

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

18th August - Launch of Natural Fertility Awareness Week

Natural Family Planning methods are being showcased in the foyer of St Michael's Church, Kaleen, on Sunday evening 18th August 2024 after the 5.30pm Mass. The theme for Natural Fertility Awareness Week is *Trust your body's signals of fertility: forget about drugs and devices*. Any questions can be answered by the available teachers and cake will be shared as this display launches national activities for NFA Week.

19 August | Free Webinar - Natural Fertility Awareness Week | 7:30pm

Billings LIFE is pleased to present a free webinar *Trust your body's natural signals of fertility: Forget about drugs and devices*. Dr Clarissa Lopez, and Caroline But are the guest speakers. Everyone is welcome to attend this free webinar and learn more about the Billings Ovulation Method®. More info - visit the Billings LIFE website.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: PREPARATION FOR THOSE SEEKING TO ENTER INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH. If anyone is interested in becoming Catholic or returning to the faith, please contact Fr George.

HARVEST JOURNEYS: JUBILEE OF FAMILIES, GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE 14 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE IN MAY 2025, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE, FR GEORGE OR AMANDA WESTERLAKEN. WE NEED TO GET AN IDEA OF NUMBERS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE TRIP ASAP. ITINERARY AND QUOTATION HAVE BEEN EMAILED WITH THIS BULLETIN AND ARE AVAILABLE TO VIEW.

31 August | Cultural Competency | 10:00AM: The Catholic Women's Taskforce, Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn has a workshop on 31 August. Kylie Shea, a Ngunnawal woman will facilitate the sessions where we will learn about Ngunnawal culture. Venue: Parish Centre Aranda. Register via www.cgwomen.org.au

14 Sept Season of Creation Convocation 2024 - Catholic Earthcare Caritas Australia: Catholic Earthcare Convocation 12-14 September 2024. 12-13 September online presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences. Saturday 14 September in the Archdiocesan Hub to transform learning into action (online available). Register here: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1231165>
Contact: catholicearthcare@caritas.org.au

18-20 October | Come, Holy Spirit - Archdiocesan Assembly: All are invited to take part in the Archdiocesan Assembly that will explore the theme 'Come Holy Spirit.' This will focus on celebrating the Year of the Holy Spirit and explore new opportunities for evangelisation and synodality in the life and mission of our local Church going forward.



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Churches
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Eden
St Joseph's, Merimbula
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Mass Times
1st Saturday of Month
-9:30am, Merimbula
Saturday -5pm, Eden
Sunday -8am, Pambula
-10am, Merimbula
Tuesday -5pm, Merimbula
Wednesday-10am, Pambula
Thursday -10am, Eden
Friday -10am, Merimbula

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Our mission as the Christian community of St Peter's Parish, enlightened and inspired by the Holy Spirit, is to be salt and light through the loving way of our words, actions and respect for the dignity of all, so that others may experience the love of Christ.

We acknowledge the Yuin people and pay our deepest respects to elders of past, present and emerging from all first nations around the world from whom we have learned so much.

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday 18th August, 2024 FERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

'The Eucharist', Pope Francis famously said, 'is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.' Reflecting on today's Gospel passage, the Pope encourages us to avoid becoming 'arbiters of grace'. Rather, he says, we should be 'its facilitators'.

As the Pope points out, Jesus gives us the Eucharist 'with a specific purpose: that we may become one with him.' 'The Eucharist is Jesus himself who gives himself entirely to us', the Pope reminds us, which helps us to become a living 'gift to God and to our brothers and sisters.' In one sense, we do this individually. Being nourished by the Eucharist, the Pope explains, 'means entering into harmony with the heart of Christ, assimilating his choices, his thoughts, his behaviour.' Each of us therefore seeks to become what we consume.

But we do not do so alone. Communion is a celebration of the Body of Christ – the Church – which means we are being transformed together as the pilgrim People of God. Communion, the Pope says, 'means entering into a dynamism of love and becoming people of peace, people of forgiveness, of reconciliation, of sharing in solidarity.'

What this all means is that we should approach the Eucharist with openness to being changed, individually and collectively, into the Bread of Life for all. © Nick Brodie

**Proverbs 9:1-6 / Ephesians 5:15-20/
John 6:51-58**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-3. 10-15.
R. v.9**

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: John 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood

live in me and I in them, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

Reconciliation (Confession)

Friday, after Mass, Merimbula
Saturday, before Vigil Mass, Eden
Wednesday, after Mass, Pambula
Anointing of the Sick

Will be offered at weekday masses during the last week of every month.

Sacrament of Baptism

Welcoming Mass – 4th Sat/Sun of the month prior to Baptism during Mass on 1st Saturday/Sunday of the month. Please call office for all Baptism preparation enquiries.

Weddings

By appointment only – at least 6 months' notice in advance.

