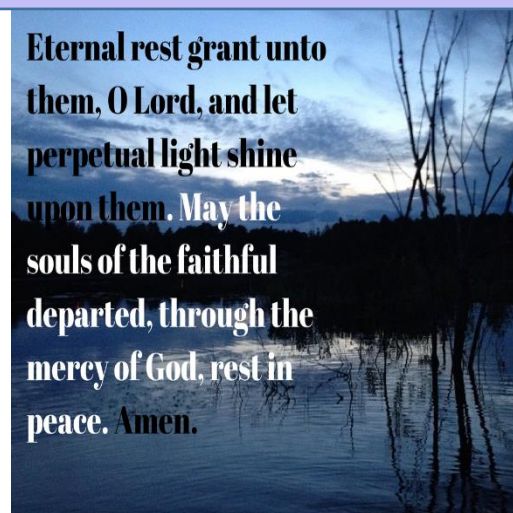
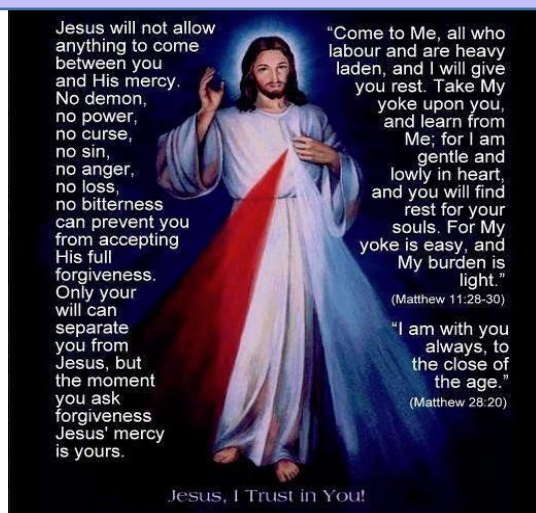
*Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers.*

Margaret Coates, Ron Anderson, Ruth Mercieca, Garry Clear, Anabella Morrell, Michele Cooper, Fraser Cooper, Margaret O'Sullivan, Tina Sio, Patricia Kay, Irene Spinks, Mary Scanlan, Shiela Kebby, Lyn Collie, Sr Benedetta Bennet, Geoff Heffernan, Jennifer Wasley, Mary O'Donnell, Judy O'Donnell, John Reynolds, Bill Peterie, Danielle Sou, Max Andrew, David Went, Ros Beveridge, Eric Mangion, Mae Hart, Anselmo Guiffre, Beata Denkiwicz, George William Field

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

Glyneth Middlemiss, Brian Middlemiss, Bernard "Bernie" Cornell, Veronica "Vonnie" Sheetz, Martin Speddings, Luigi Gianfrotta, Silvia Tagliatela, Errol Cole, John Seberry, Paul Bagnara, Narcisa Jason Gaerlan, Fr Brian Mahar, Anthony Holdsworth, Michael Tupper, Carolynne Picker, Anna Maria Weinlich, 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 Iakopo Nanai, Peter Grubestic, Mary Fenech, Brian Wyndham, Albina Dal Piva, Ruza Novinc, Maureen Partridge, Ken Clear, Millicent Clear, Peter Hamer, John Hulme, Catherine Randazzo, Jeanette Robert, Dawn Lucas, James Barry, Greg Morrison, Glyneth Middlemiss, Brian Middlemiss, 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.*



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## Sunday's Gospel and Readings

### Entrance Antiphon Dn 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

### First Reading Nm 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers

*Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?*

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

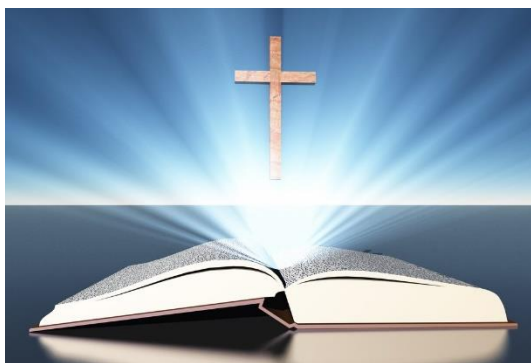
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)

So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors?

From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. (R.)



"We must always bear in mind that the Eucharist is not something we do. It is not our own commemoration of what Jesus said and did. No. It is precisely an act of Christ! It is Christ who acts there, who is on the altar. It is a gift of Christ, who makes himself present and gathers us around him, to nourish us with his Word and with his life." (Pope Francis, General Audience, 12 Feb, 2014).

### Second Reading Jas 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James

*Your wealth is rotting.*

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

### Gospel Acclamation Sggs Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

### Gospel Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

### Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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

<https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2021Sep26/0>