

St Peter's Catholic Parish

7th February, 2021 – **Fifth 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 other may experience the love of Christ.

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

REFLECTION by *Fr Michael Tate*

The Divine Touch

The mother-in-law of Simon (Peter) was sick in bed with a raging fever. When Jesus learned about her distressed state, he 'took her by the hand and helped her up'. He broke the taboo about physical contact with a woman not his relative because he wanted to holistically heal her disease.

Simon's mother-in-law didn't need an aspirin and a cup of tea. She felt quarantined, isolated, and needed a hand reassuring her of sociable relationships. Jesus overcame her fever and her dis-ease with the world. At every Mass we exchange a physical gesture at the greeting of Peace. This quite often overcomes being ill-at-ease with a family member or just with the neighbour in the pew. We need to take that symbolic action into the world. For somebody, it may be the most touching thing we ever do. We could pause for a moment to identify that person who needs us to reach out, to take their hand and help them up.

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"Praise the Lord, for he is Good"

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-10am, Merimbula
Saturday, before Vigil Mass, Eden

Adoration

1st Friday of the month at 8:30am,
Merimbula
1st Sunday at 3pm, Eden

Weddings

By appointment only – at least 6
months notice in advance.

Mass Times

Saturday, 6pm, Eden
Sunday, 8am, Merimbula
Sunday, 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

"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"

In consideration the Church as *the home of the word*, attention must first be given to the sacred liturgy, for the liturgy is the privileged setting in the which God speaks to us in the midst of our lives; he speaks today to his people, who hear and respond.
Verbum Domini (2010)52

Feasts of the Week

Wednesday - St Scholastica
Thursday - Our Lady of Lourdes



Parish News and Events ... Please ring 0435036236 for any parish enquiries

We extend a very warm welcome to Fr Bernie Patterson who will be doing Mass supply this weekend.

Liturgy Committee Meeting on Tuesday 9th February at 7pm, Parish Center

The World Day of Prayer is held each year on the first Friday of March. This year it is on 5th March and is being hosted by St Joseph's Merimbula. It would be wonderful to have parishioners involved so if you are interested, please come along to a meeting on Tuesday 9th February at 2.00 pm, in the Merimbula Parish Centre. For more information, contact Teresa Hamer or Anne Maddock

Book-in for Mass

Please remember that as per restrictions we are still expected **to book and check in for mass**, maintain a spacial-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

REMINDER: The maximum number of people at a religious service (*not including weddings and funerals*) must not exceed 300 (120) people in or outside (30) subject to the 2 square meter rule.

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 also. Thank you.

Columban Calendars 2021 are now available in the Parish Office at \$10 each.

The Ordo...available from the office. The Ordo is a reference book and an aid to the Celebration of the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours. It is a comprehensive list of daily and Sunday readings and follows the General Roman Calendar found in the Roman Missal.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES: 8:30am EDEN, 10am & 5pm Merimbula

Planned Giving Collections; Planned Giving Collections; First: \$646.55 Second: Envelopes \$488

Loose \$398.40; Credit Card Giving: January: \$1160.00

Thank you for your generosity and God bless you all

Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick

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 Denkwicz.

For the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including,

Mary Fenech, Bernard Lamers, Rex Healy, Giuseppe Condemi, Brian Wyndham, Albina Dal Piva, Ruza Novinc, Maureen Partridge, Ken Clear, Millicent Clear, Anotnio Ziino, Maureen Frances DuBock, Sr Philomena Kalmund RSJ, Sr St Jude Doyle RSC, Peter Hamer, John Hulme, Milvia Silveri, Catherine Randazzo, Robert Gianfrotta, Jeanette Robert, Louis Pintin, Joy Bugden, Olga Novinc, Kieth Balantyne, Kim Geraghty, Dawn Lucas, James Barry, Greg Morrison, Claire Thomas, Glyneth Middlemiss, Brian Middlemiss, Errol Cole, Mary D'Arcy, Janine Capell.

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."

