

# St Peter's Catholic Parish

4 April, 2021 – **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

*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*

### **Dawn has Broken – The Son is Risen**

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bonfire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

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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**

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, 6:00pm, Eden  
Sunday, 8:00am, Merimbula  
Sunday, 10:00am, Merimbula  
Tuesday, 5:00pm, 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

## **Contact Details**

### **Parish Priest**

*Fr Paletasala (Pale) Leota*

### **Parish Secretary**

### **Parish Council Chair**

*Mrs Bernadette Wood*

### **Liturgy Coordinator**

*Ms Sue Heffernan*

### **Finance Chair**

*Mr Neil Ffrench*

### **Lumen Christi Catholic College**

*Mr Shane Giles (02)64958888*

### **Marriage Preparations**

*Damien & Celi Kennedy*

### **Parish Office**

*Hours – 10:00am to 1:00pm*

*Wednesday to Thursday,*

*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*



*" Alleluia! He is risen from the dead."*

*"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"*

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**FRIDAY PENANCE.** Friday is a traditional day of penance and should be marked by prayer, self-denial and helping others. During Lent penance should be not only inward and individual, but also outward and social. *SC 110*

**What Is the Meaning of Lent? - Biblical Meaning and Purpose**

Lent is meant to be a time of repentance. These 40 days are set aside to praise and worship the Lord; to read the Bible more, and to pray more often. Christians who observe Lent correctly anticipate deeper intimacy with the Lord.

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

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

7:00pm: Holy Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> April – Celebration of the Lord's Last Supper at Merimbula

11:00am: Good Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Stations of the Cross: Eden and Lumen Christi Catholic College Hall, Pambula Beach Road

3:00pm: The Passion of our Lord, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion at Lumen Christi College Hall

6:00pm: Holy Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Easter Vigil of the most holy night at Eden

8:00am & 10:00am: Easter Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April at Lumen Christi Catholic College Hall

**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.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** Divine Mercy Sunday completes the Octave of Easter. We receive our redemption and salvation through mercy- ("For all have sinned and fall short"- Romans 3:23). Every Mass next Sunday (11th) is a Divine Mercy Mass. Divine Mercy devotion (Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image, adoration, chaplet) will take place at 2:30-3:30pm 11th April at both Eden Church and St Patrick's Church Bega. FYI Good Friday begins the Novena for this feast.

**No Parish Liturgy Committee Meeting in April**

**ALLELUIA! HE HAS RISEN; HE IS NOT HERE (Mark 16:6) HAPPY EASTER!**

May the Risen Lord and the blessing of Easter with all its rich treasure, peace and joy be part of you life today, tomorrow and always.

**Mass at IMLAY HOUSE this Thursday at 11:00am**

**Mass on Friday is at 11am celebrating with the Filipino community 500 year Anniversary of the Catholic Church in the Philippines. All welcome**

**PARISH CENTRE CLOSURE, Merimbula**

Due to some OH&S issues with the Merimbula Parish Centre it will be closed until further notice. A review will be completed and decisions taken as to the remedial action and /or future of the existing Centre. Whilst this Centre is unavailable, Parish Committee meetings will be held in Mary Mackillop Hall in Eden. Apologies for any inconvenience caused by this closure.

**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 10am - 1pm Wed - Fri. Ph: 0435036236 –

[https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/wpcontent/uploads/2020/10/201008\\_UpdatedArchProtocols\\_PercyA.pdf](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.

**Planned Giving Collections:** First: \$577.40; Second: Envelopes \$580.60; Loose \$267.65

*Thank you for your generosity and God bless you all*

*"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"*

## Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick

Jennifer Wasley, Maree Linfoot, Mary O'Donnell, Judy O'Donnell, John Reynolds, Bill Petrie, Ysmael Valencia, Danielle Sou, Max Andrew, David Went, Ros Beveridge, Roy Bugden, Eric Mangion, Marie Hart, Anselmo Guiffre, Beata Denkiewicz.

## For the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including,

Otila L Wright, Arlette, Guidoni, Howard Collins, Patricia Friend, Sandra E. Wood, Monsignor Kevin Barry-Cotter, "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, Olga Novinc, Kieth Balantyne, Kim Geraghty, Dawn Lucas, James Barry, Greg Morrison, Glyneth Middlemiss, Brian Middlemiss, Errol Cole, Mary D'Arcy, Janine Capell, Winifred Stephenson.

