



St Peter's Catholic Parish

9th May, 2021 – **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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*

Cornelius, Catholics and Love

A pagan Roman officer was so evidently graced by the Holy Spirit that St Peter realised that the followers of Jesus Christ need not be constrained within the confines of Judaism. This incident, together with St Paul's mission, has helped Christianity spread to every tribe and nation on the face of the earth.

'Catholic' simply means 'worldwide', and the Church's universal mission is to preach the truth of Christ's victory over death and the true meaning of love: 'No greater love can a man have than to lay down his life for his friend.'

In our experience, this is best exemplified in the desire of a mother or father to substitute themselves for a dying infant or child. Our Lord practiced what he preached with incredible intensity. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us, whom he calls friends, those with whom he wishes to share his victory over death.

This is the message entrusted to the members of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church to be spread to the people of every tribe and nation.

We could take a moment to pray that we better express our undying gratitude for our status as friends of the Risen Lord, and better do our part as missionary disciples spreading the news of his great love embracing the whole of humanity.

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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

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, 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, St Joseph's Merimbula

"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"

The Month of May. Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord's return....

In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honors with special love **Mary, the Mother of God**, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be. *SC 102, 103*

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Friday - St Matthias, apostle

When **the Sacred Scriptures** are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel. *GIRM 29*

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 recognized, served, honoured and loved by us. *Pope Francis Catechesis on the Mass 2018*

The Marian Month of May is the month of the ROSARY

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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!! I would like to wish all mothers a very Happy Mother's Day. Thank you for all the sacrifices you have made for us. Thank you for the gift of life. Today, as we celebrate and gather as a community of Faith, we gather with Mother Church to receive all she has to share with us. My prayer for our Parish is that we recognise the maternal gifts of the Church. The Church is meant to be a place for healing, and nurturing our God-given gifts. It is a place where we can grow in freedom to become true servants of God. I encourage you to seek the freedom that God desires for you, then seek ways to serve and to encourage others. With heartfelt gratitude, may we thank God for the love of Mothers and care-givers for their children and their families. Their nurturing love and attention is never forgotten. Let us remember all Mothers, and those who mother us, living and deceased, and pray that God will bless them abundantly. On this Mother's Day, I thank each of you for your prayers, your presence and your gifts that add to this household of Faith.

Parent Formation Evening at 6:00pm on Wednesday 12/5 at St Joseph's, Merimbula

VIGIL Mass on Saturday has now changed to 5:00pm at Eden

Tuesday Mass is also moved forward to 4:30pm

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>

Invest Your Marriage! Starting Tues 11 May

St Joseph's Parish couples of every age and stage are warmly invited to join a 7 week course designed to strengthen your most important relationship. The Marriage Course, run via zoom by the Archdiocese, 7:15pm - 9:30pm Tuesdays, starts May 11. Participate together over a glass of wine from the privacy of your own home. Watch presentations with other couples but discuss content privately with your spouse. The cost is \$70 including two workbooks.

Register for free 30min info session 7.30pm Tuesday 27 Register and pay for course at <https://bit.ly/TMCRegister>

General info at <https://themarriagecourse.org/> Enquiries steph.ransom@cg.org.au

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.

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.

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_UpdatedArchProtocols_PercyA.pdf

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.

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Thank you for your generosity and God bless you all

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

Sr Benedetta Bennet, Rincy Mary Paul, 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, Marie Hart, Anselmo Guiffre & Beata Denkiewicz, Joan Darr

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

Edwin O'Leary, Brian Kennedy, Francine, James Geraghty, Patrick Ahern, Angela Plevey, Otila L Wright Howard Collins, 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.

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 Merimbula Church; First Sunday 3:00pm at Eden

