

St Peter's Catholic Parish

8th November, 2020, Thirty Second 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 Hour and the Time

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' Some (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into our history, into our moment of time. For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

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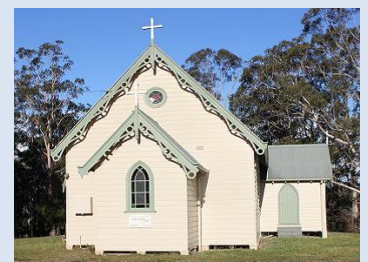
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Churches, Mass Celebrations and Prayer

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

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"

"Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared."

Feasts of the Week ...

Mon 9th Nov Dedication of
Lateran Basilica
Tues 10th Nov St. Leo
Wed 11th Nov St. Martin of
Tours
Thurs 12th Nov St. Josephat
Frid 13th Nov St. Francis
Xavier



Readings of the Week ...

Monday 9th Nov Ezek 47:1-2,8-9,12; Cor3 9c-11, 16-17
Tuesday 10th Nov Titus 2:1-8,11-14; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday 11th Nov Titus 3:1-7, Lk 17: 11-19
Thursday 12th Nov Phil 1: 7-20; Lk 17:20-25
Friday 13th Nov 2nd John 1:4-9; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday 14th Nov 3rd John 1:5-8; Lk 18:1-8

Parish News and Events ...

INTERNET OUTAGE AT THE PARISH OFFICE Apologies everyone for the very brief bulletin this week. Owing to some major technical issues at the office, we have had to resort to some inventive techniques to produce this week's bulletin. Hopefully all will be resolved VERY SOON.

Saturday Vigil Mass at Eden now starts at **6pm** and **Sunday at 8am Merimbula**
WEEKDAY MASS from Tuesday October 20th – Friday October 23rd at usual time.

Book-in for Mass

Please remember that as per restrictions we are still expected to book and check in for mass, maintain a social-distance of 1.5metres, 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 and 1pm Wed - Fri. Ph: 6495 1880

A CHANCE TO TALK ABOUT GOD, JESUS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Pambula Parish, in conjunction with the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and the Diocese of Lismore is running a COVID safe ALPHA FOR CATHOLICS via ZOOM on Tuesday nights (7:30pm - 9:00pm sharp) starting October 13, 2020. All welcome. Zoom assistance provided. For more information contact Trevor Cooper on **0438500262** or coopersandcompany@gmail.com

Want to learn more about the Bible?

Please join us at 1:00pm every Monday in the Merimbula Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome. For more **information** please contact Trevor Cooper on **0438 500 262**

2021 Columbian Art Calendar

Columban Calendars have arrived and are available at the office. Cost \$9.00 each

The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica November 9th

The feast celebrates a mystery that is always relevant: God's desire to build a spiritual temple in the world, a community that worships him in spirit and truth. But this observance also reminds us of the importance of the material buildings in which the community gathers to celebrate the praises of God. Every community therefore has the duty to take special care of its own sacred buildings, which are a precious religious and historic patrimony. For this we call upon the intercession of Mary Most Holy, that she help us to become, like her, the 'house of God', living temple of his love.

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Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick

Danielle Sou, Max Andrew, David Went, Ros Beveridge, Roy and Joy Bugden, Eric Mangion, Maureen Partridge, Marie Hart, Anselmo Guiffre, Beata Denkiewicz, Peter Hamer, Adrian Wells.

For the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including,

James Barry, Greg Morrison, Claire Thomas, Glyneth Middlemiss, Brian Middlemiss, Errol Cole, Mary D'Arcy, Josef Kolega.

May the Souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



The Christian vision of death receives privileged expression in the liturgy of the church, 'Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.'

Instruction Ad resurgendum cum Christo 2016

Planned Giving Program

First Collection: \$429.50 Second Collection: envelopes + loose \$769.90 Direct Debit: \$495.00
Much appreciated and thank you for your generosity.

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."

