



St Peter's Catholic Parish

4th July, 2021 – **Fourteenth Sunday**

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 other may experience the love of Christ.

We sincerely acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, the Yuin people.

REFLECTION by *Fr Michael Tate* **Home town crowds and 'mighty works'**

I recommend viewing the film 'Billy Elliott' in which a youngster found that his body 'went electric' when he danced. To give expression to this, he had to break from the expectations of his family in a decaying mining town in the north of England.

Jesus had a similar experience. His home town of Nazareth wanted to keep him in the box they could deal with: 'the carpenter's son'. But he was aware of a divine dynamism which welled up from the depths of who he was and it had to find expression in 'mighty works'. So, he left Nazareth, never to return.

Each person has a unique identity and role conceived by God. Of course, we must be careful not to stifle it in others. But, first, we must try to discern what it is for ourselves. Why was I loved into existence just now, and not in the third or the twenty-third century? The cosmos as desired by God will be incomplete if I let others dictate who I am. God's plan of salvation history will be disrupted if I don't fulfil the role he wants me to play.

We could take a moment to pray for certain gifts of the Holy Spirit; understanding and wisdom to be enlightened as to one's unique identity and role, and then courage to persevere against the odds, perhaps confounding the expectations of others, so as to go on and perform his 'mighty works'.

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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)

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

Eden: Saturday, before Vigil Mass

Adoration

Merimbula: Every Wednesday 4:00pm

Eden: 1st Friday of the month at 8:30am

& 1st Sunday at 3:00pm

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 4:30pm, Merimbula

Wednesday, 9:30am, Merimbula

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 &

Wednesday 4pm, St Joseph's

Merimbula



*A prophet is despised only
in his own country.*

"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"

The readings from the Word of God are to be **LISTENED to REVERENTLY** by everyone, for they are an element of the greatest importance in the Liturgy. Although in the readings from Sacred Scripture, the Word of God is addressed to all people of whatever era and is understandable to them, a fuller understanding and a greater efficaciousness of the word is nevertheless fostered by a living commentary on the world, that is, by the **HOMILY**, as part of the liturgical action. *GIRM 29*



Parish News and Events ... Please ring 0435 036 236 for any Parish enquiries

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

NO MASS next week except Friday.

Get vaccinated for the common good: Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

Flowers at St Joseph's Merimbula: roster numbers need boosting. If you would like to join the ladies on the flower roster for St Joseph's, please call Helen on 0400 304 044.

Book-in for Mass Please remember that as per restrictions we are still expected **to book and check in for mass**, maintain a special-distance of 2 square metres, receive Holy Communion in the hand only, refrain from physical contact when offering the Sign of Peace, and to sanitise when entering and exiting the premises. Please email or ring the parish office between 10:00am – 1:00pm Wed - Fri. Ph: 0435 036 236.
<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/wpcontent/uploads/2020/10/201008>

PLEASE KEEP FOLLOWING ALL OF THE COVID-19 PROTOCOLS IN THE CHURCH

When you are checking in for mass, it would be appreciated if you use the online booking links on the parish website. <http://cg.org.au/pambula/Home.aspx> They are clearly visible under the heading BOOK IN FOR MASS. Please click on the relevant link and register your details. This system is being regularly monitored and is much easier than using the email or voice message at the parish office.

Please note that bookings for Eden Vigil Mass and 8:00 am Merimbula Mass close at 3:00 pm on Saturday and 10:00 Merimbula Mass closes at 8:00 pm on Saturday. Please pass this to your friends and family. Thank you.

We 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 first name and contact number at the door. Thank you

The Catholic Daily Voice is available for you to subscribe to and receive via email by clicking on the attached link: <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/> and follow instructions online to subscribe.

PLANNED GIVING: Due to a large increase in the cost of planned giving envelopes, numbers are now being reduced to a minimum. All givers whose numbers are over 70 will now be allocated a new number, effective from 1 July, 2021. Be assured your giving history will remain on file. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Envelopes for the next financial year are available in the Church today. Your continued support is much appreciated. Contributions to the Planned Giving Program are vital to the financial viability of our Parish. Anyone wishing to join the program is asked to contact the Parish Office.

