

# St Peter's Catholic Parish

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year C)

*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

### *The Coming of our Saviour*

Sometimes our own lives, the life of the Church, the life of societies and nations cry out for Our Lord Jesus Christ to come again right now and rescue us right now.

In some instances we can become conscious of Jesus' saving, transforming power in a particular situation. But, for the whole of humanity across the millennia, we do not know the day or the hour when death and all its warriors such as disease and violence, will be absolutely vanquished by Christ in glory.

This can lead to a type of pain which finds solace in all those things which dull the spirit. Our Lord gives examples: debauchery, drunkenness. Today he might have added 'living in the virtual world'. Rather, Our Lord wants us to live in the real world on high alert.

In the meantime each one of us can be a signal of what is to come. Each time we exhaust ourselves heroically loving someone whom others might abandon, each time we take a risk because we cry out against injustice, and in a myriad other ways, we signal that the Kingdom is already being established on earth.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the strength to be on high alert for the opportunities to translate the legacy of Jesus into our own time and place, thus giving reasons to each other for our faith and hope that Christ *has* come, Christ *is* risen, Christ *will* come again.

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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**

Saturday, 6pm, Eden  
Sunday, 8am & 10am,  
Merimbula  
Tuesday 5pm, 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 Paletasala (Pale) 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**

Mr Shane Giles (02) 6495 8888

### **Marriage Preparations**

Damien & Celi Kennedy

### **Parish Office**

Hours - 9:30am to 1:30pm

Wednesday to Friday

Phone - 0435 036 236

Email - [pambula@cg.org.au](mailto:pambula@cg.org.au)

Web - [www.cg.org.au/pambula](http://www.cg.org.au/pambula)

Address - 79 Main Street | PO Box 249,  
Merimbula, NSW, 2548



**Your redemption is  
near at hand.**

## Feast Days of the Week:

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>- St Andrew, apostle

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>- St Francis Xavier, priest

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

**If you are unable to attend Mass in person at this time, you are welcome to join online Mass at 10am Sunday via**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc957fQR5LoAqSTORgVmfXw>

### Clergy Retirement Foundation Appeal

This year's very important **Father's Day Appeal** was delayed due to Covid.

This weekend, you are invited to support the 28 retired priests in our Catholic Community and thank them for their continued Pastoral Service to us over many years.

Your generous gift enables our Clergy Retirement Foundation to continue its good work.

Envelopes are available in the Church or you can go online to <http://www.cgatholic.org.au/donate>

**Thank you kindly!**

### Walking Together Advent Resource

Created by families for families, this free, home-grown Archdiocesan program will be made available in 4 instalments (one each week), including a 10 minute video and downloadable discussion/reflection questions. Use it whenever suits you, alone or in a small group. Or join a weekly zoom discussion group.

Watch a 3 minute trailer: <https://youtu.be/0eaQJFCNxLI>

Explore the resource: [www.cgatholic.org.au/ADVENT](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/ADVENT)

Join a zoom discussion group this Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 4pm or this Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 10am

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/96186839540>

Meeting ID: 961 8683 9540

For further information please contact Lara Kirk by emailing [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au) 0429 192 869.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - EDEN, 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

The final group of students will be Confirmed at the 6pm Mass at Eden on Saturday 4th December. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

A link to useful **Faith Development Resources** are now found on the <http://cg.org.au/pambula/FaithDevelopmentResources.aspx>

**A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:** To read stories and watch videos of how ACN is helping our suffering brothers and sisters and to make a donation please visit [www.aidtochurch.org/adventappeal](http://www.aidtochurch.org/adventappeal).

**Columban Calendars** are now available for purchase from the Parish Office for \$7 each.

**READ THE CATHOLIC VOICE NEWS AT:** <https://cgatholic.org.au/>

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Lord invites us to take some time out of our busy lives to spend some time with Him in quiet adoration, prayer and reflection.

Every Wednesday at 4pm (Merimbula) & 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at 8:30am (Merimbula), 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 3pm (Eden).  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**



### BOOK IN FOR MASS ONLINE:

<http://cg.org.au/pambula/Home.aspx>

We kindly ask you to arrive early and check in by using the QR code system OR give your name and contact number at the door.

### COVID-19: Archdiocesan Protocols (NSW Parishes Only) Beginning Monday 8 November 2021

1. Face Masks are *mandatory* indoors, except children under 12 or in parish office if fully vaccinated.
2. Indoor and outdoor Masses are to observe the 2sqm rule.
3. *Service NSW app* is mandatory.
4. *Vaccinated and unvaccinated permitted at Mass.*
5. Parishioners are *not* required to produce evidence of vaccination.
6. Weddings with those who are unvaccinated restricted to 5 guests, otherwise apply 2sqm rule.
7. Funerals with those who are unvaccinated restricted to 10 attendees, otherwise apply 2sqm rule.
8. Vaccination evidence *is* to be carried by those attending weddings and funerals.

