

St Peter's Catholic Parish

24th January, 2021 – **Third 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 Eyes Have It

When Jesus says to Simon, Andrew, James and John 'I will make you into fishers of men', then, amongst the many levels of meaning they would have heard the allusion to Ezekiel 29:3-5.

Jesus was telling them that he was creating a society of liberated human beings, called the 'Kingdom of God'. This would involve struggle against powerful elites, the pharaohs of this world, who oppress and enslave people. It would be as dangerous and demand as much energy as required to haul a crocodile out of the Nile.

Yet they did so, 'straightaway'. Because of the call of Jesus? No. At least, not that alone. We read 'He saw Simon and his brother Andrew . . . He saw James and his brother John.' They were responding not to his voice alone but to his eyes. His is like the attentive gaze of a parent loving a baby into a beautiful future. Jesus looks at you and at me wanting to love us into a barely imaginable future.

We could pause for a moment to remember that when His call comes, demanding an 'aye' or a 'nay', the Eyes have it.

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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-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

Contact Details

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"Repent, and believe the Good News"

"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

Feast of the Week

- Monday - The Conversion of St Paul, apostle
- Tuesday - Australia Day
- Thursday - St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor



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

NO MASS ON TUESDAY

Happy Australia Day!!

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 **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.

SCHOOL RECOMMENCE Wednesday 27th January. We welcome back the students, parents and teachers of Lumen Christi College and assure them of our prayers during the difficulties and achievements that lay ahead.

LENTEN PREPARATION GROUP—Expression of Interest.

Orders for *Comfort* the 2021 Lenten Program are now being taken at the office. If you would like to be part of the program or you would like the program for yourself, please contact the office.

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.

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Thank you for your generosity and God bless you all

Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick

Lin Foote, 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, Marie Hart, Anselmo Guiffre, Beata Denkiewicz.

For the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including,

Albina Dal Piva, Ruza Novinc, Maureen Partridge, Ken Clear, Millicent Clear, Anotonio 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.

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."

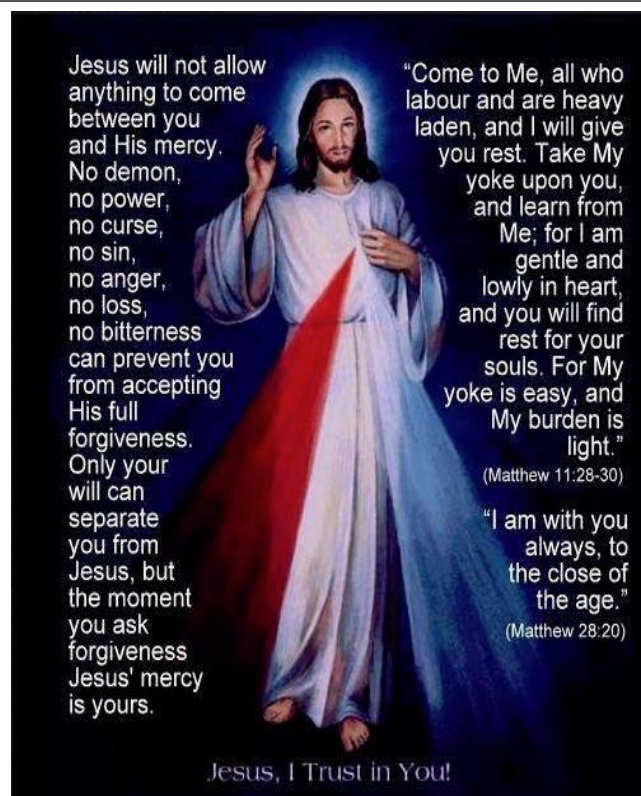
The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed before Mass on Sunday and Adoration and Benediction on every First Friday at 8.30am Merimbula Church.

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.



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.

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.

Thank you to all in ministry, those needing a break and welcome to the new volunteers ministering to our parish

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.

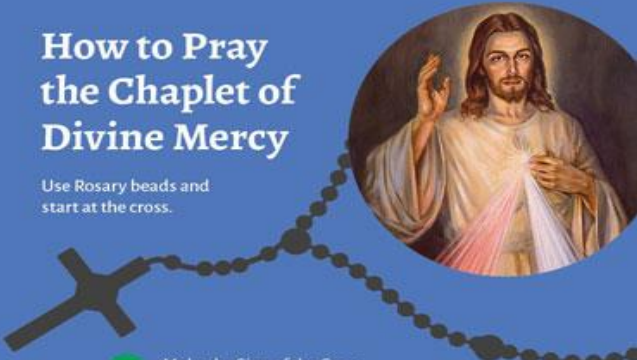
Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty.

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 Jon 3:1-5. 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

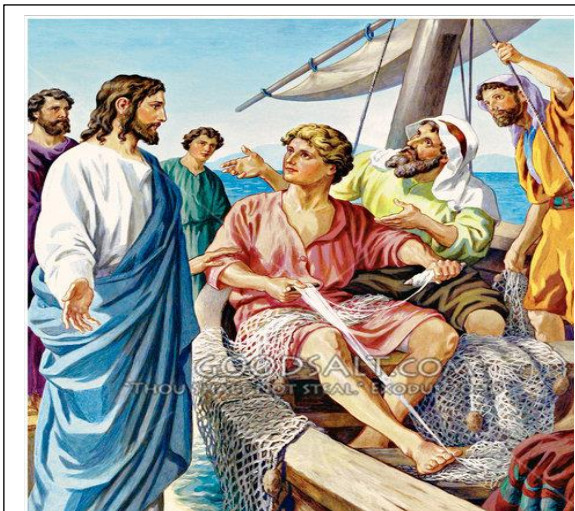
The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

**Second Reading 1 Cor 7:29-31**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.!

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.