Planned Giving Collections:

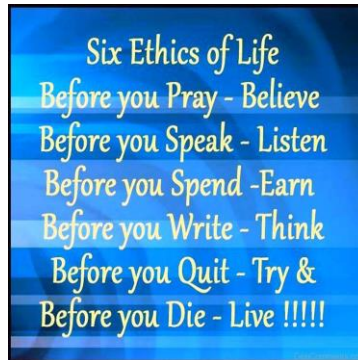
First: \$520.10; Second: Envelopes \$390.50; Loose \$159.20

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

Parish Centre Merimbula

The aged Parish Centre in Merimbula has been closed as it fails to meet OH&S standards thereby posing an unacceptable insurance risk on the Parish. The plan is to demolish the centre and replace it with a new transportable incorporating the Parish Office and a disabled toilet. The Centre will need to be cleared out in preparation for demolition. This will include both the meeting room area and the storage area utilised by both Vinnies and the Parish. Items left in those areas are free for anyone interested.



Parish Pastoral Council

PPC members are a means of communication for perceived and pastoral needs in the Parish, ideas, suggestions & feedback.

Archdiocesan Protocols COVID-19 Safety Plan: Effective Monday, 28 June 2021 for NSW Parishes Only

Masses, Weddings, Liturgies, Gatherings

1. **Masks are mandatory** for those 12 years +
2. Priest (when celebrating Liturgy) and Lectors (when proclaiming the Word) can dispense with the mask
3. Priest and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion **must wear masks when distributing the Sacred Host**
4. **No congregational singing**, but a cantor (x4) can sing if **4m²** from congregation
5. Holy Communion **only under the species of bread**
6. Holy Communion to be received **only in the hand**
7. No touching at the sign of peace
8. Collection bags not to be passed around, but can be placed on an extended stick to allow collection of cash by a few parishioners
9. Apply the **4m²** rule to all liturgies and gatherings (except funerals).

Funerals

10. Restricted to 100 persons.

Other Matters

11. Service NSW App is **mandatory**
12. **Physical roster** is reasonable for those who are unable to use the App (keep for 30 days)
13. Availability of hand sanitiser is essential
14. Families can sit together, but in relation to other persons/families apply 4m² rule.

Vicar General

Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers. Margaret O'Sullivan, Tina Sio, Anthony Holdsworth, Patricia Kay, Irene Spinks, Mary Scanlan, Shiela Kebby, Lyn Collie, Sr Benedetta Bennet, Rincy MaryPaul, 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 & Joan Darr

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

Fr Brian Mahar, Tekauita Sipili, 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, Anotonio Ziino, Maureen Frances DuBock, 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 & Mike Aggenbach.

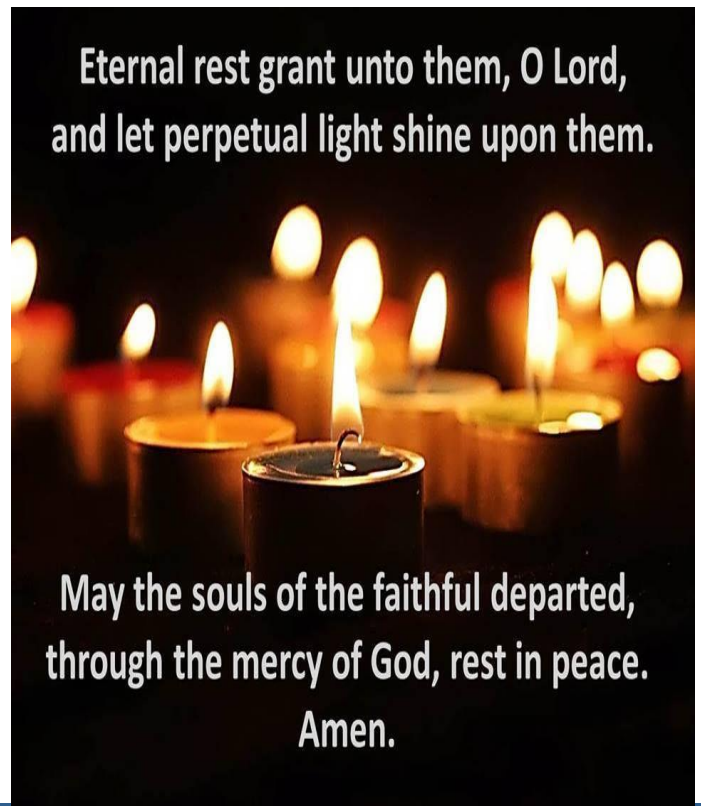
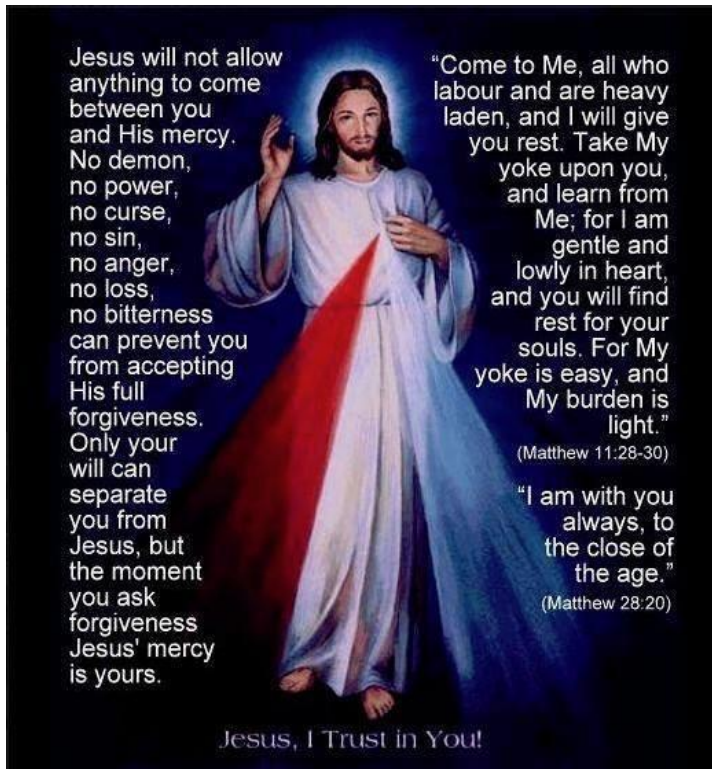
*May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of our Lord, Rest in Peace. Amen.
May the fullness of peace be theirs in eternal life*

