

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

MERIMBULA JAZZ FESTIVAL ECUMENICAL SERVICE: 11:30AM ON SUNDAY 9 JUNE AT ST JOSEPH'S, MERIMBULA.

Parishioners are invited to attend and be part of welcoming others to our Church. The service will consist of prayer, reflection and Gospel music. Fr George and Rev Chris Duff (St Clement's) will be the ministers present. Rev Jean Shannon (Uniting) is a disappointed apology. The Gospel Choir and musicians will be led by Leisa Keen of the ANU's School of Music. It is an opportunity for people from different Churches, or none, to come together as one.

Pope Francis: "An evangelising community gets involved in word and deed in people's daily lives. It bridges distances".

Kind regards, Philip Roach.

MAY THE MONTH OF MARY:

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED BEFORE SATURDAY/SUNDAY MASS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY FOR EDEN AND MERIMBULA, AND AFTER SUNDAY MASS IN PAMBULA, COMMENCING 1/2 HOUR BEFORE SUNDAY MASS.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS:

June 14: St. Thomas More Forum: Thomas More Forum Lecture Engaging an AI Generation. Keynote Speaker: Fr Rob Galea, Founder FRG and ICON Ministry. Venue: Mercure Hotel, Braddon; Cost: \$99 (Two Course Dinner and Wine). Book

<https://bit.ly/stmf-140624> Or Call 0416823447 or forum@stthomasmore.org.au

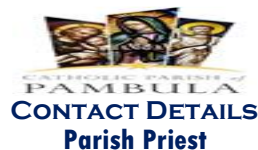
August 7: Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public and Political Life 2024 at 6PM

The Tim Fischer Oration aims to enlighten and encourage us to seek out and promote a free and fair society. Do join us in our noble endeavour. Speaker: Professor Helen Alvare, Levy Endowed Chair in Law and Liberty at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University. Q&A: Chris Uhlmann, Political Journalist and TV Presenter **For more information & tickets visit www.tfo.org.au**

October 17: Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev. Mark Ha: Thursday 17 October 2024 at 5.00pm at St Christopher's Cathedral Forrest, Canberra.

JOURNALIST/EDITOR: Revolutionise Catholic News Media in Canberra & Goulburn

Imagine yourself not stuck at a desk but out in the field, engaging with a multitude of devoted Catholics across our Archdiocese from the tranquil shores of Narooma to the historic streets of Goulburn. If you're passionate about journalistic excellence, community engagement, and storytelling that resonates deeply, then this is the perfect opportunity for you to shine. Join us in spreading the message, sparking conversations, and fostering connections that truly matter. Position Description: bit.ly/4aILK78 More information: Call Anthony Spata at Reach HR on 0402 210 055 or anthony@reachhr.com.au



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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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SUNDAY 12TH MAY, 2024 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Pope Francis encourages us to contemplate two aspects of the Ascension. 'On the one hand it directs our gaze towards heaven,' he says. 'On the other, it reminds us of the mission of the Church.'

The Pope points out that these two aspects are interconnected. In this feast we do not remember Jesus' bodily departure so much as celebrate his continuing presence in the world through the Christian community. The Pope suggests that 'the Ascension exhorts us to lift our gaze toward heaven, in order to return it immediately to the earth, to implement the tasks that the Risen Lord entrusts to us.' As today's Gospel declares, Jesus is in heaven. Yet, by 'working with' his disciples, he is also still present in the world. In a particular way in his encyclical *Laudato Si'* Pope Francis draws out the importance for Christians of proclaiming 'the Good News to all creation'. Picking up scriptural teaching, he highlights how 'all creation is bound up with the mystery of Christ' and reminds us that the Eucharist should motivate us 'to be stewards of all creation.' People of the Ascension, therefore, do not just tell other people about Jesus. Rather, People of the Ascension, as the Pope puts it, 'seek Christ along the paths of our time'. We are called to serve the poor and the needy and the world in which they live. We are called to become 'visible signs of hope' for the whole of creation.

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Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11/ Ephesians 1:17-23 / Mark 16:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:

a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Matthew 28:20

Behold, I am with you always,

even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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

Thursday 9:15 am in Eden

Rosary

Monday Cenacle 11am in Merimbula

Wednesday 9am in Pambula

Feasts/Special Days:

Sun 12 May: The Ascension of the Lord (Solemnity), World Communications Day (Holy See), Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Australia and NZ).

Mon 13 May: Monday of the 7th Week of Easter, or Our Lady of Fatima (Optional).

Tues 14 May: St Matthias, apostle (Feast).

Wed 15 May: Wednesday of the 7th Week of Easter.

Thurs 16 May: Thursday of the 7th Week of Easter.

Fri 17 May: Friday of the 7th Week of Easter.

Sat 18 May: Saturday of the 7th Week of Easter, or St John I, pope, martyr (Optional).

Dates to Remember:

Mon 13-Fri 17 May: Fr George attending Clergy Assembly (NO WEEKDAY MASSES).

Sun 9 June: Merimbula Jazz Festival Ecumenical Service. 11:30am at St Joseph’s, Merimbula.

Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$666.00; Second: Envelopes: \$515.50; Loose: \$274.50. 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... 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: David Smith (Anniversary), Henriette Lammertse/Voermans (RIP).

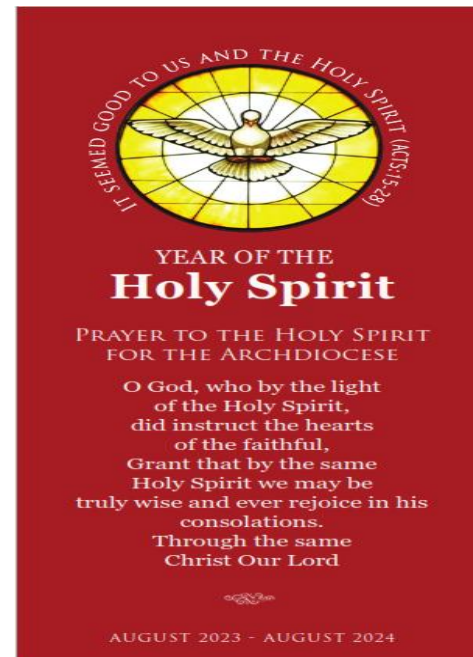
We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including: Margaret Jeffers (RIP), Domenic Parker (RIP), Sebastian ‘Ian’ Jordan (RIP), Henriette Lammertse/Voermans (RIP), David Smith (Anniversary), Charlotte Maher (RIP), Marcel (Mike) Aggenbach (Anniversary), Angela Plevey (Anniversary), Stella Brown (Anniversary), Pat Liston (Anniversary), Mary Liston (Anniversary), Sr Catherine Clark (RIP), Gerald Edwards (Anniversary), Nelson Olaquer (RIP), Garry Fleming (RIP), Sr Colleen O’Sullivan (RIP).

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

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Reading Rosters: 18/19 May

Eden:	Pambula:	Merimbula:
Intro & Prayers: TBA	Commentator/2 nd Reading	Commentator /2 nd Reader:
1 st Reader: TBA	/Prayers of the Faithful: Sue	Anne
2 nd Reader: TBA	Muffler	1 st Reader: Marion
	1 st Reader: Dave Crawford	



Mark 16:15-20: The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

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 ips@cg.org.au