



# St Peter's Catholic Parish

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 - 22<sup>nd</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

### Holiness: Contagion not Quarantine

Many religious leaders have thought that some foods or some people are such a threat to the holiness of their followers that contact with 'unclean', 'defiling' foods or people must be avoided. Our Lord was totally opposed to the idea that holiness was something secured or gained by being quarantined or separated from any-thing or any-person. On the contrary, he could touch a leper or have a meal with a prostitute. Rather than defilement flowing from the leper or prostitute to Jesus, his life flowed into them repairing their broken humanity, healing them body mind spirit, holistically, making them holy.

The fact is that God, embodied in Jesus Christ, is contagious. The contagion of Divine Life is meant to flow into the inner depths of personality, into the heart. When this occurs, the Divine Life in the human person causes 'holiness'.

We have to strive to put ourselves in the way of this contagion. We become holy when we allow ourselves to be touched by our Lord Jesus Christ. How do we do this?

By hearing of His life in the Gospel, by being nourished by His life in Holy Communion, by being touched by the plight of those in whom He is to be found. St James in the second reading describes some who are particularly vulnerable in a patriarchal society with no social security system: the widows and orphans. No doubt, we can identify equivalent groups in our own society and overseas.

We could take a moment to pray that we might be more conscious of the Holy Spirit germinating something in our hearts, making us holy from the inside out, that our holiness be authenticated by good works so that we may be holy as the Lord our God is holy.

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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,	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

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

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*You forget the  
commandments of God  
and hold on to human  
tradition.*

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

**Feast Days of the Week:** Friday 3rd -St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor  
Friday 3rd -Spring Ember Day (Special day of Prayer and Penance)

On ember days, the practice of the Church is to offer prayers to the Lord for the needs of all people, especially for the productivity of the earth and for human labour, and to give Him public thanks (GNLYC 45).

### **INVITATION TO JOIN ONLINE MASS DURING LOCKDOWN**

Wishing everyone peace, comfort and good health during this time of isolation. We look forward to celebrating Mass in our Churches again soon. Please join the live stream Masses from Canberra:

**Live Stream Mass St. Christopher's Cathedral** Monday-Saturday 12.15pm; Sunday 11am

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

### **ROSARY DEVOTION**

Archbishop Christopher invites us all to pray the Rosary via Zoom. All you need are your Rosary beads and your intentions. Every Wednesday and Friday at 4 pm sharp! Zoom Meeting ID: 850 2245 8332 Passcode: 543675

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022458332?pwd=MDZ4ODFhNjlvdnFkd2l aVDQzWnAydz09>

### **DAILY VOICE**

Some familiar faces reflect on their connection with Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop at:

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/feast-of-mary-mackillop-eden-josephite-sisters-speak-with-archbishop/>

### **LECTIO DIVINA**

To help deepen our relationship with the Gospels, Fr Pale will be leading Lectio Divina each Wednesday 6:30pm via Zoom, starting on the 25<sup>th</sup> August. 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.

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86360840472?pwd=bXh1YWt0K1Mza3l4V29pSm1HS2kwZD09>

Meeting ID: 863 6084 0472 Passcode: e4u49g

### **HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO OUR PARISH**

Thank you to those parishioners who have setup regular contributions to our parish. This is a great support to our clergy and church. Please consider if your household can afford to contribute— any amount would be greatly appreciated. Those who are envelope-planned givers can easily transfer to electronic payments. If you would like to set up an electronic payment which will cover both your first and second collection donations please email the Parish Office – [pambula@cg.org.au](mailto:pambula@cg.org.au) or call 0435036236 and Alicia will assist you.

### **PLEASE SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL THIS SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2021**

We were going to run an appeal for Catholic Mission this weekend, however, due to Covid restrictions, this will now take place online. The appeal for 2021 focuses on the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok.

For we **CANNOT KEEP SPEAKING** about what we have **SEEN & HEARD** ACTS 4:20

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai\*, who having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when her partner cast she experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant.

**Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most.**

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/thailand](http://catholicmission.org.au/thailand) or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

\*Name and images altered to protect identity



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/thailand](http://catholicmission.org.au/thailand)



### **Sacristy & Sanctuary Renovations to St Joseph's Church, Merimbula September-October 2021**

All Sunday Masses will be at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Eden from Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September – 3<sup>rd</sup> October due to the closure of St Joseph's Church, Merimbula for renovations. There will ONLY be Sunday Masses at 8:30am and 10am. There will be no Vigil Mass. This is also dependent on the lockdown easing. Please notify the Parish Office if you wish to catch the bus that will leave from the church in Merimbula to take parishioners to Mass in Eden. Apologies for any inconvenience.

**Archdiocesan Protocols COVID-19 Safety Plan:  
Effective Saturday 14 August, 2021, until further notice  
(Vicar General)**

1. Parish Offices are closed.
2. Churches and chapels are closed.
3. Public Masses and other Public Liturgies are not to be celebrated. However:

*Funerals* (10 people only, not including ministers) are permitted.

*Weddings* (5 people only, couple, minister, two witnesses) are permitted.

4. Holy Communion can be taken to the sick.
5. Anointing of the Sick can be celebrated.
6. Visitation to hospitals by priests should be minimal (rely on designated hospital chaplains where possible).
7. Face Masks are mandatory.

**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.”***

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

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

Ron Anderson, Ruth Mercieca, Garry Clear, Anabella Morrell, Michele Cooper, Frazer Cooper, Margaret O’Sullivan, Tina Sio, Patricia Kay, Irene Spinks, Mary Scanlan, Shiela Kebby, Lyn Collie, Sr Benedetta Bennet, 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, Mae Hart, Anselmo Guiffre, Beata Denkiewicz, George William Field.

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

Veronica “Vonnie” Sheetz, Martin Speddings, Luigi Gianfrotta, Silvia Tagliatalat, Errol Cole, Yvonne Sixthsmith, Jean Sheedy, John Seberry, Paul Bagnara, Narcisa Jason Gaerlan, Ben Gaerlan, Ananias Javier Gonzales, Fr Brian Mahar, Anthony Holdsworth, 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 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, 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.*

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)

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

Jesus, I Trust in You!

*“Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit”*

### *Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 85:3,5*

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

### *First Reading Dt 4:1-2, 6-8*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord.*

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

### *Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1*

*R: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

### *Second Reading Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27*

A reading from the letter of St James

*Be doers of the word.*

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoil religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

### *Gospel Acclamation Jas 1:18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

### *Gospel Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
*You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.*

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

*This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'*

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

### *Communion Antiphon Mt 5:9-10*

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

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