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

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



"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"

National NAIDOC Week 2021 4 – 11 July

For thousands of years before the arrival of Western settlers (in Australia), the sole inhabitants of the land were indigenous peoples, the **ABORIGINES AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS**. Their ancient heritage forms an essential part of the cultural landscape of modern Australia. Thanks to the Australian Government's courageous decision to acknowledge the injustices committed against the indigenous peoples in the past, concrete steps are now being taken to achieve reconciliation based on mutual respect. Rightly, you are seeking to close the gap between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians regarding life expectancy, educational achievement and economic opportunity! This example of reconciliation offers hope to peoples all over the world who long to see their rights affirmed and their contribution to society acknowledged and promoted.

Pope Benedict XVI, World Youth Day 2008

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 7 August –
Walking in the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage at Eden.

WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers to our Parish. If you have recently moved into the parish or have not registered as a parishioner, we invite you to complete a new parishioner card and invite you to join the stewardship program. The new parishioner cards are located on the table in the church in the middle aisle.

Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding

Dear Parishioners

We are all aware of the findings of the recent Royal Commission into Institutional abuse. Our Parish is fortunate to accept an offer from Maria Hicks from the Archdiocese's Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding to come down and speak to us.

Maria would like to make clear the standards expected and practices to follow to keep both ourselves and all those we come into contact with safe, when fulfilling our roles in Church life. Maria recommends that all people come and listen and share your concerns. Maria will give time to answer any questions you have.

Absolutely everyone is welcome, and I urge you to come along and become informed of the standards and how to safeguard both yourself and those who you engage with at church and church sanctioned events.

Maria will be here on **Thursday 22 July, at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula at 7.00pm**. Look forward to seeing you there.

Important Dates for Sacrament of CONFIRMATION: Family Masses

Thursday 29 July - Confirmation Retreat Day

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Eden 9:15am-2:30pm.

All students making their Confirmation attend this day. The College bus will transport students from LCCC. Other students arrange their own transport to and from the Church.

Sacrament of Confirmation: **Sunday, 8 August**
St Joseph's Church, Merimbula 10:00am.

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each one of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Plenary Council Prayer:

Come Holy Spirit of Pentecost! Come Holy Spirit of the Great South Land! Oh God bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognize Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a Hope filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey, from age to age. Amen

Partaking in the Eucharist commits us to others, especially the poor, teaching us to pass from the flesh of Christ to the flesh of our brothers and sisters, in whom he waits to be recognised, served, honoured and loved by us.

Pope Francis Catechesis on the Mass 2018



Reading Ez 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 122. R. v.2

(R.) *Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.*

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords. **(R.)**

Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of his mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he shows us his mercy. **(R.)**

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain. **(R.)**

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Communion Antiphon Ps 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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

**Reading 2 Cor 12:7-10**

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

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So

I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Gospel Mk 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the Sabbath, he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him?

This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Josef and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

