

St Peter's Catholic Parish

20th September 2020, Twenty Fifth 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

No Salvation outside the Church?

This is a story of the day labourers of Jesus' time. The 'early birds' contracted for the just wage of one denarius and did the hard work over the course of a long day. They were outraged when latecomers also received a denarius.

This little parable circulated in the Christian community of the first century because there was great antagonism between the Jews who became followers of Jesus and the non-Jews, the 'Gentiles'. Jewish Christians looked at their long history of hardship preparing for the coming of the Messiah. And, now, here were these Gentiles who had done nothing by comparison, and God appeared to be granting them whatever it took to enjoy the 'daily bread' of the Kingdom of God.

Jewish Christians had to be shocked out of their idea that God's grace could not be lavished on those outside the boundaries of the Chosen People.

We could pause to pray to be taken by happy surprise by those billions of people outside the Church who, by the grace of God, will share with us 'the Bread of Life', given for the salvation of all the world.

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, 5pm, Eden
Sunday, 8:30am, Merimbula
Sunday, 10:00am, Merimbula
Tuesday 4:30pm, 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 4:00pm, St Joseph's
Merimbula

Contact Details

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Feasts of the Week ...

14 September – The
Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15 September – Our Lady of
Sorrows
16 September – Sts Cornelius
& Cyprian



Readings of the Week ...

Monday	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday	Prov 21:1-6,10-13; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Prov 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday	Eccl 1:9-12; Lk 9:43b-45

Parish News and Events ...

Mass on Monday 9:30am September 21, Merimbula – The Feast of St Matthew, apostle

Save the Date - Archbishop's Visit

Archbishop Christopher Prowse will be visiting our parish on Wednesday September 30th. Tentative arrangements: Mass 9.30am Merimbula, Cuppa with parishioners Please keep the Date Available

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.

Laudato Si

Commencing August/September an ecumenical group of participants will look together each fortnight at Laudato Si, Pope Francis' letter "On Care for Our Common Home". You can register interest in obtaining further information in taking part at BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au or on 0428-625-110.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST

Congratulations to the 33 children who recently made their first Reconciliation and received the Eucharist for the first time. We hope that they continue their faith journey, nourished by the real presence of Christ, knowing the love and support of their wider parish family. I would like to thank everyone and all those involved in their preparation and special thanks to our RE Team in supporting these children and their families at this significant time. Fr Pale

Planned Giving Envelopes ...

Planned Giving envelopes for this financial year are available in the church today. If your envelope number was over 80 last year, please note you will now have a new number. * If any contributor has recently switched their contributions from envelopes to direct debit or bank card, please advise the Parish Office so that your name can be removed from the envelope system. * In addition if any Contributor wishes to make the switch and has not yet done so, please let the Parish Office know and they will help you with this change. * If you now use the Direct Debit system for planned PLEASE do not use your old envelopes as your number will now change. Many thanks for your ongoing support and generous contributions. God bless. Fr Pale.

Planned Giving Program

First Collection: \$400.75

Second Collection:
Envelopes \$500.00
Loose: \$199.70

Much appreciated and thank you for your generosity.



Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick

Matthew Kennedy, Henk Westerlaken, Matthew O'Leary, Glenn Alcock, Danielle Sou, Alex 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,

Claire Thomas, Glyneth Middlemiss, Brian Middlemiss, Errol Cole, Irena Harambura, Cassandra Hopkins, Diane Pelt, Guy Robert, Michael and Steven Pease, Terry Rowe, David Luck, Chris Helby, Daphne McMahon, John Seberry, Caleb Pointon, Tess Rizetti, Ian Thomas, John Seychelles, Robert "Stumpy" Wallis, Ann Marie Weinlich, Chistine Fogg, Mary D'Arcy.

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

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."**

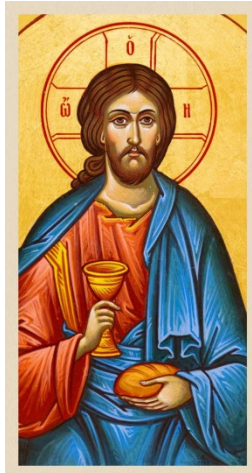
The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed before Mass on Sunday and Adoration and Benediction on every First Friday at 8.30am Merimbula Church.

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*

Parish Finance Update

The Parish Bank Account had a balance of \$435,425 as at 31 August 2020. These funds are held on behalf of the General Parish A/c (\$376,725) and Mary Mackillop Hall (\$58,699). The General Parish A/c funds include the insurance payout of \$371,500 from the fire that destroyed our Church at Kiah. The Mary Mackillop Hall funds are inflated by the receipt of \$19,000 from the NSW Building Partnership Program to assist with the building of the toilet (currently underway) in Mary Mackillop Hall.

The Parish Finance Committee (PFC) has forecast the income and operational costs for the Parish for the year ended 31 August 2021. This review indicates a budget deficit of around \$9,000. This deficit is driven by a combination of the marked fall in contributions (this trend has been in place for some years and has been exacerbated by the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic) and the ongoing upward pressure on costs associated with running the Parish. The PFC continues to work actively with me to put in place a plan that returns the budget to surplus and ensures the long term financial viability of the Parish. The key focus of the PFC at this time is on the following matters:

1. The ongoing negotiations with the Kiah Community regarding the sale of the Parish land at Kiah upon which the Church was located.
2. The building of a new Sacristy in St Joseph's Church Merimbula. The current Sacristy fails to meet any current standards of privacy or space. Quotes are being sought for this project which is strongly supported by Archbishop Prowse.
3. Seeking a property investment opportunity. The aim of this is to secure a sustainable cash flow to support the financial commitments of the Parish.

This Parish has survived since its inception because of the generosity of Parishioners with both time and money. I would like to thank you all for your ongoing assistance and look forward to working with you as we develop the strategies to ensure that the Parish remains on a sustainable track for future generations. May God bless you all.

Fr Pale

Collect

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour,
grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord

Prayer after Communion

Graciously raise up, O Lord,
those you renew with this Sacrament,
that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life.
Through Christ our Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.
Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above you thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) **The Lord is near to all who call him.**

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
1:20-24. 27

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation See Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each.

They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'



A message from Archbishop Christopher

Dear Friends,
I'm so grateful for your generous and important gift to the Father's Day Appeal 2020. Your gift, joined by many others, will help provide for the material and medical needs of our retired, elderly, and unwell priests. If you haven't given yet, you can still do so. Through your gifts we have been able to provide critical services such as accommodation support, transport assistance, health care, prescription medication and skilled nursing care.

Thank you for your generosity.
Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn

