

# St Peter's Catholic Parish

10<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 – The BAPTISM 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.

## A Whisper echoing Heaven

Jesus was immersed in the Waters of the River Jordan as though he were a repentant sinner. Why? Jesus wanted to be identified with the mass of sinful humanity. During this great act of solidarity, Jesus clearly had a mystical experience as He emerged from the waters: the Heavens opening, the Spirit descending like a dove, and hearing a bat qol, a whisper echoing Heaven.

Each of us has been incorporated into Our Lord's Baptism. At whatever age we received Baptism, the Heavens were opened and Divine love and power streamed from Heaven to earth. The Holy Spirit, Divine Lover of humanity, hovered gently. Deep down, at the intimate wellspring of life, the Divine Voice was heard: 'You are my beloved daughter' or 'You are my beloved son, my favour rests on you.'

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might wake up each morning with that Divine Voice ringing in our ears, and then re-echoing it in our lives.

Fr. Michael Tate

## 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

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at 8:30am, Merimbula  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 – 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

Mrs Patricia Field

### Parish Council Chair

Mrs Bernadette Wood

### Liturgy Coordinator

Ms Sue Heffeman

### Finance Chair

Mr Neil Ffrench

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### Parish Office

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2548



*" I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit. "*

*"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"*

The homily has special importance due to its Eucharistic context: it surpasses all forms of catechesis as the supreme moment in the dialogue between God and his people which leads up to sacramental communion

*Evangelii Gaudium (2013) 137*

### *This Week's Readings:*

Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Heb 1:1-6;	Mk 1:14-20
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Heb 2:5-12	Mk 1:21-28
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Heb 2:14-18;	Mk 1:29-39
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Heb 3:7-14;	Mk 1:40-45
Frid 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Heb 4:1-5,11;	Mk 2:1-12
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Heb 4:12-16;	Mk 2:13-17

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

### 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](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 **Try Booking links** on the parish website.

<http://cg.org.au/pambula/Home.aspx> Scroll down to upcoming events and click on the relevant mass registration link. This system is being regularly monitored and is much easier than using the email or voice message at the parish office. 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 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.

**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.

**Planned Giving Collections;** Planned Giving Collections; First: \$415.10; Second: Envelopes \$203.00, Loose \$333.00; Dec 2020 Credit Card \$1160.00

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

The LITURGY is the **summit** toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the **fount** from which all the Church's power flows. SC 10

The Eucharist .... Is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.

*Evangelii Gaudium (2013) 47*

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

Brian Wyndham, Mary O'Donnell, Judy O'Donnell, John Reynolds, Bill Petrie, Ysmael Valencia, Danielle Sou, Max Andrew, David Went, Ros Beveridge, Roy Bugden, Eric Mangion, Maureen Partridge, Marie Hart, Anselmo Guiffre, Beata Denkiewicz.

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

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.

*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."*

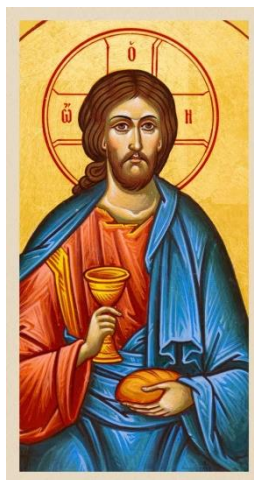
*The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed before Mass on Sunday and Adoration and Benediction on every First Friday at 8.30am Merimbula Church.*

## 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.



## Prayer after Communion

Lord, we thank you for coming into our hearts in Communion. We believe you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. You are our life and our hope. Draw us more deeply to yourself and transform our hearts through your abiding love. May we come to know Sunday as a special day of faith the day of our risen Lord. May our celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday consecrate this day to you. O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine. All Praise and All Thanksgiving be every moment thine.

### **Baptism of the Lord**

Eternal Father,  
 you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him,  
 and revealed him to us at his baptism in the River Jordan,  
 grant that we, who have been born again of water and the Holy Spirit,  
 and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit,  
 through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever. Amen

### **Pope Francis has announced the 'Year of St. Joseph.'**

The Holy Father's decision marked the second surprise to faithful on this Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, following first his 7am visit to central Rome's Spanish Steps to entrust the city and world to the Blessed Virgin.

Within a few hours, the Holy See Press Office would publish the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde – With the heart of a Father," which commemorates the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the universal Church.

For the occasion, a special "Year of St. Joseph" will be held from today through Dec. 8, 2021. See attached for the full Vatican-provided English text.

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

By Kathleen N. Hatrup

"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 our 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.**

Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary. "It expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph," the Holy Father reflects. Here is the prayer, as he shares it in the letter:

*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.*



We must always bear in mind that the Eucharist is not something we do. It is not our own commemoration of what Jesus said and did. No. It is precisely an act of Christ! It is Christ who acts there, who is on the altar. It is a gift of Christ, who makes himself present and gathers us around him, to nourish us with his Word and with his life.

***General Audience Pope Francis 12 Feb, 2014***



**First Reading Is 42:1-4. 6-7**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.*

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11**  
(R.) **The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,  
give the Lord glory and power;  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,  
the Lord on the immensity of waters;  
the voice of the Lord, full of power,  
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)
3. The God of glory thunders.  
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'  
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood:  
the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

**Entrance Antiphon:** After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

**Second Reading Acts 10:34-38**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.*  
Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: '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.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. 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.'

**Gospel Acclamation: See Mk 9:8**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Mk 1:7-11**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

*You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

**O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, All Praise and All Thanksgiving be every moment thine.**