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Pambula Parish Office

Catholic Parish of Pambula 30th /31st 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.

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND 6th/7th January 2018

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

Mon: Mass 9.30am Merimbula (New Year's Day)

Tues: Liturgy Eden 8.00a.m.

Liturgy Merimbula 5.00p.m.

Wed: Liturgy Pambula 9.30a.m.

Thurs: Liturgy Eden 9.30a.m.

Fri: Liturgy 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 is having a short break and will resume on Wednesday 10th January. New Members are 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 \$844.50; 2nd Collection: Envelopes \$2248-00 Loose \$198-75

Christmas Masses: 1st \$1484-25; Archbishop's Appeal \$2614-60..

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 Slavko Skoko; Ian Hunt; Sheila Walker; Nora Jones; Gildo 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**

31/12 Anne Teresa Terry, Leah, Judy, Neil

07/01 Fiona Jackie Neil, Alice, Ursula, Isabel Rosie & Isabel

Cleaning: 30/12 M D'Hage & S Schroeder. 06/01 Nil

EDEN

Prayers of Faithful

PAMBULA

31/12 Sue Muffler Bill Peterie Pat & Gwenda Sue

07/01 Amanda W Anne Atkins Maureen & Pat Amanda

Cleaning: January: Gwenda Blake

Readings for next Sunday ~ 1st Isaiah 60:1-6, Resp. Psalm:71:1-2. 7-8.10-13 2nd Reading, Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12. (NSV or NRSV Bible) www.usccb.org

This week we bid farewell to Father James and give thanks for his loving ministry for almost five years. Father will celebrate Mass at 9-30am on Monday 1st January (New Year's Day) at St. Joseph's Merimbula, prior to his departure to his new parish at Tuggeranong South.

Baptism. Congratulations to Willow Louise Pryor whom we welcome into the Family of God, the Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

FAMILY, PLACE OF FORGIVENESS ...

There is no perfect family. We do not have perfect parents, we are not perfect, we do not marry a perfect person or have perfect children.

We have complaints from each other. We disappoint each other. So there is no healthy marriage or healthy family without the exercise of forgiveness.

Forgiveness is vital to our emotional health and spiritual survival. Without forgiveness the family becomes an arena of conflict and a stronghold of hurt.

Without forgiveness, the family becomes ill. Forgiveness is the asepsis of the soul, the cleansing of the mind and the liberation of the heart.

Whoever does not forgive does not have peace in the soul nor communion with God. Hurt is poison that intoxicates and kills. Keeping heartache in the heart is a self-destructive gesture. It's autophagy.

Those who do not forgive are physically, emotionally and spiritually ill.

That is why the family must be a place of life, not of death; Territory of cure and not of illness; Stage of forgiveness and not guilt.

Forgiveness brings joy where sorrow has produced sadness; healing, where sorrow has caused disease.

- Pope Francis

The Social Justice Advocates **Samaritan Shop** will reopen next Tuesday 2nd January until January 27. at the Masonic Hall, Toalla St., Pambula.

The SJA has an emphasis on homelessness and other local social justice issues in our shire and also include the alleviation of poverty in countries with which we are connected. **We can;** Come and shop for a bargain, volunteer, donate \$ (over \$20 are tax deductible.) Contact Mick Brosnan 0410697229 or John Liston 6495 6325

ARCHBISHOP'S

CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

Thank you for your generous support of this Appeal. A total of \$2614-60 was raised in the parish.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 1st January~ Mary the Holy Mother of God

Tuesday 2nd January ~ Saints Basil the Great and Gregory

Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors.

Happy New Year...

While we thank God for the blessings we received in 2017 we embrace 2018 with increased hope and faith in Divine Power. May you all stay blessed during the New Year. Once again I thank each one of you for the love you extended to me in the past years. I seek your prayers as I move to a new parish. It's a new challenge with new opportunities. Let us be united in prayer. I will leave Merimbula on 1 January 2018 after the 9.30 am mass. God bless you all. Stay connected.

Happy New Year

Fr James T Antony CMI