

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**Parish Sacramental Program:** Children in Year 4 and above are invited to join our Sacramental program and prepare to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2024. More information will be released shortly.

**Lenten Discussion Group:** As preparation for the celebration of Easter, a Lenten discussion group will meet each Monday afternoon, commencing on 12<sup>th</sup> February. St Clement's Church Hall, Main Street, Merimbula, from 12.30 – 2.30pm. Please contact Anne 0408241230.

**14 MARCH | AN EVENING WITH FR TIMOTHY RADCLIFFE OP:** Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP was Master of the Order of Preachers from 1992 to 2001. A member of the community at Blackfriars, Oxford, he is the author of several very popular books and an internationally reputed speaker and retreat-giver. Date: Thursday 14 March 2024, Place: Merci College Wise Street Braddon Time: 5.30 -7.00pm; Free Tickets: <https://bit.ly/4blSurY>

**HISTORIC PEWS FOR SALE:** 40 surplus pews from the restoration of Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral. These pews are over 100 years old, made of a combination of cedar, maple and ash. For more information, please get in touch with Christopher in the Parish Office: E: [goulburn@cg.org.au](mailto:goulburn@cg.org.au) M: 040 363 1797

### Tuesdays with Fr George:

Fr George will be available for appointments in the Parish Office on Tuesdays between 10am and 2pm. If you need spiritual guidance, sacramental information, a chat or discussion, please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment. Any administration issues should also be discussed during a scheduled appointment.



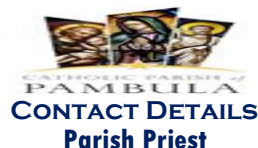
### First Sunday of Lent: 17 & 18 February

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world *for all future generations*.

### Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

**Samantha Hazlett (Diocesan Director for Caritas Australia) will be speaking to our Parish about Project Compassion at the Eden vigil Mass on Saturday 23 March at 6pm. Please come along.**



### CONTACT DETAILS

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#### Parish Secretary

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Mrs Bernadette Wood  
**Liturgy Coordinator**

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**Finance Chair**

Mr Neil Ffrench  
**Parish Safeguarding Volunteer**

Mr Philip Roach  
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**Lumen Christi Catholic College**  
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Damien & Celi Kennedy  
**Parish Office**

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#### Churches

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Eden  
St Joseph's, Merimbula  
St Peter's, Pambula  
St Joseph's, Wyndham

#### Mass Times

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of Month  
-9:30am, Merimbula  
Saturday -6pm, 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.**

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate The Rainbow

The Rainbow is God's signature to a treaty with humankind. On God's part, material forces will never be sent to annihilate human beings as a punishment for wrongdoing. On our part, as humans made in the likeness of God, we are to image God's rainbow relationship to nature.

This is the Divine Treaty basis of our responsibility for the environment. We undertake not to engage in practices or support policies which could severely damage the fragile ecology which supports life on our planet. The deforestation of the slopes of the Himalayas, leading to floods which kill thousands, is a catastrophic example.

And, gazing at the rainbow, we can pray for our planet, for the human beings and all other creatures who inhabit it, and quite often for ourselves at a deep personal level. For we know that, just as after a storm and dark clouds, light penetrates the misty sky and the beautiful bow of colour appears, the same phenomenon can occur in our own lives.

We could take a moment to pray that the rainbow will appear, perhaps for ourselves, perhaps for others we know who are going through a stormy time. © Fr Michael Tate; [mtate@bigpond.com](mailto:mtate@bigpond.com)

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

5pm Fridays during Lent in Merimbula

**Genesis 9:8-15/1 Peter 3:18-22/Mark 1:12-15**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10**

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

**Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:4**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Communion Antiphon: Matthew 4:4**

One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**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 ring 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

