

# St Peter's Catholic Parish

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2021 – 31<sup>st</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

### The Dual Command

Jesus does not command us to love 'God' in the abstract. Teaching Jew to Jew he says: 'You shall love the Lord your God' – the Lord who had rescued the Jewish people from slavery. So, commanding a love which responds to an initiative of Divine Love.

Why wouldn't one respond 'heart, mind, strength, soul' in gratitude for the gift of life itself, for some particular person or incident, for the beauty and grandeur of nature, for rescue from some situation which seemed to engulf us? And if the Lord God loved you in such a way, why wouldn't you love yourself?

Then you can properly 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. There is nothing sentimental in his teaching from Leviticus 19:18 and the preceding verses. Jesus was pointing to the system of social justice which looked after the poor and which did not exploit workers. It is up to us as global citizens of the 21st century to recognise as 'neighbours' those beyond our borders and to love them in the practical 'Levitical' way.

Fulfilling the Dual Command, we guard against the extremes of religious piety or social activism and become Christian humanists loving God and neighbour. We might pause a moment to pray in responsive gratitude to the Lord God, and to commit ourselves to loving our neighbour, hoping to hear the words of Jesus Christ: 'You are not far from the Kingdom 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 & 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

October is the month of the Rosary: Devotion before Mass

November is the month for All Souls

## 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

Web - www.cg.org.au/pambula

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



*This is the first  
commandment, and the  
second is similar to it.*

## Feast Days of the Week:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November- All Saints

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November- The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November- St Charles Borromeo, bishop

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

### COVID-19 PROTOCOLS AND RESTRICTIONS

"Everyone should look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." – Philippians 2:4. As we continue to gather and worship together, it is very important that we be as safe as possible. It is required for all who enter and are in our worship and gathering spaces and parish office for any reason to comply with the recommendations of the COVID 19 Plan and Restrictions.

1. Masks are *mandatory*, except children under 12.
2. Gatherings are to observe the *4sqm rule*.
3. No singing.
4. *Service NSW app* to be used for *COVID Safe Check-in*.
5. Parish Offices Open.
6. Mass, Weddings, Funerals: *for fully vaccinated and those who are not.*

#### Liturgical Protocols

##### a. Holy Communion

- i. The Body of Christ offered and received, not the Precious Blood.
- ii. Received in the hand, not on the tongue.
- iii. Sign of Peace – no touching.

##### b. Music: Permitted and encouraged.

##### c. Singing: Not permitted.

##### d. Cash Collections: Encouraged, with touching minimised.

By being safe and respecting others in our community, we are an example of God's love. We are grateful that our Church – which is God's house and our home – is an example of our love for one another.

**THIS SUNDAY OCTOBER 31st IS MISSION SUNDAY:** Envelopes will be available at Mass. Thank you for your kind support.

### REMEMBRANCE MASS

This year's **Remembrance Mass** will be held at St Joseph's Merimbula commencing at **9.30am on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021**. After Mass, you are most welcome to join the families of those parishioners who have died in the past 12 months, for a cuppa in the courtyard. Covid-19 restrictions will be in place.

**AN ORIENTATION DAY REMINDER to all students who have enrolled at Lumen Christi Catholic College for 2022.**

#### KINDERGARTEN 2022

Day 1: Thursday, 2 December 2021 – 9:00am to 11:00am

Day 2: Thursday, 9 December 2021 – 9:00am to 11:00am

*Children attend both days and wear comfortable clothes and runners, bring a drink & hat.*

#### YEAR 7 2022

Wednesday, 24 November, 2021 – 9:00am to 3:20pm

*Students wear their primary sports uniform and runners. Bring pencil case, recess, lunch, drink & hat.*

### Volunteers needed!

**MAINTENANCE GROUP AT ST JOSEPH'S** ~ Volunteers needed to maintain the large grounds surrounding the church. **For more information please speak to Father or the office.**

**CHURCH CLEANING MAINTENANCE** ~ Volunteers needed for general maintenance and cleaning duties (2 hours, once a month as per Roster) at St Joseph's, Merimbula. **Kindly contact Chantal Meslin or the Parish Office.**

### 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

**All Saints Mass**  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 10am at Eden**

**All Souls' Mass**  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 5pm at Merimbula**

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.

### 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.

### A message from Aid to the Church in

**Need Australia:** Would you consider becoming an ACN parish representative and volunteering to help ACN tell more Australians about the suffering Church? If you are interested in representing ACN in your local parish, please call 1800 101 201 or email [cecilia@aidtochurch.org](mailto:cecilia@aidtochurch.org). Kind Regards, **Teresa Hodal** (Communications Coordinator).

