

St Peter's Catholic Parish

1st November, 2020 - All Saints Sunday

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 Beatitudes ... A Call to Action

How can those suffering grinding poverty such that their whole personality is impoverished – the poor in spirit – be 'Blessed'? How can those who hunger and thirst for justice be 'Blessed'? The answer lies in the new community which Our Lord is establishing under the reign of God. There are people within this new society who do everything possible to lift the poor out of poverty, to comfort those who are mourning, to make sure the gentle share in the earth's resources, to satisfy the craving for justice. These are 'saints' who are merciful, pure in heart, makers of peace. The full measure of authentic humanity is Jesus Christ. But there are millions, only a few celebrated in the Church's calendar, who have tried to measure up to the challenge presented by the Teacher of the Beatitudes. These are saints, those who know that they cannot help create the Beatitude society out of some political ideology, but who wholeheartedly respond to the teaching of the One whose Holy Spirit can empower rising to the challenge.

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

Parish Priest

Fr Paletasala (Pale) Leota

Parish Secretary

Mrs Patricia Field

Parish Council Chair

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Finance Chair

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"Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven. "



"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"

Feasts of the Week ...

Sun 1 Nov	All Saints Day
Mon 2 Nov	All Souls Day
Tues 3 Nov	St Martin de Porres
Wed 4 Nov	St Charles Borromeo



Readings of the Week ...

Monday	All Souls Day
Tuesday	Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday	Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday	Phil 3:3-8; Lk 15:1-10
Friday	Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday	Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15

Parish News and Events ...

NOVEMBER 2nd ALL SOULS DAY (MONDAY).

There will be a Mass said on All Souls Day (Monday) at 9.30am Merimbula

November is the month for the faithful departed and all souls in Purgatory

The Rosary devotion will be recited before Mass on Saturday/Sunday for our loved ones and all the faithful departed.

First Friday of the Month: Exposition at 8:30am followed by Mass at 9:30am, Merimbula

This year's Remembrance Mass will be held in St Joseph's Merimbula commencing at 9.30am on Friday 6th November 2020. As it is also the first Friday of the Month, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will commence at 8.30am. Please register your attendance by Thursday 5th November at the latest by either calling or texting Teresa on 0408 827 794 or email to th49@bigpond.com. You are most welcome to join the families of those parishioners who have died in the past 12 months for a cuppa in the courtyard after Mass. Covid-19 restrictions will be in place.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY. Prayer of Saint Gertrude the Great: .

" Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home, and within my family. Amen.

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 4 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 9am and 12pmpm Wed - Fri. Ph: 6495 1880 - https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/201008_UpdatedArchProtocols_PercyA.pdf

REMINDER: All religious services are limited to 100 (74) people at all times or one person per 4 square metres, whichever is the lesser. PLEASE KEEP FOLLOWING ALL OF THE COVID-19 PROTOCOLS IN THE CHURCH

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

NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES have been distributed in the church this week. If you wish to have a Mass offered during November, please fill in the details and place your envelope in the collection box.

Planned Giving Program

First Collection: \$588.50; Second Collection/loose:262.35 Envelopes \$443.20, Credit Card: \$1160
Much appreciated and thank you for your generosity.



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.

For the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including,

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 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

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."**

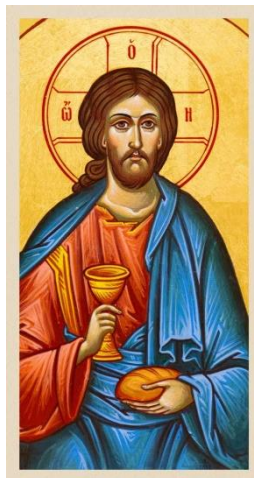
The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed before Mass on Sunday and Adoration and Benediction on every First Friday at 8.30am Merimbula Church.

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.

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 ever-living God,
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration
the merits of all the Saints,
bestow on us, we pray,
through the prayers of so many intercessors,
an abundance of the reconciliation with you
for which we earnestly long.
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

May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints
be pleasing to you, O Lord,
and grant that, just as we believe the Saints
to be already assured of immortality,
so we may experience their concern for our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy
and wonderful in all your Saints,
we implore your grace,
so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your
love, we may pass from this pilgrim table
to the banquet of our heavenly homeland.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6
(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. (R.)
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. (R.)
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob (R.)

Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:28**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!**First Reading Rv 7:2-4. 9-14**

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he really is. Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Mt 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

LAUDATO SI!!!

“It is my desire that, in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity. Fraternity between all men and women. “Here we have a splendid secret that shows us how to dream and to turn our life into a wonderful adventure. No one can face life in isolation... We need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead. How important it is to dream together... By ourselves, we risk seeing mirages, things that are not there. Dreams, on the other hand, are built together”. [6] Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all.

How do you feel about what Pope Francis has written here? How would you talk with your family and friends about it?

Taken from Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship by Pope Francis, article 8,

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html

The Sacraments are a privileged way in which nature is taken up by God to become a means of mediating supernatural life. Through our worship of God, we are invited to embrace the world on a different plane. Water, oil, fire and colours are taken up in all their symbolic power and incorporated in our act of praise. *Laudato Si* (2015) 235

A REMINDER to all students who have enrolled at Lumen Christi Catholic College for 2021.

ORIENTATION DAYS

KINDERGARTEN 2021

Day 1 Thursday, 5 November 2020 – 9:00am to 10:15am

Day 2 Tuesday, 10 November 2020 – 9:00am to 10:15am

Day 3 Thursday, 19 November 2020 – 9:00am to 10:15am

Day 4 Tuesday, 24 November 2020 – 9:00am to 10:15am

Children attend all 4 days and wear comfortable clothes and runners, bring a drink & hat.

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Wednesday, 18 November 2020 – 9:00am to 3:25pm

Students wear their primary sports uniform and runners. Bring pencil case, recess, lunch, drink & hat.

Please find attached a flyer for the **Catholic Theological College Open Day** online sessions running in November. We would like to bring to your attention the following 2021 Semester 1 units that may assist your pastoral development program:

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| • BN1001C | Exploring the New Testament with Mark's Gospel | weekly classes |
| • CT1110C | Introducing Catholic Theology | weekly classes |
| • DS1001C | Christian Spirituality A: Patristic and Medieval Authors | weekly classes |
| • DP2/3/8015C | Pastoral Leadership for a Safe Church | intensive |
| • DS8600C | Meditation in the Christian Tradition | Saturday intensive |
| • DT9631C | Ageing Persons and Pastoral Care | Saturday intensive |

Grace to you and peace

Dr Rosemary Canavan

Academic Dean

Senior Lecturer in New Testament