#### Liturgical Protocols

##### a. Holy Communion

i. The Body of Christ offered and received, not the Precious Blood.

ii. Received in either the hand or on tongue.

b. *Singing:* Permitted. Choirs to maintain physical distancing from congregation.

c. *Cash Collections:* Reinstated

*Vicar General 10 November 2021*

Donations towards the NEW SACRISTY 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 prefer to give a **cash** or **cheque** donation, please place this in an envelope marked with SACRISTY DONATION and YOUR NAME, and place in the 2nd Collection box. **Thank you!**

### Christmas Mass Times

#### Christmas Eve:

5pm- St Joseph's, Merimbula (Children's Mass)

7pm- Our Lady Star of the Sea, Eden

9pm- St Joseph's, Merimbula

#### Christmas Day:

10am- St Joseph's, Merimbula

**St Vinnie's Christmas Appeal will begin next week.**

### Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$824.15; Second: Envelopes \$538.00; Loose \$227.80

**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.

*"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.*

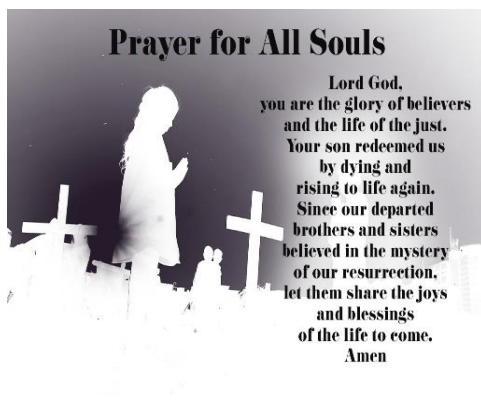
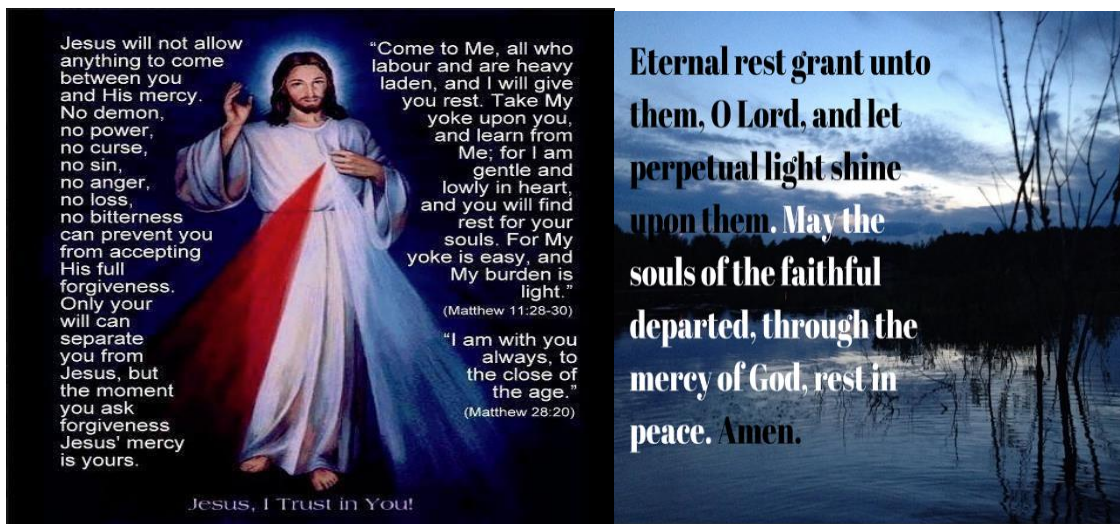
Roy Bugden, Maureen Goodman, Michael Sheppard, Anne Bugden, Sandra Bray, Fr John Boyd-Boland ofm, Simplicio Cesar Paul's Jr, Lydia V. Gaerlan, Chris Greenwood, Margaret Coates, Ron Anderson, Ruth Mercieca, Garry Clear, Anabella Morrell, Michele Cooper, Fraser Cooper, Margaret O'Sullivan, Tina Sio, Patricia Kay, Irene Spinks, Mary Scanlan, Shiela Kebby, Lyn Collie, Geoff Heffernan, Jennifer Wasley, Mary O'Donnell, Judy O'Donnell, John Reynolds, Bill Peterie, Maureen Andrew, Max Andrew, David Went, Ros Beveridge, Eric Mangion, Mae Hart, Anselmo Guiffre, Beata Denkiewicz, George William Field

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

Tony Tomasovic, Giuseppina Gianfrotta, Raymond Doughney, Danielle Louise Sou, Wilfredo A. Riosa, Desmond W. Twigg, Glyneth Middlemiss, Brian Middlemiss, Bernard "Bernie" Cornell, Veronica "Vonnie" Sheetz, Silvia Tagliatalat, Errol Cole, John Seberry, Carolynne Picker, Anna Maria Weinlich, Ronald Gaha, Coona Maureen Turner, Stumpy Wallis, Anne Riches, Edwin O'Leary, Brian Kennedy, James Geraghty, "Bill" Raymond William Thornton, Tupa'i Iakopo Nanai, Peter Grubestic, Mary Fenech, Brian Wyndham, Albina Dal Piva, Ruza & Mihajlo Novinc, Maureen Partridge, Ken Clear, Millicent Clear, Peter Hamer, John Hulme, Catherine Randazzo, Jeanette Robert, 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.*

Please advise the Office if you would like to be added to or taken off the list for prayers.



**NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS**  
November is dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and those that have departed from this life – our family, friends and loved ones. You may like to take additional time this month to pray for the souls, they need our prayers, as they too will pray for us when they reach the eternal life in Heaven.  
If you wish to make an Offering in honour of your dearly departed loved one/s, envelopes will be available in the Church.

**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."**

## Sunday's Gospel and Readings

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

### First Reading Jer 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.*

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

*To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)

### Second Reading 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

*When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

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### Gospel Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*Your redemption is near at hand.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

### Communion Antiphon Ps 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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

<https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2021Nov28/0>



### Blessing Prayer of St Joseph

*May the blessings of Joseph be among us  
attuning us to God's will each day  
attuning us with humility to those around us  
attuning us to God's transformative dreams.*

*May the blessings of Joseph be among us  
living as sons and daughters of God  
living united in our communities  
living hospitably even in difficult  
circumstances.*

*May the blessings of Joseph be among us  
still opening us to the future  
still cooperating in discerning ministries for  
mission  
still keeping us alive with love from  
daybreak to daybreak.*

*May the blessings of Joseph steep our souls  
and give us great joy!*