

Catholic Parish of Pambula 23rd/24th September 2017

**Our Lady Star of the Sea
Eden**

**St. Joseph's
Merimbula**

**St. Peter's
Pambula**

**St. Joseph's
Wyndham**

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Baptisms: On any weekend during Mass.

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

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MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND 30th September/ 1st October 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 8.00a.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 **next month at 6-30pm Pambula Merimbula Golf Club**, share a meal, discuss ways to help the women of our parish. Contact Bernadette Wood on 0429 774119.

Vinnies Conference Merimbula is an active group that offers a 'hand up' to those in need. We warmly welcome new members. Please phone Christine Mabbott on 04161 30572 for further information.

Thanks for your generosity: 1st Collection \$811.45 ; 2nd Collection: Envelopes \$642.50 Loose \$191.70

Please remember in your prayers all our sick and infirm: Olive Cockroft; Cecil Fletcher; Brian Gandon; Alex Ivan (nee Wood); Frank Clancy; Czes & Beata Denkiewicz; Eric Mangion; Bill Alcock; Keiran Reynolds; Lynn Hegarty; 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: Michael O'Reilly; Rita Luppino; Fr Mayne Murphy; Clive Reuter; Eric (Sonno) Weber; Betty Beasley; Jim Gall; Isabella Franchi; Graeme Mayberry; Colin Partridge; Reg Ford; Peter Dal Piva; Pat O'Connor; Shirley Monahan; Frank Dal Piva.

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

MERIMBULA

Commentator & PF	Reader	Sp. Minister of Communion	Altar Flowers	Offertory
24/09 Fiona	Brian	Neil, Ursula, Isabel & Alice	Collette & Gary	
01/10 Alice	Jackie	Isabel, Ursula, Volunteer, Volunteer		

Cleaning: 23/09 R & D Selorio. 30/09 Nil

EDEN

TBA
Cleaning
Prayers of Faithful

PAMBULA

24/09 Shane Grace	Bill Peterie	Pat & Celi	Shane
01/10 Jason Harley	Paul Zeller	Maureen & Amanda	Jason

Cleaning: October ~ Mary Coyle & Maureen Andrew

Readings for next Sunday ~ Ezekiel 18:25-28; Resp. Psalm 24:4-9; 2nd Reading, Philippians 2:1-11, Gospel

Matthew 21: 28-32 (NSV or NRSV Bible) www.usccb.org

Pilgrimage/Tour to India

I will be away for couple of weeks from the 2nd of October as I am travelling with a group of our parishioners to India on a pilgrimage/tour. In my absence Frs Tony Percy and Frank Brenna SJ will fill in for the weekend masses. All weekday masses stand cancelled and liturgy of the word with communion will be conducted unless otherwise advised differently. Keep us in your prayers.
Fr James T Antony cmi

PARISH VISION
To be a prayerful, faithful, welcoming, serving, vibrant and Christ-centred community.

Pastoral Message | September 12, 2017

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

The current issue of same-sex marriage and the proposal to change the basic definition of marriage in Australia raises issues that are central to a society seeking maturity. We all know and love same-sex attracted people in our families, parishes and communities. They do feel particularly vulnerable in the current national discussions. Our respect and care reaches out to them as always.

That been said, traditional marriage must be considered one of the great treasures of humanity. Clearly, Christianity has given it a particular sacramental understanding. Yet, the exclusive love sharing of a man and a woman that is open to the possibility of giving life to children has been a central benchmark of healthy societies over millennia. St John Paul II often wrote that society comes through the family. Strengthening society means strengthening marriage and families. How can changing the basic and enduring definition of marriage assist a strong society?

Several recent Popes have also made the parallel with environmental ecology and human ecology. They rightly see their inter-connection. For example, why be strong on protecting the natural beauties of Australia but less so on protecting proven human beauties, like traditional marriage? Indeed, we seem to be strong on protecting the environment but seemingly more ready to endanger the delicate ecology of human relationships in re-defining marriage. Subjective considerations are significant but must be balanced carefully with objective truths about the value of traditional marriage and its links with the flourishing of society.

Clearly, too, if overseas examples are a guide, many countries that have permitted same-sex marriage are now encountering all sorts of challenges regarding abuses to the fundamental rights of religious freedom and speech. Various ideologies can be asserted in a subtle manner as the new "right". Pope Francis warns us about the advance of an "ideological colonisation" in our world.

Let us do all we can to protect traditional marriage from any legal re-definition. Make sure you vote!

Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn September 12, 2017

Vatican Radio: Pope Francis has set up a new Pontifical institute for the study of marriage and the family, replacing the organisation set up by his predecessor in 1981. In a Motu Proprio, published on Tuesday, the Vatican announced that the John Paul II Pontifical Theological Institute for Marriage and Family Sciences is being established to carry forward the work of the two recent Synods of Bishops and the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia.

New pastoral challenges

Noting the important work that has been carried out by the original institute, founded in the wake of the 1980 Synod on the Family, Pope Francis says the Synods of 2014 and 2015 have brought a renewed awareness of "the new pastoral challenges to which the Christian community is called to respond".

Contemporary anthropological and cultural changes, the pope says, require "a diversified and analytical approach" which cannot be "limited to pastoral and missionary practices" of the past.

Complex realities of family life

Instead, he says, we must be able to interpret our faith in a context in which individuals are less supported than before as they deal with the complex realities of family life. Faithful to the teachings of Christ, the pope says, we must explore these "lights and shadows of family life" with realism, wisdom and love.

Like its predecessor, the new institute will continue to work as part of the Pontifical Lateran University. It will also be closely connected to the Holy See through the Congregation for Catholic Education, the Pontifical Academy for Life and the new Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.

The institute, which comes into effect immediately, will offer students courses leading to a diploma, a license and a doctorate in marriage and family sciences.

Feast days of the week

Wednesday 27 Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Friday 29 Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels – Feast

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VINNIES OZANAM TWINNING APPEAL will be drawn today after Mass at Merimbula. Good Luck!