

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**Lenten Discussion Group:** As preparation for the celebration of Easter, a Lenten discussion group will meet each Monday afternoon, commencing on 12<sup>th</sup> February. St Clement's Church Hall, Main Street, Merimbula, from 12.30 – 2.30pm. Please contact Anne 0408241230.

**14 MARCH | AN EVENING WITH FR TIMOTHY RADCLIFFE OP:** Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP was Master of the Order of Preachers from 1992 to 2001. A member of the community at Blackfriars, Oxford, he is the author of several very popular books and an internationally reputed speaker and retreat-giver. Date: Thursday 14 March 2024, Place: Merci College Wise Street Braddon Time: 5.30 -7.00pm; Free Tickets: <https://bit.ly/4bISurY>

**HISTORIC PEWS FOR SALE:** 40 surplus pews from the restoration of Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral. These pews are over 100 years old, made of a combination of cedar, maple and ash. For more information, please get in touch with Christopher in the Parish Office: E: [goulburn@cg.org.au](mailto:goulburn@cg.org.au) M: 040 363 1797

### Tuesdays with Fr George:

Fr George will be available for appointments in the Parish Office on Tuesdays between 10am and 2pm. If you need spiritual guidance, sacramental information, a chat or discussion, please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment. Any administration issues should also be discussed during a scheduled appointment.

**A note for our volunteers:** NSW Working With Children Check renewals can now be done digitally – ie without having to go into NSW Service Centre and queue.

Visit: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/renew-working-children-check-wwcc>



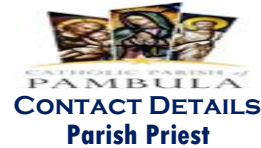
### Project Compassion Sunday: 10 & 11 February

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. 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](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



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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.**

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2024**  
**PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY**

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**  
**Jesus outcast for us**

Lepers were social outcasts forced to live outside the villages and towns. Jesus heals the leper, allowing him to return to communal living, but, in touching him, Jesus put himself on the outer. The Gospel says that Jesus 'had to stay outside where nobody lived'. Jesus willingly changed places with the leper! This incident prefigures the deepest mystery and scandal of the Gospel. Because of our deliberate wrongdoing, we are 'on the outside' with God. Our Lord and Saviour willingly experienced that alienation on Calvary, *outside* the walls of Jerusalem, in a desolate place where no-body lived. He suffered the dis-locating consequences of sin in his body and mind: 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?' He took our place outside the human awareness of the loving presence of His Heavenly Father so that we might be located in the right place, *insiders* with God. We might pause for a moment to lovingly thank our Saviour for leading us into 'the One in Whom we live and move and have our being'. © Fr Michael Tate; [mtate@bigpond.com](mailto:mtate@bigpond.com)

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: 14 FEBRUARY**  
**9AM EDEN**

**10:15AM PAMBULA**  
**5:30PM MERIMBULA**

**NB: No Mass Thursday 15 Feb in Eden.**  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 5pm Fridays during Lent Merimbula**

**Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46 / 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1 / Mark 1:40-45**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7**  
(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation: Luke 7:16**

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 77:29-30**

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

**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



**Feasts/Special Days:**

**Sun 11 Feb:** World Day of Prayer for the Sick (Holy See); Project Compassion Sunday (Australia).

**Wed 14 Feb:** Ash

Wednesday (Fast and Abstinence).

**Dates to Remember:**

**Tues 13 Feb: Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day. No adoration. Mass at 5pm at Merimbula. ALL WELCOME! Pancakes to follow!**

**Wed 14 Feb:** Ash Wednesday  
Mass: 9am Eden; 10:15am Pambula; 5:30pm Merimbula.

**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: \$1146.65; Second: Envelopes: \$371.00; Loose: \$511.50. Online Contributions for January: Credit Card: \$830.00 ; Direct Debit: \$825.00. 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...*  
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:* Shirley Brown (RIP).

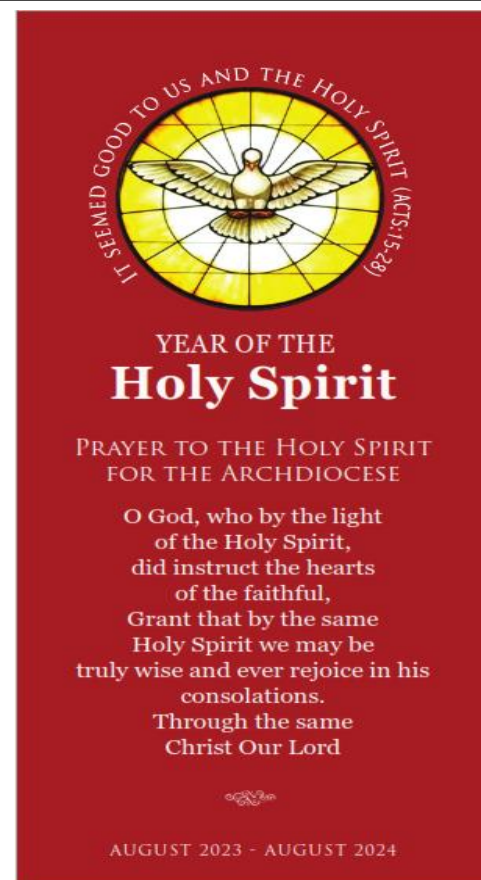
*We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including:* Shirley Brown (RIP), Patricia Gandon (RIP); Augustin Gomez (Anniversary).

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

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**Rosters for 17/18 February**

Eden:	Pambula:	Merimbula:
Intro & Prayers: Eileen McRae 1st Reader: Mick Wood 2nd Reader: Sue	Commentator/2nd Reading/Prayers of the Faithful: TBA 1st Reader: TBA	Commentator/2nd Reader: TBA First Reader: TBA



**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

**Mark 1:40-45: The leprosy left him and he was cured.**

**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