

St Peter's Catholic Parish

Sunday 5th December, 2021 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

*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

We are John the Baptists

Do we have to be like John the Baptist, eccentrically dressed and scavenging for food, to prepare the way of the Lord? No. You and I are called to be a John or Joan the Baptist, preparing people's hearts in our own time and place.

But we have to allow God to prepare our hearts for this role. John the Baptist challenges us to 'Repent', i.e. to turn around our own lives seeking God's forgiveness. John then challenges us to see the big picture which is that 'All who live shall see the salvation of God'.

Pope Francis is the exemplary universal pastor inspiring us to become 'les mercifuls sans frontieres'. And young people through social media are already saying 'We are one community of human beings on this fragile planet'.

The challenge for most of us is more immediate and apparently of smaller scope. The challenge this Advent is to identify the one person whose heart you can help prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord Jesus in three weeks' time. The best method is to let that person see your faith and joy centred on that little Jewish baby lying in a manger.

Do that, and who knows what may happen because that little baby is in fact the Sovereign Lord of history and of the whole cosmos. With God's grace, you don't have to be as eccentric or bizarre as John the Baptist to play your part in changing the course of history!

We could take a moment to pray that, repenting of our own sins where necessary, we may prepare the heart of at least one person so that the Lord Jesus may enter in this Christmas, helping him fulfil his mission that all who live shall see the salvation 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 & 10am,
Merimbula
Tuesday 5pm, 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,
St Joseph's Merimbula

Contact Details

Parish Priest

Fr Paletasala (Pale) Leota

Parish Secretary

Mrs Alicia O'Connor

Parish Council Chair

Mrs Bernadette Wood

Liturgy Coordinator

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Damien & Celi Kennedy

Parish Office

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**All people shall see the
salvation of God.**

Feast Days of the Week:

Tuesday 7th - St Ambrose, bishop, doctor

Wednesday 8th - The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

If you are unable to attend Mass in person at this time, you are welcome to join online Mass at 10am Sunday via

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc957fQR5LoAqSTORgVmfXw>

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - EDEN, 4TH DECEMBER

The final group of students will be Confirmed at the 6pm Mass at Eden this Saturday 4th December.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO ARE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION THIS SATURDAY.

On your Confirmation Day...

We pray that the Lord
Will always surround you
With the fullness of His love,
That He will always lead you
By the light of His truth,
And that He will always bless you
With the peace of His presence.



LUMEN CHRISTI YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS

This Wednesday 8 December 10am at St Joseph's. This will be a special day as the mass will coincide with the Solemnity of The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

NB: The mass will be at 10am, to allow time for students and parents to arrive. Please keep the Year 6 children in your prayers as they celebrate the end of Primary School.

WE WISH TO CONGRATULATE THE YEAR 12 CLASS OF 2021 ON THEIR GRADUATION. WISHING THEM EVERY BLESSING IN THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVOURS!

Walking Together Advent Resource

Created by families for families, this free, home-grown Archdiocesan program will be made available in 4 instalments (one each week), including a 10 minute video and downloadable discussion/reflection questions. Use it whenever suits you, alone or in a small group. Or join a weekly zoom discussion group.

Watch a 3 minute trailer: <https://youtu.be/0eaQJFCNxLI>

Explore the resource: www.cgatholic.org.au/ADVENT

Join a zoom discussion group this Sunday 28th 4pm or this Tuesday 30th 10am

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/96186839540>

Meeting ID: 961 8683 9540

For further information please contact Lara Kirk by emailing lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869.

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) & 1st Friday of the month at 8:30am (Merimbula), 1st Sunday at 3pm (Eden).
ALL ARE WELCOME



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve:

5pm- St Joseph's, Merimbula (Children's Mass)

7pm- Our Lady Star of the Sea, Eden

9pm- St Joseph's, Merimbula

Christmas Day:

10am- St Joseph's, Merimbula

BOOK IN FOR MASS ONLINE:

<http://cg.org.au/pambula/Home.aspx>

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.

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL begins this weekend. Please give generously.