**Rosary**

Monday Cenacle 11am in Merimbula

Wednesday 9am in Pambula

Thursday 8:45am in Eden

**LOVE**

**Feasts/Special Days:**

**Wed 21 Feb:** Collect of St Damian, bishop, doctor (Optional).

**Thurs 22 Feb:** The Chair of St Peter, apostle (Feast).

**Fri 23 Feb:** Collect of St Polycarp, bishop, martyr (Optional).



**Dates to Remember:**

**Tues 19 March:** St Joseph's Feast Mass in Wyndham Church at 12PM Midday, followed by lunch.

**Thurs 28 Mar:** No Mass in Eden. Holy Thursday Mass 7pm in Pambula.

**Fri 29 Mar:** Stations of the Cross 11am at All Mass Centres; Good Friday Service 3pm at Merimbula.

**Sat 30 Mar:** Easter Vigil Mass 7pm at Eden.

**Sun 31 Mar:** Easter Day Mass 8am at Pambula and 10am at Merimbula.

**Sun 7 Apr:** Divine Mercy Service 3pm at Merimbula.

**Planned Giving Collections:** First: \$944.85; Second: Envelopes: \$390.00; Loose: \$469.30. **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...* Br Gerard Rummery, John Hazell, Christian Cole, Pat Wong, John Liston, Conrad De Zwart, Jake Alcock, Anne Cooper, Jocelyn Petty, Jeff and Monica Paffen, Glen Alcock, Lynette Robert, Patricia May Bills, Cliff Hamilton, Margot Neilson, Rob Francis, Chris Greenwood, Margaret Coates, Lyn Collie, Geoff Heffernan, Mary O'Donnell, Judy Broddrick, Max Andrew, Ros Beveridge, Eric Mangion, Anselmo Guiffre, David Went.

*This Week's Mass Intentions:* Br Gerard Rummery (ill health).

*We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including:* Roger Stroud (RIP), Shirley Brown (RIP), Patricia Gandon (RIP); Augustin Gomez (Anniversary).

*May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of our Lord, rest in peace,*



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**Rosters for 24/25 February**

Eden:	Pambula:	Merimbula:
Intro & Prayers: Eileen McRae	Commentator/2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading/Prayers of the Faithful: TBA	Commentator /2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader: Brian
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: Gaye	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: TBA	First Reader: Pat.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader: Michael G.		

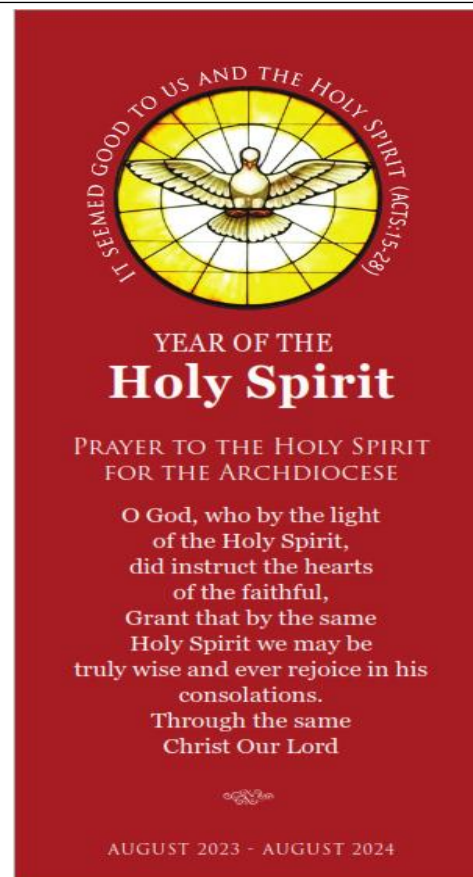
**Holy Week Services:**

**Holy Thursday:** 7pm Pambula Church

**Good Friday:** 11am Stations of the Cross, All Mass Centres  
3pm Passion of the Lord and Veneration of the Holy Cross, Merimbula Church.

**Easter Vigil:** 7pm Eden Church

**Easter Sunday:** 8am Pambula Church  
10am Merimbula Church



**Mark 1:12-15: He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.**

**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 ips@cg.org.au