

St Peter's Catholic Parish

25th October, 2020, Thirtieth 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

True Perspectives

Did you notice that Our Lord does not command us to love 'God'? No, we are to love 'the Lord your God', the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, 'Love the Lord your God'.

Then Our Lord does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' But who is 'yourself'? In the wonderful story-telling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being. We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being. The challenge for you and for me is to see 'yourself' in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today's global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant.

We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command.

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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



"You must love your neighbour as yourself "



"Enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit"

Feasts of the Week ...

Wed 28th Oct Sts Simon & Jude



Readings of the Week ...

Monday	Eph 4:32-5:8; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday	Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday	Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-19
Thursday	Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35
Friday	Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday	Phil 1:18-26 Lk 14:1, 7-11

Parish News and Events ...

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

Father Rex Curry will be celebrating Mass in Fr Pale's absence, we warmly welcome Fr Rex and extend to him a huge Thank you.

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

Mission Sunday Appeal THANK YOU

Thank you for supporting this year's Mission Church Appeal through your prayers and financial support. Your generosity makes it possible for the Church, through programs such as the Arrupe Centre, in Cambodia, to continue making the love of Jesus Christ real-both spiritually and materially.

For more information about the work of the Catholic Mission in Cambodia and around the world, please contact our friendly team at the freecall number 1800 257 296 or at catholicmission.org.au/contact

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 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.

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.

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: \$501.75 Second Collection: loose \$248.30 Envelopes \$548.00
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."**

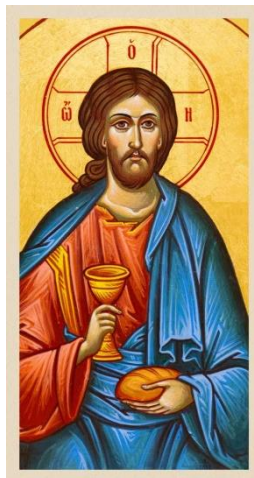
The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed before Mass on Sunday and Adoration and Benediction on every First Friday at 8.30am Merimbula Church.

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.

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,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
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, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us in your service
may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

First Reading Ex 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:5-10

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

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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

Living the Gospel – Compassion

Jesus’ words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place – experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word ‘compassion’ means experiencing with. If we are able to truly ‘experience with’ another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.

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.