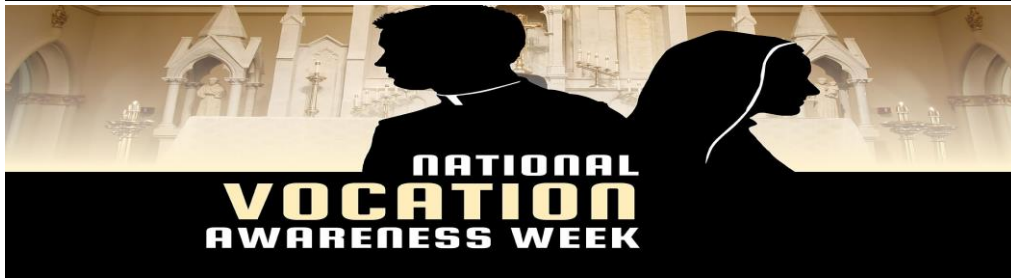


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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: PREPARATION FOR THOSE SEEKING TO ENTER INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH. If anyone is interested in becoming Catholic or returning to the faith, please contact Fr George.

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.

31 August | Cultural Competency | 10:00AM: The Catholic Women's Taskforce, Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn has a workshop on 31 August. Kylie Shea, a Ngunnawal woman will facilitate the sessions where we will learn about Ngunnawal culture. Venue: Parish Centre Aranda. Register via www.cgwomen.org.au

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

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



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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

1st 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.

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday 11th August, 2024
VOCAIONS AWARENESS WEEK

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Pope Francis suggests that 'the bread of life' – Jesus – should never be treated as 'a side dish'. True faith in Jesus means recognising that he is the nourisher of our very being.

'We need bread to live', the Pope says. In identifying himself as 'the bread of life', therefore, Jesus wants us to see that he is essential. Through him we find meaning for our lives and nourishment for our souls. We see in today's Gospel passage that Jesus wants his followers to understand that he is not merely a provider of bread.

The Pope encourages us to embrace our sense of amazement at this mystery. 'No one in this world', the Pope points out, 'as much as they might love another person, can make themselves become food for them.' Jesus is telling us something truly amazing: The bread he gives is his very self!

Interestingly, Jesus chooses to affirm this in response to squabbling within the crowd. They were arguing about Jesus, focused on where he came from. 'Perhaps we too might be scandalised', the Pope suggests, 'it might make us more comfortable to have a God who stays in heaven without getting involved in our life'. But Jesus' followers are called to help, not hinder his eternal self-giving. As the Pope says, 'God became man to enter into the concrete reality of this world.' We pray that through the Church, in the Eucharist, and in the life of every Christian, Jesus continues to feed the world. © Nick Brodie

1 Kings 19:4-8 / Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2 / John 6:41-51

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9
(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: John 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;

whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 147:12,14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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:

Mon 12 Aug: St Jane Frances de Chantal, religious (Optional).

Tues 13 Aug: Sts Pontian, pope, martyr and Hippolytus, priest, martyr (Optional).

Wed 14 Aug: St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr (Memorial).

Thurs 15 Aug: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity).

Fri 16 Aug: St Stephen of Hungary (Optional).

Dates to Remember:

Wed 28 Aug: Lumen Day Mass at Lumen Christi Catholic College. All welcome. Time TBA.

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: \$843.90; Second: Envelopes: \$395.50; Loose: \$646.65. 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...
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 Brodrick, 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: Peter Barber (RIP); Fr Peter Gannon (RIP); John Ballantyne (RIP).

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

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WELCOME FR STEVE TYNAN

WHO WILL BE JOINING US AND LEADING OUR PARISH COMMUNITY FROM 6-26 AUGUST.

Fr Steve can be contacted on 0482 672 140

Reading Rosters: 17/18 August

Eden:	Pambula:	Merimbula:
Intro & Prayers: Eileen McRae 1st Reader: Bernadette 2nd Reader: Michael G	Commentator/2nd Reading /Prayers of the Faithful: Sue Muffler 1st Reader: Lyn Matthews	Commentator /2nd Reader: Anne Maddock 1st Reader: Brian Riches

Pope John Paul II offered a heartfelt prayer about vocations that remains relevant today: "Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let Your sweet invitation continue to resound: **Come, follow Me!** Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to Your voice. Support our bishops, priests, and consecrated people in their apostolic work. Give perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are fulfilling the ideal of a life totally devoted to Your service. Awaken in our communities a missionary zeal. Send, Lord, workers into Your fields and do not let mankind be lost because of a lack of pastors, missionaries, and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel." (<https:// Cairns.catholic.ora.au/eventcalendar/260>)

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: FIRST EUCHARIST

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

Parent formation:

Wed 28 Aug, 6pm Pizza, 6:30pm start at St Joseph's, Merimbula.

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.

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