VACANCY: Parish Secretary

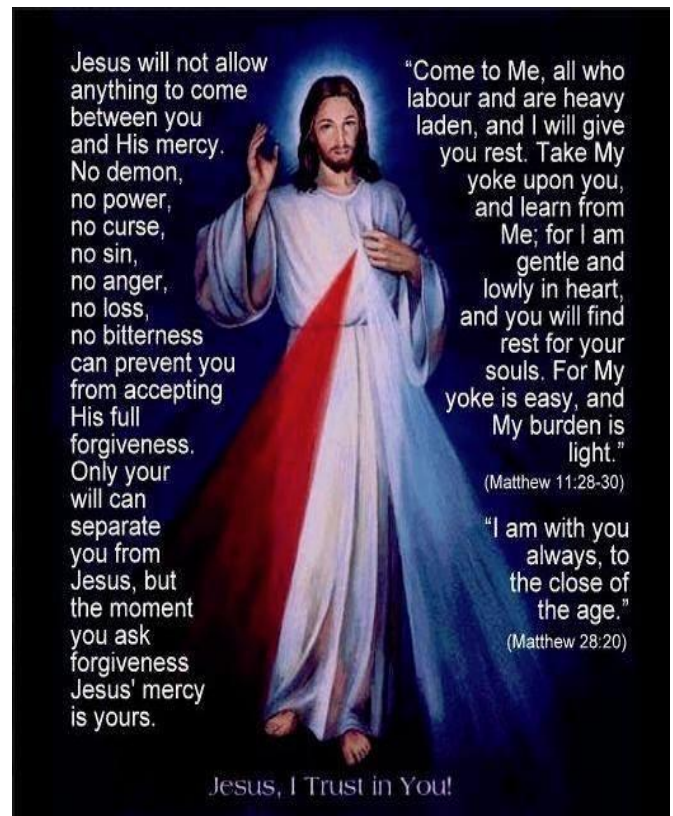
Applicants are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary for St Peter's Parish, Pambula (Merimbula). This is a part-time permanent position from 9:30am to 1:30pm each day, Wednesday to Friday each week.

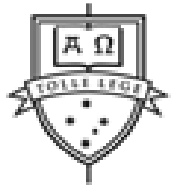
Essential Requirements:

- Experience with financial & database packages.
- Strong communication and liaison skills
- Strong organisational skills
- Ability to work in a team environment and take direction.
- Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teachings.
- Experience in an office environment.

Salary will be subject to Clerk Award Level 4/5. Please email pambula@cg.org.au or phone 0435 036 236 for a copy of the selection criteria and duty statement. Application and Resume may be addressed to: The Parish Priest of St Peter's Parish Pambula. PO Box 249 MERIMBULA NSW 2548

Applications close 11:59pm, Friday, May 28, 2021.





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Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$20 per session, running 11 to 31 May. Booking, payment and further information: www.ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/

How is your knowledge of the Bible? Have you taken time to really study the scriptures? Would you like to explore the Book of Genesis? You are welcome to join a discussion group held each Monday afternoon in the Pambula Hospitality Centre. The first Genesis session is Monday 19 April, commencing at 1:00 pm. For more information, please contact Anne 0408 241 230.



LITURGY COMMITTEE Meeting on Tuesday 7:00pm
May 11 at Mary MacKillop Hall, Eden.

PPC COMMITTEE Meeting on Thursday, May 20 at
7:00pm Eden.

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH TO THE SON

Lord Jesus,
You grew in wisdom and maturity
as you lived in the family of Nazareth
in daily communion with St Joseph and
Mary, your mother.
From St Joseph, you learned the dignity
of human work.
Give parents the wisdom to support their
Children and to guide them in the way and work
of your Kingdom.
St Joseph, faithful parent and diligent worker,
pray for us.

Important Dates for Sacrament of CONFIRMATION:

Parent Formation Evening #1

Wednesday, 12 May

St Joseph's Church, Merimbula 6:00pm - 7:30pm
(Supper provided, child-minding available) Please
RSVP to Antoinette.Woods@cg.catholic.edu.au
for catering purposes.

Enrolment Mass

Saturday, 22 May & Sunday 23 May

Eden's Our Lady Star of the Sea 5:00pm Saturday and
St Joseph's Church, Merimbula 10:00am Sunday

Parent Formation Evening #2 TBC

Wednesday, 16 June

St Joseph's Church, Merimbula 6:00pm - 7:30pm
(Supper provided, child-minding available)

Family Masses

Saturdays and Sundays in May, June, July and August
Sat 5:00pm Eden/Sunday 8am & 10:00am in
Merimbula

Jobs will be allocated so children play an active role
in the Mass.

*If you are unable to attend, you need to let Fr Pale
know beforehand by emailing him on*

Pale.Leota@cg.org.au

Thursday 29 July TBC - 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.

Registrations for the ACU Centre for Liturgy online

public lecture (Monday May 17, 2021) "**Liturgy and
Sacraments in a COVID World: Renewal not Restoration**" to
be given by Monsignor Professor Kevin W Irwin close
next week, on 13 May.

The public lecture will run from 10am-11:30am AEST via
Zoom and you will find more information about it on
our [News, events and resources webpage](#).

Registrations can do [here](#).

**Administrative Officer (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
8.30am - 4.30pm)**

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First Reading Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **(R.)**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Jn 4: 7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John

God is love.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him;

this is the love I mean:

not our love for God,

but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans.

I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 15:9-17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.'

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;

proclaim to the ends of the earth:

The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, alleluia.

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

