

Catholic Parish of Pambula 15th/16th 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 22nd/23rd July 2017

Eden Vigil Saturday 5p.m. Pambula Sunday 8a.m. Merimbula Sunday 10a.m. Wyndham 12 noon.

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 \$693.25 2nd Collection: Envelopes \$668.50; Loose \$240.45

Please remember in your prayers all our sick and infirm: Shirley Monahan; 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; Giovanni Ristuccvia; 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

16/07 Gai

Anne

Teresa, Terry, Leah & Ursula

Gwenda

23/07 Rosie

Helen

Neil, Judy, Teresa & Christine

Gwenda

Cleaning: 15/07 R & D Selorio 22/07 Nil

EDEN

TBA

Cleaning

PAMBULA

16/07 Amanda W

Anne Atkins

Pat & Jacqui

Amanda

23/07 Bill Peterie

Pat Went

Amanda & Diana

Bill

Cleaning July : Marg Liston

Prayers of Faithful

Baptism: Congratulations to Jake Martin den Hertog whom we welcome into the Family of God, the Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

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

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING THIS TUESDAY 18 JULY AT 7P.M.

Gospel Exegesis: A parable to boost morale: The word "parable" comes from the Greek word *parabole*, which means putting two things side by side in order to confront or compare them. And that is exactly how Jesus uses parables: He places a simile from life or nature against the abstract idea of the reign of God. Jesus' parable of the seed sown in various soil types was an attempt to boost the morale of his frustrated disciples. They were upset and discouraged because they realized that their master was facing opposition and hostility from the scribes, Pharisees and priests. The synagogues refused to admit him to preach. So Jesus had to go to beaches and hillsides. Some of the Pharisees were planning to trap him, and the common people were more interested in his ability to heal them than in his preaching. Using the parable of the sower in today's Gospel, Jesus assured his confused disciples that the "Good News" he preached would produce the intended effect in spite of opposition and controversy. Matthew may have included this parable in his Gospel, because his own Judeo-Christian community had experienced similar adverse reactions from their fellow-Jews, just as people today are frustrated in their attempt to live the Gospel in our consumerist, hedonist and agnostic society.

A parable of God's prodigality. Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 13, repeats seven parables Jesus taught on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. The parable of the sower is the first. Some Bible scholars think that Jesus told the parable in verses 3-9 and that the early Church may have added the allegorical interpretation in verses 18-23. God is always scattering the seeds of His kingdom around us whether we deserve them or not, so that when the soil of our hearts is ready for the seed to germinate, the seed is already there. Even the tiniest seed of God's love can produce in us a harvest beyond our imagining. The Church is prodigal too, proclaiming the Gospel among primitive tribes in far-away jungles and among teenage gangs in urban ghettos, trusting in the power of the word of God which is described as a "sharp sword" (Is 49:2), "two-edged sword" (Heb 4: 12), and "fire and hammer" (Jer 23: 29)..

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:

Saint Mary Magdalene 22nd July

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels. Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute or sexually immoral in western Christianity, but this is not supported in the scriptures. It is believed she was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did. The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with and these women also became followers. There is also debate over if Mary Magdalene is the same unnamed women, a sinner, who weeps and washes Jesus' feet with her hair in the Gospel of John. Scholars are sceptical this is the same person. Despite the scholarly dispute over her background, what she did in her subsequent life, after meeting Jesus, is much more significant. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God. During Jesus' ministry, it is believed that Mary Magdalene followed him, part of a semi-permanent entourage who served Jesus and his Disciples. Mary likely watched the crucifixion from a distance along with the other women who followed Christ during His ministry. Mary was present when Christ rose from the dead, visiting his tomb to anoint his body only to find the stone rolled away and Christ, very much alive, sitting at the place they laid Him. She was the first witness to His resurrection. After the death of Christ, a legend states that she remained among the early Christians. After fourteen years, she was allegedly put into a boat by Jews, along with several other saints of the early Church, and set adrift without sails or oars. The boat landed in southern France, where she spent the remaining years of her life living in solitude, in a cave. St. Mary Magdalene is the patroness of converts, repentant sinners, sexual temptation, pharmacists, tanners and women, and many other places and causes.