

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**WOMEN'S lunch** (for those on their own, those who feel alone and any other women) will be held in the bistro at CLUB SAPPHIRE Merimbula - 12pm, SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY. Name to Teresa (0408 827 794) by Thursday 23rd February.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Anybody that would like to Volunteer to help out with Morning Tea at Merimbula would be much appreciated. Please see Amanda Westerlaken.

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON** group has recommenced on Wed 18th Jan from 1-3pm in St Clement's Parish Centre, Main St. \$3/session. Ring Teresa 0408 827 794 for more details.

**The Monday Discussion Group** meets each week at the Tura Marrang Library, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our meetings resume on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, commencing with study of the Book of Exodus. For more information, please contact Anne on 0408241230. All are welcome.

### ASH WEDNESDAY AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

**Ash Wednesday:** 8am: Eden  
9:30am: Pambula  
5:30pm: Merimbula

**Holy Thursday:** 7pm Pambula

**Good Friday:** 11am Stations of the Cross, All Mass Centres  
3pm Passion of the Lord and Veneration of the Holy Cross, Merimbula

**Easter Vigil:** 6pm Eden

**Easter Sunday:** 8am Pambula  
10am Merimbula

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wed 22 Feb: Ash Wednesday  
Sun 9 April: Easter Sunday  
Tues 25 April: ANZAC Day Mass 9:30am Merimbula  
Sat 19 Aug: Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage, Eden  
Sun 20 Aug: Sacrament of Confirmation, 10am, Merimbula



CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
PAMBULA

### CONTACT DETAILS

#### Parish Priest

Fr George Ogah

#### Parish Secretary

Mrs Alicia O'Connor

#### Parish Council Chair

Mrs Bernadette Wood

#### Liturgy Coordinator

Ms Sue Heffernan

#### Finance Chair

Mr Neil Ffrench

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#### Parish Office

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Wednesday and Thursday  
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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

Saturday -6pm, Eden  
Sunday -8am, Pambula  
-10am, Merimbula  
Tuesday -5pm, Merimbula  
Wednesday-9:30am, Pambula  
Thursday -9:30am, Eden  
Friday -9:30am, 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 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

#### REFLECTION

### Truth-Telling

We have just heard the least observed command of Our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount. Referring to oaths he taught, 'Do not swear at all ... instead let your "yes" mean yes and your "no" mean no. Whatever goes beyond these simple words is from the Evil One.'

This is strong language. Why does Our Lord say this? In the same Sermon on the Mount, he teaches us the proper use of God's name: 'Our Father'. It is our privilege as adopted children of God to use God's name in that way. The use of God's name for oath-swearing is an abuse.

Our Lord was trying to establish a new sort of society (The Kingdom) within which truth-telling was of paramount importance, where there is no two-tiered way of speaking the truth.

Truth telling should issue simply from the character of the person – the truthful person truths.

We know this at the very private level of intimate relationships. As a Church, we need to heed this passage and listen to the epistle of St James recalling this passage almost verbatim. (James 5:12-13) We could pause for a moment to pray that the Church herself heeds the Great Commission: 'Teach them to keep *all* that I have commanded you.'

(Matthew 28:20)

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**Sir 15:15-20/ 1 Cor 2:6-10/ Mt 5:17-37**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1**  
(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!  
**Gospel Acclamation: See Mt 11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 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.

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:**

**Tues 14 Feb:** Sts Cyril,  
monk and Methodius,  
bishop (Memorial).



**Planned Giving Collections:** First: \$1,084.95; Second: Envelopes: \$458.00; Loose: \$490.95.  
Online Contributions: Dec 2021: Credit Card: \$850.00; Direct Debit: \$465.00; Jan 2023: Credit Card: \$800.00; Direct Debit: \$465.00. **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.

#### **Children's Liturgy**

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 10am, Merimbula

#### **Reconciliation (Confession)**

Saturday, 9:30am - 10:00am, Merimbula

Saturday, before Vigil Mass, Eden

Sunday, before Mass, Pambula

#### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Welcoming Mass - 4<sup>th</sup> Sat/Sun of the month

prior to Baptism during Mass on

1<sup>st</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 3:00pm, Eden

#### **Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary**

Sunday 9:30am and Fridays at 4:30pm

At St Joseph's Merimbula

#### **Rosary**

Monday Cenacle 11am in Merimbula

Tuesday 4:30pm in Merimbula

Wednesday 9am in Pambula

Thursday 8:45am in Eden

#### **Suggested Prayer of the Faithful**

For our seminarians and  
for priestly vocations:

*O God, pour out in your  
Church a spirit of  
reverence and courage,  
to raise up worthy  
ministers for your people  
and make them ardent,  
yet gentle heralds of your  
Gospel.*

Lord in your mercy.

Response: Hear our  
prayer.



*Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers...* Jeff and Monica Paffen, Glen Alcock, Lynette Robert, Robyn Roberts, Patricia May Bills, David Smith, Don Larkins, Cliff Hamilton, Suzanne Montgomery, Margot Neilson, Lynette Boxall, Rob Francis, Shirley Abreu, Peter Lewis, Michael Sheppard, Chris Greenwood, Margaret Coates, Lyn Collie, Geoff Heffernan, Mary O'Donnell, Judy O'Donnell, John Reynolds, Max Andrew, Ros Beveridge, Eric Mangion, Anselmo Guiffre, David Went.

*We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including:*

John Copas, Fr Neville Drinkwater, Faye Maher; Anniversaries- Janine Capell, Gabrielle England.

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

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### **PLEASE RETURN YOUR BLESSED PALMS FROM PREVIOUS EASTER**

**CELEBRATIONS:** These palms are to be burned and reused for our upcoming Ash Wednesday services. Please place the palms in the boxes available in each church.

### **HELP CARITAS AGENCIES TO SUPPORT THOSE AFFECTED BY THE DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY AND SYRIA:**

You can help communities affected by the Syria and Turkey Earthquake.

Our partner Caritas Syria and other Caritas agencies on the ground are coordinating with local authorities and other organisations to see how they can best assist. Your generous support can help provide emergency relief to help families recover and rebuild from disaster. VISIT:

<https://www.caritas.org.au/>

### **Lent begins next Wednesday.**

"Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are baptised.

Catholics are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year, in Australia and New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday." (Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Ordo, 2023).

**MT 5:17-37: SUCH WAS SAID TO YOUR ANCESTORS; BUT I AM SPEAKING TO YOU.**