

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS AND FATHER FIGURES IN OUR LIVES.**

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** PREPARATION FOR THOSE SEEKING TO ENTER INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH. If anyone is interested in becoming Catholic or returning to the faith, please contact Fr George.

**HARVEST JOURNEYS: JUBILEE OF FAMILIES, GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE.** IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE 14 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE IN MAY 2025, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE, FR GEORGE OR AMANDA WESTERLAKEN. WE NEED TO GET AN IDEA OF NUMBERS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE TRIP ASAP. ITINERARY AND QUOTATION HAVE BEEN EMAILED WITH THIS BULLETIN AND ARE AVAILABLE TO VIEW.

**14 Sept Season of Creation Convocation 2024 - Catholic Earthcare Caritas Australia:** Catholic Earthcare Convocation 12-14 September 2024. 12-13 September online presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences. Saturday 14 September in the Archdiocesan Hub to transform learning into action (online available). Register here: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1231165> Contact: [catholicearthcare@caritas.org.au](mailto:catholicearthcare@caritas.org.au)

**18-20 October | Come, Holy Spirit - Archdiocesan Assembly:** All are invited to take part in the Archdiocesan Assembly that will explore the theme 'Come Holy Spirit.' This will focus on celebrating the Year of the Holy Spirit and explore new opportunities for evangelisation and synodality in the life and mission of our local Church going forward.



**Where** Canberra + Narooma + Cooma + Young + Goulburn  
**When** Friday 18th October - Sunday 20th October 2024  
**Info** Detailed information, registration and formation materials available online at [cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly](http://cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly)



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**Churches**  
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Eden  
St Joseph's, Merimbula  
St Peter's, Pambula  
St Joseph's, Wyndham  
**Mass Times**  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of Month  
-9:30am, Merimbula  
Saturday -5pm, Eden  
Sunday -8am, Pambula  
-10am, Merimbula  
Tuesday -5pm, Merimbula  
Wednesday-10am, Pambula  
Thursday -10am, Eden  
Friday -10am, Merimbula

## ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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 others may experience the love of Christ.  
**We acknowledge the Yuin people and pay our deepest respects to elders of past, present and emerging from all first nations around the world from whom we have learned so much.**

**22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2024**  
**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION**  
**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

**SEASON OF CREATION REFLECTION**  
**by Nick Brodie**

Scrupulous religious habits can be at odds with God's word. Jesus makes it abundantly clear that being outwardly pious is pointless if we cling to sinful dispositions and routinely harm others. God sees right through our self-deceit. In making this point, Jesus lists various sins. Most are explicitly the sort that use or hurt individual people and entire communities. In *Laudato Si'*, his encyclical 'On Care for Our Common Home', Pope Francis quotes the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew saying that 'to commit a crime against the natural world is a sin against ourselves and a sin against God.' As we start the Season of Creation we might examine our lives in this light. Have we, in what we have done or failed to do, sinned against what God has made? True holiness embraces the entire universe. This is why Pope Francis invites us to face the sins of the present by using the world's resources responsibly and equitably. When we next bless ourselves at the Church's door, after making the Sign of the Cross with Holy Water, we could pray for the grace to become a blessing for Creation.

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**Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8 / James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27/ Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1**  
(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation: James 1:18**  
Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,  
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

Alleluia!  
**Communion Antiphon: Psalm 30:20**  
How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you.

**Reconciliation (Confession)**

Friday, after Mass, Merimbula  
Saturday, before Vigil Mass, Eden  
Wednesday, after Mass, Pambula  
**Anointing of the Sick**

Will be offered at weekday masses during the last week of every month.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Welcoming Mass – 4th Sat/Sun of the month prior to Baptism during Mass on 1st Saturday/Sunday of the month.  
Please call office for all Baptism preparation enquiries.

**Weddings**

By appointment only –  
at least 6 months' notice in advance.

**Adoration**

Tuesday at 4:15pm followed by Mass at 5pm, Merimbula

1st Sunday at 3:00pm, Eden

**Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary**

Sunday 9:30am and Fridays at 9:30am

At St Joseph's Merimbula

Thursday 9:15 am in Eden

**Rosary**

Monday Cenacle 11am in Merimbula

Wednesday 9:30am in Pambula

**Feasts/Special Days:**

**Sun 1 Sept:** Father's Day; and World Day of Prayer for Creation (Holy See).

**Tues 3 Sept:** St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor (Memorial).

**Fri 6 Sept:** Spring Ember Day (Special Day of Prayer and Penance).



**Dates to Remember:**

**Sat 28 Sept:** Refresher for All Parish Ministries, including Readers, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers 10am at St Peter's Pambula, followed by coffee at Oaklands.

**Sat 12 Oct:** Living Rosary at 10am in front of the Grotto at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Eden.

**Tues 22 Oct:** Marian Procession at St Peter & Paul's Old Cathedral, Goulburn, at 10am.

**Sun 24 Nov:** Parish Mass (Feast of Christ the King). More info to come.

**Planned Giving Collections:**

First: \$812.65; Second: Envelopes: \$561.00; Loose: \$274.05. THANK YOU to ALL parishioners who continually support our Parish through our plate collections at Mass, through the envelopes and direct banking. Without your financial help our Parish could not continue to function.

*Let us pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers...*  
Claudia, Elaine Carter, Damien Lambourn, Baby Olive Delves, Josephine Power, Helen Lynch, John Hazell, Christian Cole, Pat Wong, John Liston, Conrad De Zwart, Jake Alcock, Anne Cooper, Jocelyn Petty, Jeff and Monica Paffen, Glen Alcock, Patricia May Bills, Cliff Hamilton, Margot Neilson, Rob Francis, Chris Greenwood, Margaret Coates, Lyn Collie, Geoff Heffernan, Mary O'Donnell, Judy Broddrick, Max Andrew, Ros Beveridge, Eric Mangion, Anselmo Guiffre, David Went.

*This Week's Mass Intentions:* Jenny McDonnell, Margaret Bermester.

*We pray for all the faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including:* N/A  
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of our Lord, rest in Peace, AMEN

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**WELCOME FR ROFIN RAPHEL**

**WHO WILL BE JOINING US AND LEADING OUR PARISH COMMUNITY FROM 26 AUGUST-12 SEPTEMBER.**

**Fr Rofin's contact number is 0432 086 320**

**Reading Rosters: 7/8 Sept**

Eden:	Pambula:	Merimbula:
Intro & Prayers: Michael G 1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: Mick Wood 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader: Louise	Commentator/2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading /Prayers of the Faithful: Sue Muffler 1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: Lyn Matthews	Commentator /2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader: Richard & Elise Brodie 1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: Richard & Elise Brodie



**COLLECTION FOR ARCHDIOCESAN RETIRED PRIESTS  
Father's Day Appeal**

**There are 25 priests in our Archdiocese. We should remember our retired priests as we celebrate the theme for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15). Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today:**

**By envelopes / By giving  
at: [www.cgatholic.org.au/donate](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/donate)**

**By calling: (02) 6239 9876**

**Thank you for taking care of our priests in their retirement.**

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT:** St Peter's Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people to have their say, to be listened to and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all of our thinking.

**COMMUNICATING CONCERNS:** You are encouraged to raise any concerns by emailing Fr George, the Parish Office, the Parish Safeguarding Volunteer or directly to Maria Hicks at the Institute Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) on [ipss@cg.org.au](mailto:ipss@cg.org.au)

**PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:  
FIRST EUCHARIST**

For Baptised Catholic Children in Year 4 or above who have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

**Enrolment Mass:**  
Sat 14 Sept, 5pm in Eden; Sun 15 Sept, 10am in Merimbula.

**Retreat:** Fri 25 Oct 4-5:30pm in Merimbula.

**Sacrament:** Sun 3 Nov, 10am in Merimbula.

