

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**Dear volunteers,**

Thank you for your commitment to ministry in our parish. We would be unable to continue to provide pastoral and administrative support to our parishioners and community members without your dedication and support. In NSW the requirement is for anyone over 18 years of age involved in activities with children to hold a current Working With Children Check (WWCC). At a parish level, this applies to parish priests/staff/volunteers who are active in particular ministries. Twice a year, a report of all active WWCC holders is required to be sent to the Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office (IPSS) in the Archdiocesan Chancery, Manuka. Audits are due at the end of **March and September** and all parishes in the Archdiocese are required to comply. The Archdiocese can be audited by ACT or NSW Government agencies at any time so the audit reports are an important aspect of maintaining accurate records for when an audit occurs. Our parish is committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons and complying with Archdiocesan and Government requirements for WWCC. Please help us to maintain accurate records for the audits by ensuring your WWCC is current. *Thank you.*



Women's Retreat day, **God's love transforms** hosted by 'Call to Connect'. Guest speakers: Sharon Brewer & Rachel Fleurant MGL On: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 10am-3.15pm at St Monica's Evatt ACT. Click on QT Code for more details and to register.

**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](http://cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly)



<https://caritas.us/reflections-detail/who-do-you-say-i-am-mark-8-2735>



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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 -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.**

**24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2024**

## SEASON OF CREATION REFLECTION

by Nick Brodie

After Jesus spoke of a future involving personal suffering and political rejection Peter remonstrated with him. Jesus in turn rebuked Peter, explaining that such thinking was not of God. Much of the import of this short exchange seems to hinge on the openness of Jesus' assertions. Peter reacted not only to what Jesus said but the way he said it. Jesus' warnings were not given in secret but declared openly.

It is rather understandable that Peter was worried. Perhaps he thought that Jesus would attract unwanted attention from the authorities, or that his gloomy talk would put off potential followers. Either way, Jesus was having none of it. The truth, however dangerous or unpopular, should not be hidden.

Hearing this Gospel during the Season of Creation we might contemplate what truths get hushed up today. Do we encourage our leaders to speak openly about pollution and climate change, or do we collude in their silences? Does our society condemn or condone littering? Are our parishes in environmental denial, or models of sustainability and ecological responsibility? Ultimately, facing even the darkest future with hopeful action is a key part of Jesus' message. Christ's followers are called to bear their share of the cross and face tomorrow's problems today.

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**Isaiah 50:5-9 / James 2:14-18 / Mark 8:27-35**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9** (R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**Gospel Acclamation: Galatians 6:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,

which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 35:8**

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

**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 16 Sept:** Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr, & Cyprian, bishop, martyr (Memorial).

**Tues 17 Sept:** St Hildegard of Bingen, virgin, doctor or St Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor (Optional).

**Thurs 19 Sept:** St Januarius, bishop, martyr (Optional).

**Fri 20 Sept:** Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr, Paul Chong Ha-Seng & Companions, martyrs (Memorial).

**Sat 21 Sept:** St Matthew, apostle, evangelist (Feast).

**Dates to Remember:**

**Sat 14/Sun 15:** Enrolment Masses for Children preparing for First Holy Communion.

**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: \$655.20; Second: Envelopes: \$400.50; Loose: \$370.60. 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...*  
Henk Westerlaken, Claudia, 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, Judy Broddrick, Max Andrew, Ros Beveridge, Eric Mangion, Anselmo Guiffre, David Went.

*This Week's Mass Intentions:* N/A

*We pray for all the faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including:* Mary O'Donnell  
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of our Lord, rest in peace, AMEN

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**THANK YOU TO FR ROFIN RAPHEL & WELCOME HOME FR GEORGE!!!**

**Reading Rosters: 21/22 Sept**

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

We welcome and pray for all of the children that are preparing for the **Sacrament of First Eucharist**. We pray for their families as they help them prepare to receive this holy sacrament.

Congratulations to **Alyssa Anderson & Ned Brannelly** who will be married in St Joseph's Church, Merimbula, this Saturday 14 September. May you grow in love every day and may the Lord grace each day of your marriage with abundant blessing.

We welcome and pray for **Charlee Juliet Mitchell** and her parents, Rowena and Jason. Charlee will be Baptised on Sunday 15 September in St Joseph's, Merimbula.

**PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: FIRST EUCHARIST**

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

**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](mailto:ipss@cg.org.au)