

St Peter's Catholic Parish

11th October, 2020, Twenty Eighth 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 Dianne Bergant CSA

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

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

Contact Details

Parish Priest

Fr Paletasala (Pale) Leota

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**"Lord, make
your love the
foundation of
our lives"**

"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"

Feasts of the Week ...

Wednesday 11th Oct St Callistus 1, Pope and Martyr
Friday 16th Oct St Hedwig, St Margaret Alacoque
Saturday 17th Oct St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop Martyr.



Readings of the Week ...

Monday	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27,31-5:1; Lk 11:29:32
Tuesday	Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday	Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54 (Alt Rom 8:22-27; Jn 15:1-18)
Friday	Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7;
Saturday	Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12 (Alt Phil 3:17-4:1; Jn 12:24-26)

Parish News and Events ...

I will be away on holidays from 7th - 30th of October. For any urgent matter please ring 0488033950.

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.

Month of the Rosary – October

The Rosary devotion will be recited before Mass on Saturday/Sunday

2020 World Mission Day Sunday Appeal-18th October

"The joy of the Lord is our Strength!" Nehemiah 8:10. On 18th October we will celebrate World Mission Sunday—a special day, called by Pope Francis, when we are called to pray and offer material support to the work of mission around the world. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia, which is reaching out to those who have been affected by disability and giving them hope through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and practical support to live a fulfilling life.

Chen was just 16 years old when he lost both his legs in a landmine accident. Knowing that his life would never be the same, he felt hopeless, until he and his family were approached by the Arrupe Centre. Led by Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvargonzalez, the Arrupe Centre provides children like Chen with support and opportunities they may not access otherwise. You are warmly invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia through this year's Church Appeal. WAYS TO GIVE: Due to COVID restrictions here are some ways to support the Appeal -

1. Envelopes (available in pews);
2. visit Website – give online at catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia;

Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity.

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

It is time to order Calendars for next year, if you would like to order please ring the parish office 64951880 or email pambula@cg.org.au Cost will be around \$12.00 each.

"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"

Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick

Milvia Silveri, Ysmael Valencia, Matthew Kennedy, Henk Westerlaken, Matthew O'Leary, Glenn Alcock, Danielle Sou, Max Andrew, David Went, Dawn Lucas, Ros Beveridge, Roy and Joy Bugden, David Fancourt, Penny McEwan, Eric Mangion, Maureen Partridge, Marie Hart, Anselmo Guiffre, Beata Denkiewicz, Irene Spinks, Peter Hamer, Amber Keft.

For the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including,

James Barry, Greg Morrison, Claire Thomas, Glyneth Middlemiss, Brian Middlemiss, Errol Cole, Diane Pelt, Guy Robert, Michael and Steven Pease, Terry Rowe, David Luck, Chris Helby, John Seberry, Caleb Pointon, Tess Rizetti, Ian Thomas, John Seychelles, Robert "Stumpy" Wallis, Ann Marie Weinlich, Chistine Fogg, Mary D'Arcy, Tony Patterson, Dr Lorenzo Lazaro, Jan Zyglarewicz, Malgorzata Zyglarewicz, Ignacy Mielczarek, Anna Mielczarek.

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest

Planned Giving Program

First Collection: \$381.90 Second Collection: loose \$224.95 Envelopes \$383.10
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."**

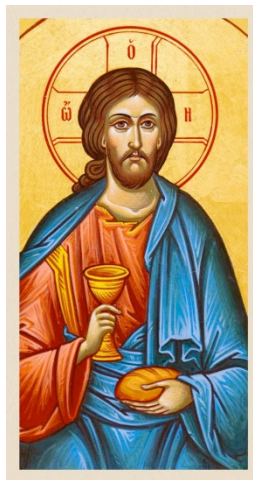
The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed before Mass on Sunday and Adoration and Benediction on every First Friday at 8.30am Merimbula Church.

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.

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

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.

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

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that, through these acts of devotedness,
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,
that, as you feed us with the nourishment
which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your
Son,
so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from
every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a
banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and
juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all
peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy
Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every
cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on
earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped
for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult
and we rejoice that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 22. R. v.6](#)(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh
and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near
restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I
should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You
are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give
me comfort. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes
.My head you have anointed with oil ;my cup is overflowing.
(R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of

Second Reading Phil 4:12-14. 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.
I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have
been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything
anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty.
There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One
who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to
share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all
your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory
to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding. Jesus
said to the chief priests and elders of the people:
'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave
a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to
Call those who had been invited, but they would not come.
Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have
been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all
prepared,
my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything
is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were
not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his
business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them
and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his
troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town.
Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as
those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the
crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to
the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads
and collected together everyone they could find, bad and
good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.
When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed
one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and
said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a
wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king
said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw
him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding
of teeth." For many are called, but few are
chosen.'

LAUDATO SI!!!

The heart of the Pope's encyclical **Laudato si**: On **Care for Our Common Home** is found in Chapter 4. Pope Francis describes Creation as an "integral ecology" which is made up of multiple elements: environmental, economic, social, ethical, human and cultural. All these different elements are intrinsically connected. Integral ecology is not only concerned with the environment but also humanity in creation, such as the poor and marginalized.

Today we are faced with one complex and interrelated crisis and in attempting to solve it we should consider not only the complex relationships involved, but also the relevance of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching e.g working for the common good, solidarity, human dignity and subsidiarity. "Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature." (139)

We are also reminded that any decisions we make today will affect our children and future generations. Pope Francis urges us to consider the following questions: "What is the purpose of our life in this world? Why are we here? What is the goal of our work and all our efforts? What need does the earth have of us? It is no longer enough, then, simply to state that we should be concerned for future generations. We need to see that what is at stake is our own dignity. Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is, first and foremost, up to us."(160)

The encyclical is available electronic form at the Laudato Si website

<http://www.Care4OurCommonHome.org>

Further reading:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-09/pope-francis-laudatosi-communities-justice-environment.html>

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/what-is-integral-ecology>

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1. "**LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore**" – "**Praise be to you, my Lord**". In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs".[1]

2. This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life. This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she "groans in travail" (Rom 8:22). We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters.