

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON FRIDAY 15 MARCH.**

This year, our **LENTEN CROSSES** will be made from 1 - 3pm on Friday 22nd March in the courtyard at St Joseph's. Please bring a pair of scissors. Please place last year's crosses and palms in the receptacles which can be found at each church entrance. They will be burnt to make ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday.



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL 100 CLUB: 10 March at Pambula and Merimbula**

We have 2 "twin" villages in remote regions of Southern India. The money raised is used carefully by our "twins" to provide medical assistance, education for the young and food and clothing for the poor. Thank you for supporting this important cause. **How can you help** .....Vinnies will have a board outside Church with 100 numbers on it. The plan is to sell the 100 tickets for \$20 each to raise \$2,000 of which nearly half will be returned as prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$400; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$200; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$100; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$50. Draw will be after 10am Mass in Merimbula 10<sup>th</sup> March. For any visitors who win, we will ring you and arrange an e-transfer of the prize. The weekly Bulletin will also list the winners. Thank you for your support, Warren Thomas and Frank Davey on behalf of the St Vinnies Merimbula Conference

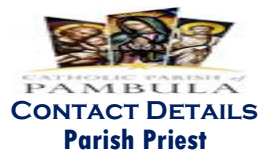
**ST PAUL'S HOLY WEEK MISSALS AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE:\$15 EACH.**

**You are invited to make a contribution towards replacing the Cross on the Church Steeple at our Eden Church. Donation envelopes are available in each Church. A heartfelt thank you to those that have already contributed.**

**14 MARCH: An Evening with Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP 5:30pm-7pm: The Livestream Link is: <https://merici.college/go/livestream>**



**Fourth Sunday of Lent: 9 & 10 March:** As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, Memory faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village. Please donate to Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413. **Samantha Hazlett (Diocesan Director for Caritas Australia) will be speaking to our Parish about Project Compassion at the Eden vigil Mass on Saturday 23 March at 6pm. Please come along.**



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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 -6pm, 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.**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2024**

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**  
*God's Works of Art*

How does God picture us? St Paul reveals one of God's favourite ways of regarding us. 'We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus, to live the good life as from the beginning He had intended us to live it.' Just as an artist respects the medium he or she is working in, whether it be oils or crayon, so too God respects us as human beings with free will. Which is why His works of art don't always look the way He intended!

Now, if one has a work of art in the house, a picture or print that means a lot to you, or perhaps the first sketch by a child, do you put it in the darkest corner of the room? Or do you allow just enough light to fall on it so as to reveal how terrific it is, why it gives you pleasure? Of course, the latter. Now, if you and I are God's work of art, God wants exactly the same. He wants us to be revealed in the light. What sort of light? Christ our Light. Of course, it might be necessary for the Light to dispel some darkness, some shadow dimension of our lives. In this regard Christ is a healing Light, but this is so that he might illuminate us in a way which more clearly reveals the love which the Divine Artist has for His creation. We might take a moment to pray for the courage to expose ourselves to Christ's healing light this Lent to be more beautifully illuminated at Easter. © Fr Michael Tate; [mtate@bigpond.com](mailto:mtate@bigpond.com)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Will follow 10am Mass on Fridays in Merimbula during Lent.

**2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23/ Ephesians 2:4-10/John 3:14-21**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 136. R. v.6**

(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

**Gospel Acclamation: John 3:16**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,

that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 121: 3-4**

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

**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 ring 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

**Rosary**

Monday Cenacle 11am in Merimbula

Wednesday 9am in Pambula

Thursday 8:45am in Eden

**LAETARE**

**Feasts/Special Days:**

**Sun 10 Mar: Laetare**

**Sunday.** "Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice."

Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy:

God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus.

Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection,

Christ has reconciled us with God and one another."

(<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/fourth-sunday-of-lent-cycle-c-sunday-connection/>)

**Dates to Remember:**

**Tues 19 March:** St Joseph's Feast Mass in Wyndham Church at 12PM Midday, followed by lunch.

**Fri 22 Mar:** Making Palm Sunday Crosses, 1-3pm at Merimbula. Bring scissors.

**Thurs 28 Mar:** No Mass in Eden. Holy Thursday Mass 7pm in Pambula.

**Fri 29 Mar:** Stations of the Cross 11am at All Mass Centres; Good Friday Service 3pm at Merimbula.

**Sat 30 Mar:** Easter Vigil Mass 7pm at Eden.

**Sun 31 Mar:** Easter Day Mass 8am at Pambula and 10am at Merimbula.

**Sun 7 Apr:** Divine Mercy Service 3pm at Merimbula.

**Planned Giving Collections:** First: \$1049.20; Second: Envelopes: \$450.50; Loose: \$540.20. 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...* 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, Lynette Robert, 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:* Nil.

*We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including:* Veronica Kowacz (RIP), Sharon Mills (RIP), Br Gerard Rummery (RIP), Roger Stroud (RIP).

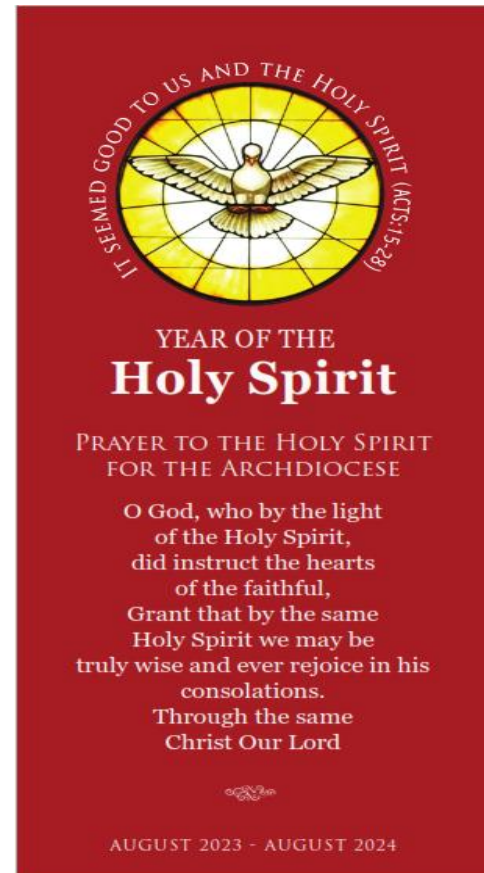
**May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of our Lord, rest in Peace, AMEN**



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**Rosters for 16/17 March:**

Eden:	Pambula:	Merimbula:
Intro & Prayers:	Commentator / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading/Prayers	Commentator / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader:
Eileen McRae	of the Faithful: Grace, Lily & Fiona Spinks	Pat
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: Michael G.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: Grace, Lily & Fiona Spinks	First Reader: Anne
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader: Mick Wood		



**Holy Week Services:**

**Holy Thursday:** 7pm Pambula Church  
**Good Friday:** 11am Stations of the Cross, All Mass Centres  
 3pm Passion of the Lord and Veneration of the Holy Cross, Merimbula Church.  
**Easter Vigil:** 7pm Eden Church  
**Easter Sunday:** 8am Pambula Church  
 10am Merimbula Church

**John 3:14-21: God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved**

**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)