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Pambula Parish Office

We warmly welcome our new Parish Priest, Father Pale Leota.

Catholic Parish of Pambula 6th/7th January 2018

**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 13th/14th January 2018

Eden Vigil Saturday 6p.m. Pambula Sunday 8a.m. Merimbula Sunday 10a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Merimbula: Saturday 9.30am – 10.00am.
Eden: Before the Vigil Mass Saturday
Pambula: Before the 8a.m. Mass
At any other time by request

Weekday Liturgies/Masses

Mon: Mass Merimbula 9a.m.
Tues: Liturgy Eden 8a.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 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 \$1416-95, 2nd Collection: Envelopes \$674.50 Loose \$468-10

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 Pio Chang Wai Mun; 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
07/01 Fiona	Jackie	Neil, Alice, Ursula, Isabel	Rosie & Isabel	
14/01 Gai	Lyn	Teresa, Judy, Terry, Leah	Rosie & Isabel	

Cleaning: 06/01 Nil 13/01 Clinton Family

EDEN

PAMBULA

07/01 Amanda W	Anne Atkins	Maureen & Pat	Amanda
14/01 Sue Muffler	Paul Zeller	Celie & Diana	Sue

Cleaning: January: Gwenda Blake

Readings for next Sunday ~ 1st Samuel 3:3-10, 19. Resp. Psalm:39:2, 4. 7-10. 2nd Reading, Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20.

Gospel John 1:35-42. (NSV or NRSV Bible) www.usccb.org

GREETINGS AND HAPPY FEAST OF EPIPHANY!!

First of all I would like to pay glowing tribute to Fr. James Antony for his excellent work in the parish for the last four years. We wish him well in the challenges ahead of his new appointment.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Churches in Pambula, Merimbula, Eden, Wyndham and Kiah were formed in the early years of Goulburn and Canberra Archdiocese and each Church has it's own history. Nowadays, together they form the Merimbula Catholic Parish. I replaced Fr James Antony, MSI as the Parish Priest on 1st January this year 2018. Today I would like to greet you all. This short note also expresses my vision for our Parish. Members of our Parish come from near and far. There are many individuals and families. A variety of groups offer different spiritual and social focuses. A number of our parishioners are housebound. Together, we make up the community of Jesus' believers in Merimbula. Our vocation is to help one another to know God in Jesus and to celebrate life (Jn 10:10). In order to do this, we need to strengthen the bonds between us. Hence, it is my hope for us to be more in touch with one another as God touches us through His Son and that, gradually; I shall meet you all in one way or another, at church or in your homes. This will assist us greatly in our ongoing effort to build up the faithful community of Merimbula. Let us offer ourselves as precious gifts to Baby Jesus and pay homage to Him in whatever we do so we may all grow together in the grace of God's Epiphany.

I'm sure that God has prepared all the help we need to make 2018 a good year. Let us work hard doing the right things everyday and let us not waste even a single day.

I am really looking forward to working alongside with you, hoping and praying to be with you for many years.

May we all have a good year so that at the end we can come to God with hands full. May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace.

May God bless you and all our Parish endeavours in building our faith community.

Happy Feast of Epiphany!!

(Father) Paletasala (Pale/Pat) Leota

Pope's Prayer Intentions. That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Mature experienced members of our families, parishes and societies have much to offer to the formation of young people today. Experience matters. The elderly are a treasure who inform our minds and spirits with lessons of the past so that we might better approach our future. In the medical field, risk-taking among the young is seen as a great risk factor for injury or unhealthy behavior. Because the young have energy and ideals, they can accomplish much in the arenas of family, social and work life. On the other hand, without experience, the young tend to take risks not cautioned by the school of hard knocks. Here is where our elders can be of great help in spiritual and personal formation.

Pope Francis, in a radio address proclaimed: "The Church regards the elderly with affection, gratitude, and high esteem. They are an essential part of the Christian community and of society: in particular they represent the roots and the memory of a people... Your maturity and wisdom, accumulated over the years, can help younger people in search of their own way, supporting them on the path of growth and openness to the future."

It is a duty, an honour, and a privilege to share our holy faith with those who come behind us. It is likewise a duty, honour, and privilege to learn from those who have gone before us. How many of us have experienced firsthand the lessons of wisdom from a grandmother, grandfather, or elder among our acquaintances? All of us must lower our pride and open our hearts to listen to our elders: elders at the same time, can learn from listening to the young.

Reflections Consider yourself kneeling before Christ on His Cross. Ask yourself: How have I shared the faith with young people? How am I sharing the faith? How ought I to share the faith? (Conversely, younger people might ask how they share the faith with their elders.)

FEAST DAY THIS WEEK

Monday 8th January~ The Baptism of the Lord. (Mass at Merimbula 9a.m.)