

**Catholic Parish of Pambula 1st/2nd July 2017**

**Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Eden**

**St. Joseph's  
Merimbula**

**St. Peter's  
Pambula**

**St. Joseph's  
Wyndham**

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*New parishioners are most welcome. Please fill in the card in the foyer so we can contact you.*

**MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND 8th/9th July 2017**

**Eden Vigil Saturday 5p.m. Pambula Sunday 8a.m. Merimbula Sunday 10a.m.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Merimbula:** Saturday 9.30am – 10.30am.  
**Eden:** Before the Vigil Mass Saturday  
**Pambula:** Before the 8a.m. Mass  
At any other time by request

**Weekday Liturgies/Masses**

**Tues:** Liturgy Eden 8a.m.  
Mass Merimbula 4.30p.m.  
**Wed:** Mass Pambula 9.30a.m.  
**Thurs:** Mass Eden 9.30a.m.  
**Fri:** Mass Merimbula 9.30a.m.

*The Rosary is recited each Tuesday at 4.15pm  
at St. Joseph's Merimbula and Our Lady Star of the Sea Eden each Thursday at 9-15am.*

**Parish News/Events**

**The Wednesday Social Group** meets each Wednesday in the Merimbula Parish Centre from 1-3pm. All most welcome.  
**Mothers Prayer Group** each Monday at 9.30am. at Pambula (except school holidays) All welcome.  
**Parish Pastoral Council** ~ Contact is Bernadette Wood on 6496 1360. Please feel free to call with any concerns you see in our Parish or any inspired ideas you feel we should move forward on.  
**Ladies Evening Group** ~ First Tuesday each month at 7p.m. at Covingtons Pambula, share a meal, discuss ways to help the women of our parish. Contact Bernadette Wood on 0429 774119.  
**St. Vincent de Paul** meets every two weeks on Monday at 3.30pm. at the Vinnies Centre Merimbula. Please phone Christine Mabbott on 04161 30572 for any enquiries.

**Thanks for your generosity: 1st Collection \$773.05 2nd Collection: Envelopes \$2170.50; Loose \$271.10**

**Please remember in your prayers all our sick and infirm:** Janice Glass; Alex Ivan (nee Wood); Frank Clancy; Czes & Beata Denkiewicz; Steven Partridge; Eric Mangion; Bill Alcock; Keiran Reynolds; Lynn Hegarty; George & Isabel Franchi; Dawn Lucas; Patrick Buckley; Julianne Hunt; Paul Picker; John Brannelly; Tony Alcock; Justin Toussaint.

**Deceased relatives and friends for whom prayers have been requested include:** Helene Engels; Caroline Svampa; Rosemary Tarlinton; Geoff Smith; Mary Cocks; Barb Sanders; Mike Aggenbach; Patricia McManus; Anna Giuffre; Italo Giuffre; Stan & Norma Knight; Jenny Reynolds; Nola Kennedy; John Hulme.

**We have loved them in Life; let us not forget them in death.**

**MERIMBULA**

<b>Commentator &amp; PF</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Sp. Minister of Communion</b>	<b>Altar Flowers</b>	<b>Offertory</b>
02/07 Alice	Jackie	Terry, Leah, Neil, Judy	Gwenda	
09/07 Teresa	Zac	Rosie, Alice, Isabel, Ursula	Gwenda	

Cleaning: 01/07 Picker Family 08/07 Nil

**EDEN**

TBA  
Cleaning: 01/07 Robin & Anna 08/07

**PAMBULA**

02/07 Celi Kennedy	Toos Mayberry	Amanda & Pat	Celie
09/07 Gavin Bell	Diana Harley	Maureen & Celie	Gavin

Cleaning July : Marg Liston

**Workshop for Lectors**

We are organizing a workshop for lectors in our parish on **July 29, 2017 at St Peter's Pambula from 10 am to 12 Noon.** I want lectors at all our mass centers to attend this very important workshop. If anyone is unable to attend it please let me know. This is very important, for you are in the service of proclamation of word of God.  
Fr James T Antony cmi

**Feast days of the week:**

**Monday 3 July Saint Thomas, Apostle – Feast**

St. Thomas was born a Jew and was called to be one of the twelve Apostles. His birth and death dates are unknown, but his feast day is celebrated July 3. He lived before the formal establishment of the Catholic Church but is recognized as the patron saint of architects.

He was a dedicated but impetuous follower of Christ. When Jesus said He was returning to Judea to visit His sick friend Lazarus, Thomas immediately exhorted the other Apostles to accompany Him on the trip which involved certain danger and possible death because of the mounting hostility of the authorities.

At the Last Supper, when Christ told His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

St. Thomas is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of his Master. Thomas' unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday earned him the title of "doubting Thomas."

Eight days later, on Christ's second apparition, Thomas was gently rebuked for his scepticism and furnished with the evidence he had demanded - seeing in Christ's hands the point of the nails.

Thomas even put his fingers in the nail holes and his hand into Christ's side. After verifying the wounds were true, St. Thomas became convinced of the reality of the Resurrection and exclaimed, "My Lord and My God," thus making a public Profession of Faith in the Divinity of Jesus.

St. Thomas is also mentioned as being present at another Resurrection appearance of Jesus - at Lake Tiberias, when a miraculous catch of fish occurred.

This is all that we know about St. Thomas from the New Testament. Tradition says that at the dispersal of the Apostles after Pentecost this saint was sent to evangelize to the Parthians, Medes, and Persians. He ultimately reached India, carrying the Faith to the Malabar coast, which still boasts a large native population calling themselves "Christians of St. Thomas."

According to tradition, Thomas was killed in an accident when a fowler shot at a peacock and struck Thomas instead. Following his death, some of his relics were taken to Edessa while the rest were kept in what is now known as India. They can still be found within the San Thome Basilica in Chennai, Mylapore, India.

**Prayer to Saint Thomas the Apostle**

Dear Saint Thomas,  
You were once slow in believing that Christ had gloriously risen; but later, because you had seen him, you exclaimed: "My Lord and my God!" According to an ancient story, you rendered most powerful assistance for constructing a church in a place where pagan priests opposed it.  
Please bless architects, builders and carpenters that through them the Lord may be honoured.  
Amen.

**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY TODAY JULY 2.**

Today is a day when we acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's first people. Today is the start of National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee or NAIDOC week where all are welcomed and encouraged to join in the celebrations. We acknowledge that God has been walking with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, making his presence known through a living culture that has been maintained till this present time.

**Planned Giving Envelopes** ~ a reminder to collect your envelopes from the foyer for the next financial year.

*The July edition of Catholic Voice is available in the foyer.*

**"Archbishop's Christmas Appeal Response 2016"**

Archbishop Christopher extends thanks to all parishioners for the contributions made to the 2016 Christmas Appeal. A total of \$64,078.50 was raised.

- \$10,000 each has been given to the NCCA's Christmas Bowl Appeal and to assist the Diocese of Wilcannia Forbes.
- \$20,000 has been given to assist the Diocese of Otukpo, Nigeria.
- \$19,000 to further assist the Diocesan Seminary in the Diocese of Tagbilaran, Philippines.
- \$5,078.50 towards providing safe and accessible water to the communities of Hera and Kasait in Timor Leste.