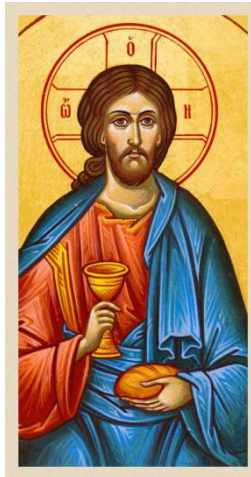
The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed before Mass on Sunday and Adoration and Benediction on every First Friday at 8.30am Merimbula Church.

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.

"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
 Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
 O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
 and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.
 Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognize
 Jesus, our companion on the road.
 Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.
 Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart
 to hear what you are saying.
 Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
 that we may live the joy of the Gospel.
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.
 Amen.



Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us

BECOMING CATHOLIC - THREE CHURCHES ONE PARISH

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith?
 Welcome!

The Catholic Church's mission is to offer people of all ages and backgrounds the opportunity to deepen their understanding and relationship with Jesus Christ.
 Becoming Catholic involves a journey of faith, accompanied by the support of a parish community. This process is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA. During the RCIA process you meet with others to share, reflect, pray and learn more about the Catholic faith. There are ceremonies or 'rites' at each stage to signify the steps along the way. If you or someone you know would like to know more about becoming Catholic or would like to start the process of becoming Catholic as an adult, please contact our Parish Office.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

St Augustine, a great Saint of the Church, said, "Our hearts are restless, O Lord, until they rest in you." The RCIA is for all seeking to become members of the Catholic Church.

The RCIA is best described as a journey of faith that passes through a number of different phases and focuses on conversion of heart and mind to Christ. It is a gradual journey tailored to the needs of the individual.

It is a faith journey of adults to initiation through the unified rites of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Grounded in the four pillars of Word, Liturgy, Community and Mission, adults are provided with a sponsor, meet regularly to learn about Catholicism and become part of the fabric of the Parish prior to initiation.

The faith journey is adapted for children of catechetical age (8-17 years) and adults who are already baptised in another Christian tradition. It is a process for those who have not been Baptised at all, for those who have been Baptised into another Christian tradition and also for those who have been Baptised Catholic but have not throughout their lives been involved at all in the Catholic faith but are now wanting to make that Faith journey/commitment in their lives, and for all to become full members of the Catholic Church.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
The things that are yours.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord,
upon the sacrificial gifts offered here,
that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son,
we may honour it with loving devotion.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord,
we give you thanks and beseech your mercy,
that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity
may endure
in those your heavenly power has entered.
Through Christ our Lord

First Reading Wis 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes
herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy
of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
For you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
To see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**
3. So I will bless you all my life,
In your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**
4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help:
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Thes 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain brothers, about those who have died,
to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people
who have no hope.

We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same
for those

Who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you
this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until
the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have
died.

At the Trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the
command and the Lord Himself will come down from heaven: those
who have died in

Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive
will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord
in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts
as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven

Will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to

meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of

them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but

They brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of

oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they

all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a

cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this,

all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and

the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of

your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There

may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to

those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had

gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who

were ready went in with him to the wedding

hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived

later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he

replied,

"I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because

you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Laudato Si Webinar

When: Thu 26/11/2020 6:00p -

7:30p **Where:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86274419289?pwd=Ri85eXVSVUZwZ0JGODByQzJTU0hHUT09>

Welcome to Laudato Si week 16-24 May 2020.

You are invited to attend these two webinars On Our Common Home facilitated by Jacqui Rémond -

6pm on Tuesday 19th what is Laudato Si about?

6pm on Thursday 21st what are the implications?

Please RSVP by responding your acceptance to this email (even if you are unsure or only able to attend one or the other).

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Responding to this email will enter the webinars into your calendar with the link below.
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PRAYER

Compassionate love,
Be with those grieving the illness and death of loved ones,
Especially in this time of pandemic.
You know the depth of loss and grief.
May we be a compassionate presence
In our communities,
Witnessing to our kinship with all people.

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