

St Peter's Catholic Parish

Sunday 30th January, 2022 – 4th 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

God-given Identity

Nazara was a village of 300-400 people and it had a small town mentality. The inhabitants were enraged when Jesus found good precedent for extending his saving mission to foreigners outside the community of the Chosen People. Jesus embodied the boundary-breaking nature of God's grace.

Many Christians recite the old formula: 'No salvation outside the Church.' But we Catholics believe that, by responding to God's (often anonymous) grace, a person can lead a good life which prepares them for heavenly glory.

This means that the billions around the world who will never hear the Gospel, or who hear it distorted through the megaphone of an alien culture, can be saved. There is no limit/boundary to the Merciful God's finding a way into the hearts of all human beings.

We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for our graced privilege of being members of the Church, nourished within it by the Sacraments and the Gospel, but whose boundaries can never circumscribe the mercy of God.

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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 & 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.

Mass Times

Saturday 6pm, Eden
Sunday 8am, Pambula
10am, Merimbula
Tuesday 5pm, Merimbula
Wednesday 9:30am, Pambula
Thursday 9:30am, Eden
Friday 9:30am, Merimbula

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

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Parish Office

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Elisha, was not sent only
to the Jews.*

Feast Days of the Week:

Monday 31st January- St John Bosco, priest

Wednesday 2nd February- The Presentation of the Lord

Saturday 5th February- St Agatha, virgin, martyr

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS... Please call 0435 036

236 or email pambula@cg.org.au for any Parish enquiries

READ THE CATHOLIC VOICE NEWS AT:

<https://cgatholic.org.au/>

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.

Latest Archdiocesan Protocols COVID-19 NSW & ACT Parishes Vicar General, 13 January 2022

1. Masks are mandatory in both the ACT and NSW in all indoor spaces:

- The celebrant removes the mask as he begins the Liturgy up until the distribution of Holy Communion, when it must be worn. It is removed again for the Purification, Prayer After Communion and Final Blessing. It must be worn for the procession out.
- Lectors remove their mask when proclaiming the Word of God, prayers of the faithful, etc.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) wear masks when distributing the Sacred Host.

2. Music is permitted and encouraged to enhance the Liturgy, but not singing until further notice:

- If the choir is sufficiently distanced from the congregation, then prudent judgement can permit singing by choir only.

3. Reception of Holy Communion:

- Sacred Host only, not the Precious Blood.
- Communion in the hand only, not on the tongue, until further notice (due to the highly contagious nature of the latest variant of COVID-19).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Dear Parishioners, we are commencing a **children's liturgy** during our **10am mass at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula**. The liturgy will take place on the **fourth Sunday of each month commencing on Sunday 27th February 2022**. Parents, grandparents and carers are encouraged to bring children along to share in the good news. We hope to see many of our young parishioners at these masses. From Fr Pale and the Catechist Team.

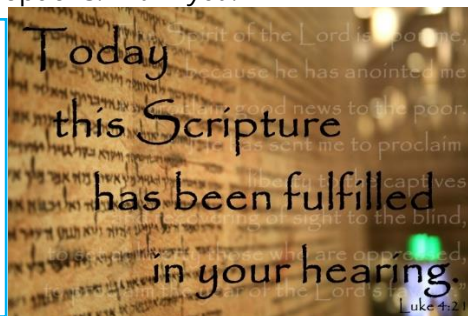
PARISH CENTRE PROJECT: As our Sacristy and Sanctuary is now complete, let us turn our attention to the new Parish Centre Project. *Donations towards the new Parish Centre are now welcomed.* If you would like to give a cash or cheque donation, please place this in an envelope marked with PARISH CENTRE PROJECT and YOUR NAME, and place in the 2nd Collection box. We are currently finalising direct bank deposit options. *Thank you!*

Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$744.95;

Second: Envelopes \$455.50; Loose \$457.20

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.



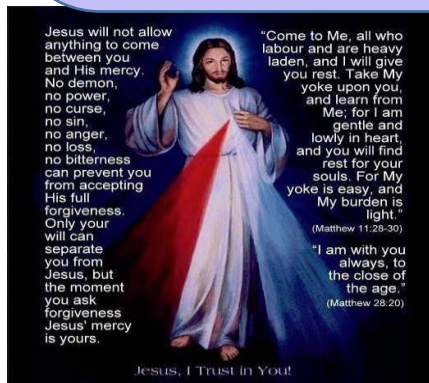
Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers.

Tony Vella, Peter Lewis, 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, Anabella Morrell, Fraser Cooper, Margaret O'Sullivan, Patricia Kay, Irene Spinks, Mary Scanlan, Lyn Collie, Geoff Heffernan, Mary O'Donnell, Judy O'Donnell, John Reynolds, Max Andrew, David Went, Ros Beveridge, Eric Mangion, Mae Hart, Anselmo Guiffre, Beata Denkiewicz, George William Field, Una Smith.

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

Albina & Gildo Dal Piva, Joseph O'Grady, Marina Garcia Sepulvida, Ruza & Mihajlo Novinc, Carol Cash, Andrew Brodie, Colin Riches, Danielle Sou, Jacqui Carleton, Millie Clear, Ken Clear, Peter Hamer, Richard Klimas, Roy Bugden, Robert Gianfrotta, John Tagliatela, Tina Sio, Sheila Kebby, Tony Tomasic, Giuseppina Gianfrotta, Raymond Doughney, Wilfredo A. Riosa, Desmond W. Twigg, Veronica "Vonnie" Sheetz, Silvia Tagliatela, 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, Tupa'i Iakopo Nanai, Peter Grubestic, Mary Fenech, Brian Wyndham, Maureen Partridge, John Hulme, Catherine Randazzo, Jeanette Robert, James Barry, Greg Morrison, Glyneth Middlemiss, Brian Middlemiss, Mary D'Arcy, Janine Capell, Winifred Stephenson, Paletasala Paulo.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of our Lord, Rest in Peace. Amen



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."

Sunday's Gospel and Readings

Entrance Antiphon Ps 105:47

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

(R.) I will sing of your salvation.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. (R.)

Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me; for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. (R.)

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth. On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help. (R.)

My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help. O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful.

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Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.' When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 30:17-18

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

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

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