*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."*

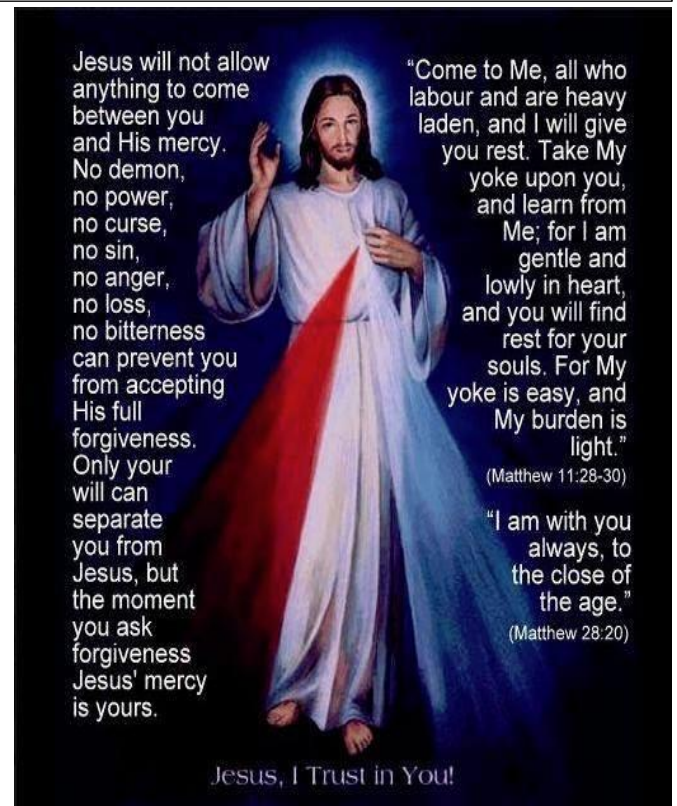
*The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed before Mass on Sunday and Adoration and Benediction on every First Friday at 8.30am Merimbula Church; First Sunday 3:00pm at Eden*

### 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](mailto: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 Friday April 9, 2021.  
 (Please note change of closing date)



**On Good Friday**, our Parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Each day, the news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to the Good Friday Collection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God...

### Project Compassion

Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

Please return Project Compassion boxes & envelopes.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Do you want newly engaged couples to be able to make a go of their marriage? Do you wonder what can be done to help them in this? Here's a marriage preparation program that works. Fr Rob Ruhnke, a Redemptorist priest in the USA, has spent years developing a program for marriage preparation, "For Better & For Ever", which doesn't rely on couples devoting enormous amounts of time to marriage prep involvement, but works instead with the relationship between a couple approaching marriage, and a couple who have lived their marriage for some years – with both learning from each other. Rob's program doesn't stop at the wedding, but invites the relationship to continue for about 2 years. It's in that time that couples begin to find challenges to their relationship – and are often afraid to talk with anyone about it, because it might show that their marriage is 'on the rocks'. It's a time when couples can learn that these challenges are a normal part of marriage, of our rough edges being rubbed off so together we can move from our individual 'families of origin' to the new 'family of origin' that the couple is developing together. It provides newly married couples a trusted relationship wherein they can talk about their reality, learn that it is normal, and find, from someone who has lived it, ways to use those challenging times to develop a new and stronger relationship. Rob has learned, during covid-19, that the training for mentor couples can now be done entirely by Zoom, so couples the world over can become involved, be mentors. You are invited to go online to <http://marriagepreparation.com>, where you can read about the program, watch several videos, etc.



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### Important Dates for Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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](mailto: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 5pm Eden/Sunday 10am 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](mailto: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 TBC  
St Joseph's Church, Merimbula 10:00am.

### First Reading Acts 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23

**(R.)** *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

### Second Reading Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians  
*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

### Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

### Gospel Jn 20:1-9

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter, who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture that he must rise from the dead.

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 138:18,5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.

You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.

Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia,  
alleluia.

### Communion Antiphon 1 Cor 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;  
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened  
bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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