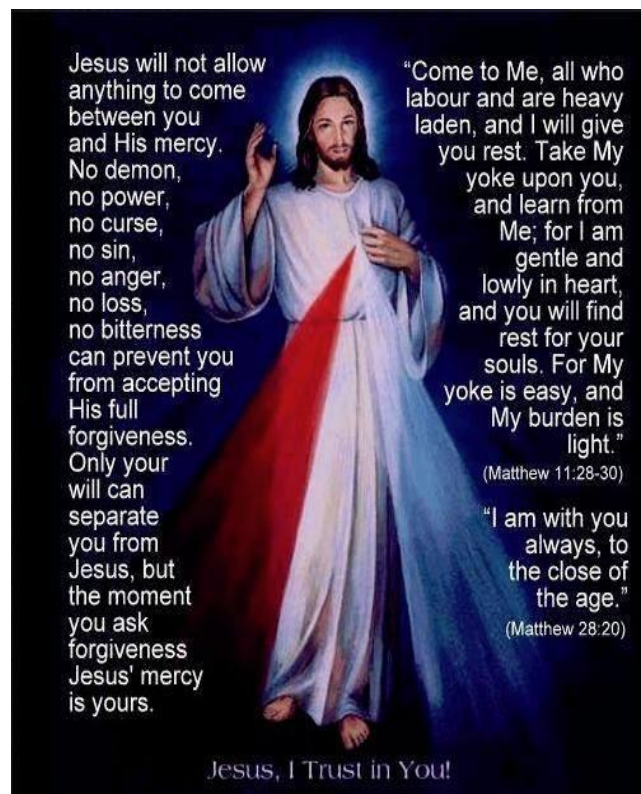
The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed before Mass on Sunday and Adoration and Benediction on every First Friday at 8.30am Merimbula Church; First Sunday 3pm at Eden

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer for Australia

Lord you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



CODE OF CONDUCT: All volunteers in our parish need to read the Code of Conduct for the **Protection of Children**, then sign and return the form to the parish Office stating you have read it. This needs to happen before you start your ministry. For those in the Caring Groups, Senior Servers, Catechists, Priests and Deacons they need to have a Working With Children Approval from the Government. The Parish Office is legally bound to keep up to date records of Signed Code of Conduct forms and WWC Approvals and forward regular reports to the Institute of Professional Standards and Safeguarding in Canberra. Please check with the Parish Office to make sure those on Rosters have been given a copy of the Code of Conduct or Working With Children forms to comply with regulations. We are all charged with the responsibility of looking after children. Copies of the Code of Conduct are available from the office.

Workers Health and Safety (WH&S. Previously (O.H.&S)

Is another area where we are all charged with making sure that each of us are safe by reporting any dangerous situation to the parish office or official or by taking an immediate step if needed. This is another Government Regulations and there are many Reports needing to be made concerning Fire, Electricity, signage and many other areas. Neil Ffrench and Frank Davie are the volunteers in charge of this area and will be working in consultation with the Parish Finance Committee.

Copyright is also a legal requirement and all hymns sung in our liturgies need to be under our copyright agreement and their titles reported regularly to our Licence provider so the composers can be paid.

Pope Francis has announced the ‘Year of St. Joseph.’

For the occasion, a special “Year of St. Joseph” will be held from today through Dec. 8, 2021.

The prayer to St. Joseph that Francis has said for more than 40 years

By Kathleen N. Hattrup

“It expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph,” the Holy Father reflects. In a footnote in his new apostolic letter on St. Joseph, Pope Francis notes that for more than 40 years, he has said a special prayer to St. Joseph after morning prayer. He explains that it is taken from a 19th-century French prayer book of the promise of your Son. As light from this candle, may the blessings of Christ come upon us brightening way and guiding us by His truth. May Christ our Saviour bring light into the darkness of our world and to us as we await for His coming.

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty.

Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome.

My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

How to Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Use Rosary beads and start at the cross.



- 1** Make the Sign of the Cross, then pray the following:
O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!
- 2** Lord's Prayer (Our Father)
- 3** Hail Mary
- 4** Apostles' Creed
- 5** For each of the five sets of beads, on the large bead, say:
Eternal Father, I offer you the body and blood, soul and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
- 6** On each of the ten smaller beads, say:
For the sake of his sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
- 7** After reciting this set of prayers five times (on all five decades), conclude by saying the following prayer three times:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
End by making the Sign of the Cross.

First Reading Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the book of Job

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than
pressed service, his time no better than hired
drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the
workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have
passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath, and that
my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving;
to him our praise is due. **(R.)**
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. **(R.)**
3. Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **(R.)**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God and bow low before
the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

Second Reading 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
*Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the
Gospel.*

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a
duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished
if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself,
I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a
responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do
you know what my reward is? It is this: in my
preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and
not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made
myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I
could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made
myself all things to all men in order to save some at
any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel,
to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*He cured many who suffered from diseases of one
kind or another.*

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and
John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now
Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever,
and they told him about her straightaway. He went to
her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the
fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all
who were sick and those who were possessed by devils.
The whole town came crowding round the door, and
he cured many who were suffering from diseases of
one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but
he would not allow them to speak, because they knew
who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left
the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed
there. Simon and his companions set out in search of
him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is
looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to
the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach
there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all
through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and
casting out devils.