Columban Calendars are now available for purchase from the Parish Office for \$7

COVID-19: Archdiocesan Protocols (NSW Parishes Only) Beginning Monday 8 November 2021

1. Face Masks are *mandatory* indoors, except children under 12 or in parish office if fully vaccinated.
2. Indoor and outdoor Masses are to observe the 2sqm rule.
3. Service NSW app is mandatory.
4. Funerals with those who are unvaccinated restricted to 10 attendees, otherwise apply 2sqm rule.
5. Vaccination evidence is to be carried by those attending weddings and funerals.

Liturgical Protocols

- a. Singing: Permitted. Choirs to maintain physical distancing from congregation.
 - b. Cash Collections: Reinstated
- Vicar General 10 November 2021

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION ST JOSEPH'S, MERIMBULA WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER AT 7PM

Donations towards the NEW SACRISTY 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!**

A link to useful Faith Development

Resources can be found at

<http://cg.org.au/pambula/FaithDevelopmentResources.aspx>

Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$699.35; Second: Envelopes \$624.00; Loose \$344.85

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.

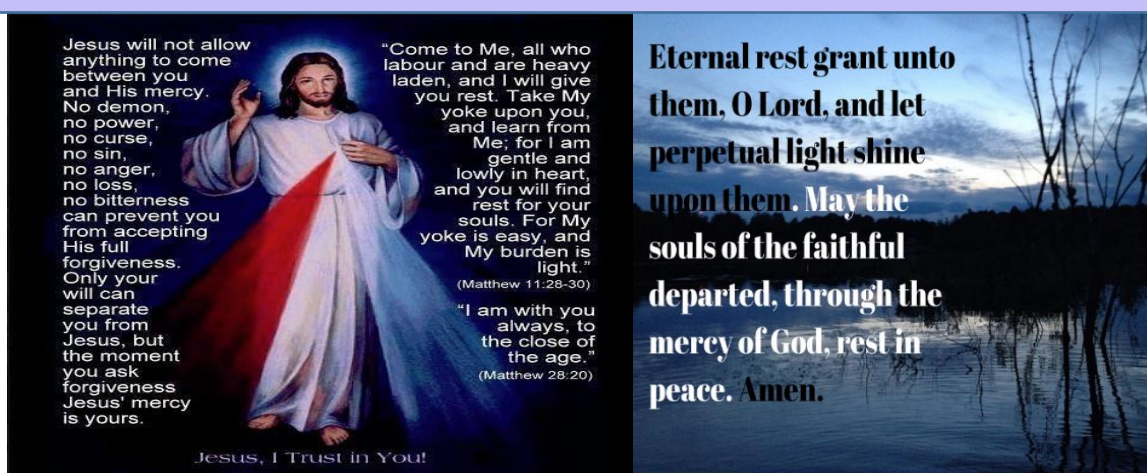
Peter Lewis, Roy Bugden, Maureen Goodman, Michael Sheppard, Anne Bugden, Sandra Bray, Fr John Boyd-Boland ofm, Simplicio Cesar Paul's Jr, Lydia V. Gaerlan, Chris Greenwood, Margaret Coates, Ron Anderson, Anabella Morrell, Fraser Cooper, Margaret O'Sullivan, Tina Sio, Patricia Kay, Irene Spinks, Mary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

Tony Tomasovic, Giuseppina Gianfrotta, Raymond Doughney, Danielle Louise Sou, Wilfredo A. Riosa, Desmond W. Twigg, 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, Tupa'i Iakopo Nanai, Peter Grubestic, Mary Fenech, Brian Wyndham, Albina Dal Piva, Ruza & Mihajlo 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, Paletasala Paulo.

*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.



Prayer for the 2021 International Day of People with Disability



God of all people,

You have made us in your image, delighting in your creation.
Help us to see and receive
each person as a beloved and unique part of your body.
We are all part of the Body of Christ.

You desire all people to use their gifts to enrich the world around them.
Help us to celebrate and support
the participation and leadership of people with disability in our communities.
We are all part of the Body of Christ.

You give and sustain life, opening ways of thinking and doing that allow all to grow.
Help us to be inclusive
in welcoming people with disability as a vital part of "us".
We are all part of the Body of Christ.

We ask this through Christ, who lives within us and calls us all to fullness of life.

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. Is 30:19,30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First Reading Bar 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch

Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. R. v.3

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)



Sunday's Gospel and Readings

Second Reading Phil 1:3-6. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 3:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Communion Antiphon Bar 5:5; 4:36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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

<https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/dats/2021/2021050>