### WALKING TOGETHER ADVENT PROGRAM

Parishes and individuals can now register their interest for the family-themed *Walking Together* Advent program produced by the local Archdiocese at:

[bit.ly/WalkingTogether\\_Advent](http://bit.ly/WalkingTogether_Advent)

The short videos and discussion questions will be available for download week by week starting Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November to be used in small discussion groups. Enquiries:

[lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au) 0429 192 869

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

You can still contribute to the cost of building and supporting 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 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!*



<https://www.victoriaalliance.ca/podcasts/media/2019-07-07-called-to-love>

### Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$407.20; Second: Envelopes \$548.00; Loose \$211.55

*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 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.

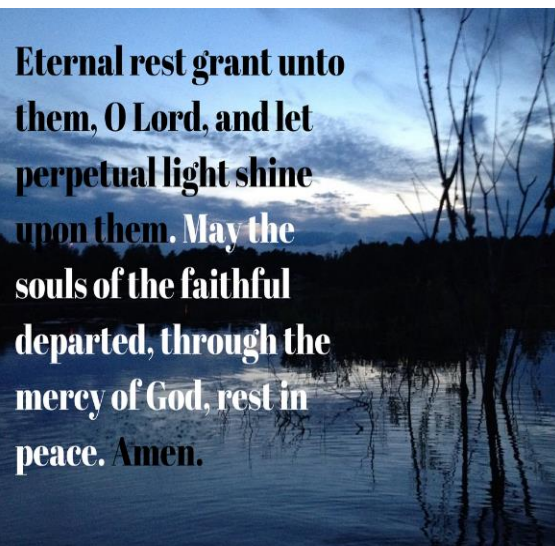
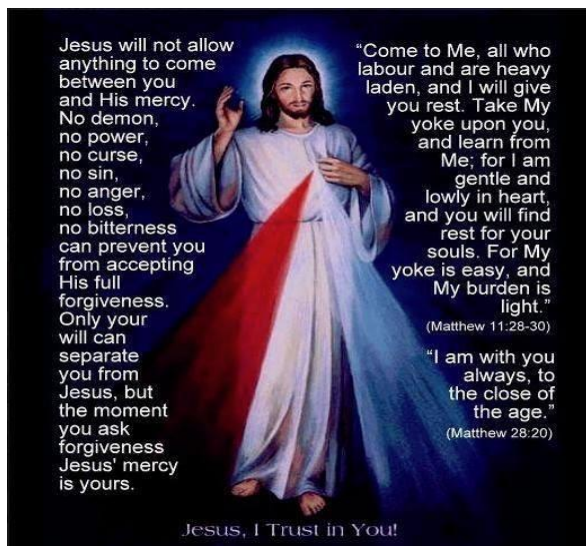
Maureen Goodman, Michael Sheppard, Anne Bugden, Sandra Bray, Fr John Boyd-Boland ofm, Simplicio Cesar Paul's Jr, Lydia V. Gaerlan, Chris Greenwood, Margaret Coates, Ron Anderson, Ruth Mercieca, Garry Clear, Anabella Morrell, Michele Cooper, Fraser Cooper, Margaret O'Sullivan, Tina Sio, Patricia Kay, Irene Spinks, Mary Scanlan, Shiela Kebby, Lyn Collie, Geoff Heffeman, 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:

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 lakopo 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, 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.



*"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"*



## Sunday's Gospel and Readings

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong  
salvation!

### First Reading Dt 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all  
your heart.*

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God  
all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and  
commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long  
life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen  
then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you  
prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of  
your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where  
milk and honey flow. 'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is  
the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all  
your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let  
these words I urge on you today be written on your  
heart.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

*I love you Lord, my strength.*

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my  
saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my  
shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved  
from my foes. (R.)

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be to the God  
that saves me. He has given great victories to his king  
and shown love for his anointed. (R.)

### Second Reading Heb 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal  
priesthood.*

There used to be a great number of priests under the  
former covenant, because death put an end to each one  
of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for  
ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that  
his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for  
ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.  
To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy,  
innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of  
sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who  
would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the  
other high priests do for their own sins and then for  
those of the people, because he has done this once and  
for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests  
who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on  
oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who  
is made perfect for ever.

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### Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to  
them. Alleluia!

### Gospel Mk 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
*This is the first commandment, and the second is similar  
to it.*

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a  
question to him, 'Which is the first of all the  
commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first:  
Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and  
you must love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your  
strength. The second is this: You must love your  
neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment  
greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well  
spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is  
one and there is no other. To love him with all your  
heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to  
love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more  
important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus,  
seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far  
from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared  
to question him any more.

### Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 15:11

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in  
your presence, O Lord.

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

<https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2021Oct31/0>



<https://oconnor.uca.org.au/reflections/sunday-4th-november-2018/>