

St Peter's Catholic Parish

Sunday 3rd October, 2021 – 27th 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

Fully Grounded Humans

In storytelling genre, the inspired author of Genesis portrays God forming the first human creature from 'dust from the ground', which is 'Adamah' in Hebrew. The very breath of God is breathed into its nostrils. It has a soul so as to share the gift of Divine life.

But before we become too heady, we find that the human being is called 'Adam' which means 'earth creature'. Human beings are created 'earthy'.

Pope Francis says: 'We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf Gen2:7); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters.' (2 Laudato Si' italics added). Where did the recurring 'her' come from? Listen to St Francis of Assisi in his Canticum of the Creatures:

'Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs.'

This leads Pope Francis to say '... Our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.' (1 Laudato Si').

If this way of putting it is true (as I believe it is) then the degradation and wanton destruction of the environment is surely a type of domestic violence in our common home. It is family violence.

A well-grounded human being will oppose domestic violence. Let us do so adopting the spiritual and practical ecology of St Francis of Assisi, adapted for our age by Pope Francis.

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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

Mass Times

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

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 9:30am - 10:00am, Merimbula

Saturday, before Vigil Mass, Eden

Adoration

Every Wednesday at 4:00pm & 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.

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

Contact Details

Parish Priest

Fr Paletasala (Pale) Leota

Parish Secretary

Mrs Alicia O'Connor

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Mrs Bernadette Wood

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Parish Office

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**What God has joined
together,
no one must divide.**

Feast Days of the Week:

Monday 4th - St Francis of Assisi

Thursday 7th - Our Lady of the Rosary

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS... Please call 0435 036 236 or email pambula@cg.org.au for any Parish enquiries

Daylight Savings begins this Sunday 3 October. Remember to put your clocks forward 1 hour before bedtime on Saturday!

THE FIRST ASSEMBLY OF THE 5TH PLENARY COUNCIL BEGINS THIS SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER

Visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>

The Opening Mass will be live-streamed from 2.00 pm AEDT 3 October. 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. 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."

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.

RENOVATIONS AT ST JOSEPH'S NEAR COMPLETION

Please consider contributing to the cost of building our beautiful new Sacristy. Donations can be made into the following account:

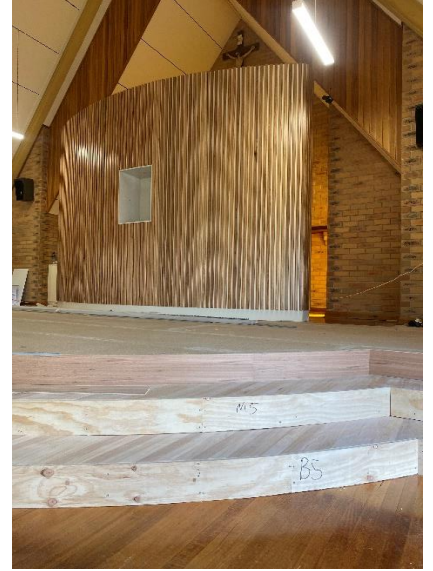
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Name: St Joseph's Pambula Sacristy Project

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.



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/Ucc957fQR5LoAqST0RGvMfxw>

WORKING BEE: SATURDAY 9 OCTOBER AT ST JOSEPH'S, MERIMBULA 9AM-12PM.



*PLEASE COME HELP CLEAN/SET UP THE CHURCH.

*HELP MOVE HEAVY ITEMS SUCH AS PEWS.

*BYO CLEANING EQUIPMENT, BROOMS, DUSTERS, CLOTHS, ETC.

*DRINKS PROVIDED!

LECTIO DIVINA: Fr Pale continues to lead 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.

October is World Mission Month: 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 work supported by Catholic Mission, please go to www.catholicmission.org.au or contact our Diocesan Director, Karen McKerrow, on 0411 924 288 or 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.cgatholic.org.au/marriagefamily/the-marriage-course/ or contact Steph Ransom 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>

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

Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$612.70; Second: Envelopes \$655.50; Loose \$178.50

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.

The Church is nourished spiritually at the table of God's word and at the table of the Eucharist: from the one it grows in wisdom and from the other in holiness...The celebration of Mass in which the word is heard and the Eucharist is offered and received forms but one single act of divine worship.

"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"

Archdiocesan Protocols COVID-19 (NSW Parishes Only)

Current Situation in open LGA areas

Masks are mandatory, except children under 12.

1. Gatherings are to observe the 4sqm rule.
2. No singing.
3. Service NSW app to be used for COVID Safe Check-in.
4. Parish Offices Open.

Beginning Monday 11 October 2021

1, 2, 3, 4, 5 apply.

Mass only for those who are fully vaccinated.

Weddings for those unvaccinated restricted to 5 guests, otherwise apply 4sqm rule.

Funerals for those unvaccinated restricted to 10 people, otherwise apply 4sqm rule.

Beginning Monday 18 October 2021

1, 2, 3, 4, 5 apply.

Mass, Weddings, Funerals: for fully vaccinated and those who are not.

Liturgical Protocols

Holy Communion

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

Received in the hand, not on the tongue.

Sign of Peace – no touching.

Music: Permitted and encouraged.

Singing: Not permitted.

Cash Collections: Encouraged, with touching minimised.

Vicar General

29 September 2021

Feast of the Archangels

**PLEASE NOTE:
COVID RULES ARE
CHANGING OVER
THE COMING
WEEKS.**

Covid-19 Vaccination

Pope Francis urges us to get vaccinated as an act of love: <https://youtu.be/JWf3Ji1EaU>

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.”



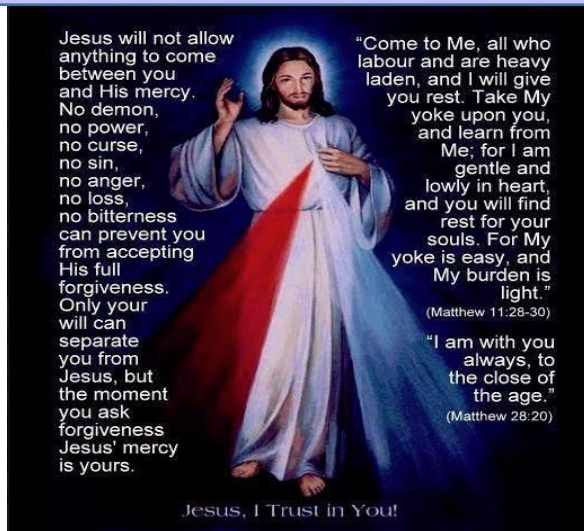
Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers.

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 Denkwicz, George William Field

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

Desmond W. Twigg, 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 Grubescic, 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.*



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.

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.”

“Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit”

Sunday's Gospel and Readings

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Est 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading Gen 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis

They were two in one flesh.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127. R. v.5

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper. (R.)

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! (R.)

Second Reading Heb 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation cf. 1 Jn 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 10:2-16

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Communion Antiphon Cf. 1 Cor 10:17

Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

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

<https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2021Oct03/0>



<https://unsplash.com/collections/1260845/silhouettes>