

# St Peter's Catholic Parish

18<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, Twenty Ninth 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

### **Whose Image and Likeness?**

Jesus first cleverly throws his questioners on the defensive. They are the ones carrying the coinage, not him. Then he poses the crucial question, 'Whose image is it and whose inscription?' They said to him, 'Caesar's'. Then he said to them: 'Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.'

The coin bore the image and inscription of Caesar. Genesis teaches us that human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. Our Lord is saying, 'Let the political and financial authorities have their coinage. It is their legal tender. But they cannot have human beings. Human beings belong to Another. They belong to God.'

We are fortunate to live in a wonderful democracy. But even a democracy can violate the dignity of a human being created in the image and likeness of God. As Pope John Paul II said: 'Authentic democracy is possible only in a state ruled by law, *and on the basis of a correct conception of the human person.*'

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the inscription, 'Child of God', effectively engraved on our hearts by baptism.

## Contact Details

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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**

1<sup>st</sup> 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 – 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



**"Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar & to God what belongs to God. "**



*"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"*

## Feasts of the Week ...

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Oct St John de Brebeuf, St Isaac Jogues, St Paul of the Cross  
Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct St John Paul II  
Frid 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct St John of Capistrano  
Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Oct St Anthony Claret

## Readings of the Week ...

Monday Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21  
Tuesday Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38  
Wednesday Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48  
Thursday Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53  
Friday Eph:1-6; Lk 12:54-59  
Saturday Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9

## Parish News and Events ...

I will be away on holidays from 7<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> 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-18<sup>th</sup> October

"The joy of the Lord is our Strength!" Nehemiah 8:10. On 18<sup>th</sup> 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

**Marian Procession 2020** will take place online from 18 to 24 October (due to Covid19 restrictions) Led by our ethnic communities, the event is an opportunity for all to pray the Rosary together. Parish communities can gather online with members of their local parishes, their families, friends, or just individually to pray the Rosary during the week leading up to the celebration of the live-streamed Multicultural Mass Sunday 25 October.

**More information can be found at** <https://hozana.org/en/community/9352-marian-procession>

**This year's Remembrance Mass** will be held in St Joseph's Merimbula commencing at 9.30am on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 Denkwicz, Irene Spinks, Peter Hamer.

## 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 in peace. Amen.*

## Planned Giving Program

First Collection: \$515.75 Second Collection: loose \$234.60 Envelopes \$1148.10  
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."**

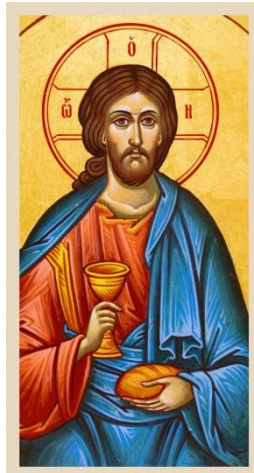
The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed before Mass on Sunday and Adoration and Benediction on every First Friday at 8.30am Merimbula Church.

## 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

Almighty ever-living God,  
grant that we may always conform our will to yours  
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.  
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

Grant us, Lord, we pray,  
a sincere respect for your gifts,  
that, through the purifying action of your grace,  
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things,  
we may be helped by what you give in this present age  
and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## First Reading Is 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whom he has taken by his right hand  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip the loins of kings,  
to force gateways before him  
that their gates be closed no more:  
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,  
of Israel my chosen one,  
that I have called you by your name,  
conferring a title though you do not know me.  
I am the Lord, unrivalled;  
there is no other God besides me.  
Though you do not know me, I arm you  
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun  
that, apart from me, all is nothing

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

**(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.**

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,  
to be feared above all gods;  
the gods of the heathens are naught.  
It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)

4. Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Thes 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians  
We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.  
From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika  
which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you  
grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all,  
and constantly remember before God our Father how you have  
shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered  
through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.  
We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been  
chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it  
came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy  
Spirit and as utter conviction.

## Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15. 16

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Mt 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the  
things that are God's.  
The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap  
Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him,  
together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that  
you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest  
way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank  
means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible  
to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their  
malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap  
for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They  
handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this?  
Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them,  
'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to  
God what belongs to God.'

**LAUDATO SI!!!**

“Issues of human fraternity and social friendship have always been a concern of mine. In recent years, I have spoken of them repeatedly and in different settings. In this Encyclical, I have sought to bring together many of those statements and to situate them in a broader context of reflection. In the preparation of *Laudato Si'*, I had a source of inspiration in my brother Bartholomew, the Orthodox Patriarch, who has spoken forcefully of our need to care for creation. In this case, I have felt particularly encouraged by the Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, with whom I met in Abu Dhabi, where we declared that “God has created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity, and has called them to live together as brothers and sisters”. [5] This was no mere diplomatic gesture, but a reflection born of dialogue and common commitment.”

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 5,**

[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20201003\\_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html)

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**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.