Adoration

Tuesday at 4:15pm followed by Mass at 5pm, Merimbula

1st Sunday at 3:00pm, Eden

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary

Sunday 9:30am and Fridays at 9:30am

At St Joseph's Merimbula

Thursday 9:15 am in Eden

Rosary

Monday Cenacle 11am in Merimbula

Wednesday 9:30am in Pambula

Feasts/Special Days:

Mon 19 Aug: St John Eudes, priest (Optional).

Tues 20 Aug: St Bernard, abbot, doctor (Memorial).

Wed 21 Aug: St Pius X, pope (Memorial).

Thurs 22 Aug: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial).

Fri 23 Aug: St Rose of Lima, virgin (Optional).

Sat 24 Aug: St Bartholomew, apostle (Feast).

Dates to Remember:

Wed 28 Aug: Lumen Day Mass at Lumen Christi Catholic College. All welcome. Time TBA.

Sat 28 Sept: Refresher for All Parish Ministries, including Readers, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers 10am at St Peter's Pambula, followed by coffee at Oaklands.

Sat 12 Oct: Living Rosary at 10am in front of the Grotto at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Eden.

Tues 22 Oct: Marian Procession at St Peter & Paul's Old Cathedral, Goulburn, at 10am.

Sun 24 Nov: Parish Mass (Feast of Christ the King). More info to come.

Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$909.65; Second: Envelopes: \$390.50; Loose: \$413.80 THANK YOU to ALL parishioners who continually support our Parish through our plate collections at Mass, through the envelopes and direct banking. Without your financial help our Parish could not continue to function.

Let us pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers...
Elaine Carter, Damien Lambourn, Baby Olive Delves, Josephine Power, Helen Lynch, John Hazell, Christian Cole, Pat Wong, John Liston, Conrad De Zwart, Jake Alcock, Anne Cooper, Jocelyn Petty, Jeff and Monica Paffen, Glen Alcock, Patricia May Bills, Cliff Hamilton, Margot Neilson, Rob Francis, Chris Greenwood, Margaret Coates, Lyn Collie, Geoff Heffernan, Mary O'Donnell, Judy Brodrick, Max Andrew, Ros Beveridge, Eric Mangion, Anselmo Guiffre, David Went.

This Week's Mass Intentions: Nil.

We pray for all the faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including: Peter Barber (RIP); Fr Peter Gannon (RIP).

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of our Lord, rest in Peace, AMEN

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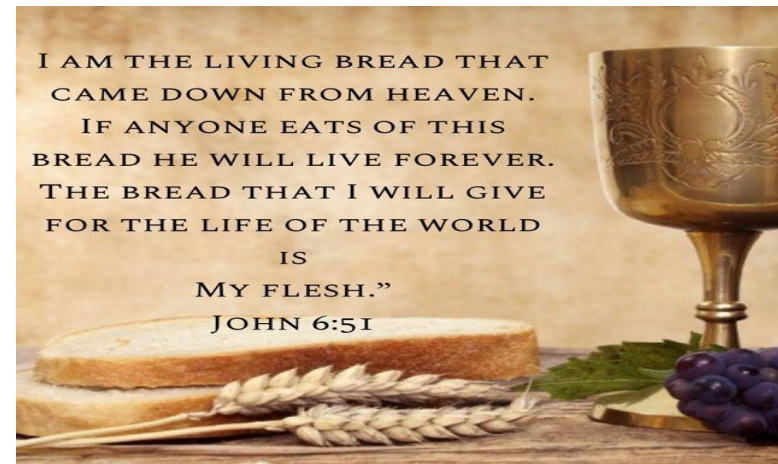
WELCOME FR STEVE TYNAN

WHO WILL BE JOINING US AND LEADING OUR PARISH COMMUNITY FROM 6-26 AUGUST.

Fr Steve can be contacted on 0482 672 140

Reading Rosters: 24/25 August

Eden:	Pambula:	Merimbula:
Intro & Prayers: Michael G 1 st Reader: Mick Wood 2 nd Reader: Sue	Commentator/2 nd Reading /Prayers of the Faithful: Mary Ringstad 1 st Reader: Pat Went	Commentator /2 nd Reader: Gai Jacobs 1 st Reader: Anne Maddock



PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: FIRST EUCHARIST

For Baptised Catholic Children in Year 4 or above who have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Parent formation:
Wed 28 Aug, 6pm
Pizza, 6:30pm start at St Joseph's, Merimbula.

Enrolment Mass:
Sat 14 Sept, 5pm in Eden; Sun 15 Sept, 10am in Merimbula.

Retreat: Fri 25 Oct 4-5:30pm in Merimbula.

Sacrament: Sun 3 Nov, 10am in Merimbula.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT: St Peter's Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people to have their say, to be listened to and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all of our thinking.

COMMUNICATING CONCERNS: You are encouraged to raise any concerns by emailing Fr George, the Parish Office, the Parish Safeguarding Volunteer or directly to Maria Hicks at the Institute Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) on ipss@cg.org.au