

Catholic Parish of Pambula 8th/9th 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 15th/16th 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 \$845.70 2nd Collection: Envelopes \$575.50; Loose \$219.00

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

Commentator & PF	Reader	Sp. Minister of Communion	Altar Flowers	Offertory
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09/07 Teresa	Zac	Rosie, Alice, Isabel, Ursula	Gwenda	
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16/07 Gai	Anne	Teresa, Terry, Leah & Ursula	Gwenda	
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Cleaning: 08/07 Nil. 15/07 R & D Selorio

EDEN

TBA **Prayers of Faithful**

PAMBULA

09/07 Gavin Bell	Diana Harley	Maureen & Celie	Gavin	
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16/07 Amanda W	Anne Atkins	Pat & Jacqui	Amanda	
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Cleaning July : Marg Liston

Archbishop's pilgrimage to Eden

Archbishop is leading a pilgrimage from Canberra to Eden Mary MacKillop place on **August 12, 2017**. Parishes from the coast will arrive to Eden as pilgrim groups to join midday mass with Archbishop and for the lunch thereafter. It's our duty to welcome the pilgrims; therefore I request your presence and support for this very special event in our parish. Fr James T Antony cmi

Pope's prayer intention for July 2017

Evangelization: That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

Prayer

God our Father,
you call us to know and to follow your Son Jesus

as a model for our lives.

Help us to give a coherent testimony of our faith in Jesus,

which encounters the people around us.

The Gospel has an enormous force of transformation,

when it is lived in its radicality and beauty.

On the contrary,

a faith disconnected from life,

without mercy,

can cause scandal and isolation.

We ask for your forgiveness for our lack of consistency,

that lead so many brothers and sisters not to find in the Church a place full of life.

We pray for all who have strayed away from the faith,

that, with our prayer and witness,

they will be able to rediscover the joy of believing and living in Christ.

Challenges for the month

To pray for those who have turned away from the faith, so that their heart may open to the appeals of the Father of Mercy.

Reflect in person if we are giving a coherent witness of life according to the Gospel, marked by mercy and joy.

Provide a moment of reflection in the parish about concrete ways of speaking of the faith to those who are far from the Church.

Workshop for Lectors

We are organizing a workshop for lectors in our parish on **Saturday 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 THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 11 July St Benedict, Abbot

Friday 14 July Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Saturday 15 July Saint Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor

St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She was born in 1656, in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon. Her mother was an Algonquin, who was captured by the Mohawks and who took a Mohawk chief for her husband.

She contracted smallpox as a four-year-old child which scarred her skin. The scars were a source of humiliation in her youth. She was commonly seen wearing a blanket to hide her face. Worse, her entire family died during the outbreak. Kateri Tekakwitha was subsequently raised by her uncle, who was the chief of a Mohawk clan.

Kateri was known as a skilled worker, who was diligent and patient. However, she refused to marry. When her adoptive parents proposed a suitor to her, she refused to entertain the proposal. They punished her by giving her more work to do, but she did not give in. Instead, she remained quiet and diligent. Eventually they were forced to relent and accept that she had no interest in marriage.

At age 19, Kateri Tekakwitha converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity and pledging to marry only Jesus Christ. Her decision was very unpopular with her adoptive parents and their neighbours. Some of her neighbours started rumours of sorcery. To avoid persecution, she travelled to a Christian native community south of Montreal.

According to legend, Kateri was very devout and would put thorns on her sleeping mat. She often prayed for the conversion of her fellow Mohawks. According to the Jesuit missionaries that served the community where Kateri lived, she often fasted and when she would eat, she would taint her food to diminish its flavour. On at least one occasion, she burned herself. Such self-mortification was common among the Mohawk. Kateri was very devout and was known for her steadfast devotion. She was also very sickly. Her practices of self-mortification and denial may not have helped her health. Sadly, just five years after her conversion to Catholicism, she became ill and passed away at age 24, on April 17, 1680. Her name, Kateri, is the Mohawk form of Catherine, which she took from St. Catherine of Siena. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 21, 2012. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile and Native Americans.