

Catholic Parish of Pambula 9th /10th December 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 16th/17th December 2017

Eden Vigil Saturday 6p.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 5.00p.m.

Wed: Mass Pambula 9.30a.m.

Thurs: Mass Eden 9.30a.m.

Fri: Mass Merimbula 9.30am.

The Rosary is recited each Tuesday at 4.45pm

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.

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 \$723.95; 2nd Collection: Envelopes \$578.00 Loose \$288.30

Please remember in your prayers all our sick and infirm: Joy & Roy Bugden; Edna Reid ;Roslyn Beveridge; Laura Heap; Anne Moorhead; Ray Doughney; Olive Cockroft; Cecil Fletcher; Alex Ivan (nee Wood); Frank Clancy; Czes & Beata Denkiewicz; Eric Mangion; Bill Alcock; Keiran Reynolds; Rian 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 Ian Hunt; Mary (Maureen) Gaha; Bening Recla (mother of Angie Clinton); Sheila Walker; Nora Jones; May Reynolds; Kevin Bertram; Brian Gandon; Anna Strk; Rita Luppino; Kim Geraghty; Gildo Dal Piva; Maria Rech (mother of Barb A.)

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

MERIMBULA

Commentator & PF	Reader	Sp. Minister of Communion	Altar Flowers	Offertory
10/12 Helen	Lyn	Neil, Jackie, Ursula, Isabel		
17/12 Fiona	Helen	Neil, Terry, Leah, Judy		

Cleaning: 09/12 Nil 16/12 G & F Clear

EDEN

TBA **Prayers of Faithful**

PAMBULA

10/12 Jason Harley	Diana Harley	Celi & Gwenda	Jason
17/12 Gavin Bell	Pat Went	Jacqui & Maureen	Gavin

Cleaning: December ~ Fran & Bill Peterie

Readings for next Sunday ~ 1st Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11, Resp. Psalm Luke 1:46-50, 53-54 2nd Reading, Isaiah 61:1

Gospel John 1;6-8, 19-28 (NSV or NRSV Bible) www.usccb.org

HAPPY ADVENT EVERYONE!!

My name is Paletasala (Pale) Leota and i really look forward to working with you as your new Pastor.

A brief background of myself while in the process of moving. I am originally from Samoa which is geographically below the equator and north of Fiji in the Pacific. I am the eldest of six in the family. Both my parents are alive and live back home where most of my family are together. I'm basically from a very family oriented cultural background but I'm also very blessed to have experienced the cultural values here in Australian life style. I have siblings and heaps of relatives in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.

I am currently residing in Young Parish as an associate Priest and have been very blessed to be working in Canberra and Goulburn Archdiocese for over four years now after a stint with Melbourne Archdiocese for seven years. I was first introduced to the Canberra weather when i was first appointed as Chaplain to the Samoan Community and associate Priest at both St Matthew's Parish and Aranda Parish. After several years there I was again asked to be full time Chaplain to the Canberra Hospital in which I then moved to the Cathedral Parish, Manuka to have close access to both Canberra Hospital and John James Calvary Hospital.

I really anticipate and look forward to meeting you all and working alongside with you in building the Kingdom of God. I do pray and hope to be welcomed into your domain as I will really rely and do depend on the grace of your prayers. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas filled with every good blessing and a prosperous New Year full of God's joyous love and grace.

Pale Leota, December 3rd, 2017

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION ~ On Wednesday 20 December at 7-30pm at St. Joseph's Merimbula, we will hold our regular Second Rite of Reconciliation. I encourage all of you to make use of this opportunity to prepare ourselves to welcome

FAMILY AND CHIDREN'S MASS

The Christmas Eve Children's Nativity Play will begin at 5pm at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula. All children are welcome to come dressed as shepherds or angels and join in the celebration of Christ's birth.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wed 13/12 Saint Lucy;

Thurs 14/12 Saint John of the Cross

The Sisters of St. Joseph thank all who have brought in used stamps for their mission appeal and ask that you keep doing so.

PARISH VISION

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

Christmas Mass times

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24 December: 5 pm Family and children's mass, 7.30 pm Vigil at Eden, Midnight mass at Pambula.

Christmas Day: Monday 25 December: 10 am mass Merimbula

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas cards are available after Mass or from the centre. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Silver jubilee of Eden church

Thank God, it's been 25 years since we started using Eden church for worship and prayer. Let's celebrate this occasion, I invite all of you for a thanksgiving mass on Saturday 16 December at 6 pm and for a cuppa thereafter. Come celebrate Fr James

Working Bee at Eden Church next Sunday morning 17 December starting 8-30 to 9am, to clean windows and surrounds etc. in preparation for Christmas.

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2017

will be conducted at all Christmas Masses. Funds will be split with the ecumenical Christmas bowl appeal and its work in Australia, the Wilcannia Forbes Diocese and the Wilcannia Hub project supporting young indigenous families, the Diocese of Otukpo, Nigeria and the Philippines for a Diocesan Seminary. Also support towards providing a school bus to transport young children to school from poor villages in La Salette Matha Province, India, and student assistance for those in need at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land.

The Samaritan Shop will be open again 8.30am to 5pm Mon to Frid; 8-30am to noon Saturday, 15-23 December and 2-27 January. The SJA has an emphasis on homelessness and other social justice issues in the shire as well as the alleviation of poverty in countries with which we are connected. We can now ~ donate saleable goods, come and shop for a bargain, volunteer, donate \$ ~ donations over \$20 are tax deductible. Contact Michael Brosnan 0410697229 or John Liston 6495 6325.