

Churches: Our Lady Star of the Sea Eden  
 St. Joseph's - Merimbula  
 St. Peter's - Pambula  
 St. Joseph's - Wyndham

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 5pm Eden  
 Sunday 8am Pambula  
 10am Merimbula  
 12pm (4th Sunday) Wyndham  
 Tuesday 4:30pm Merimbula  
 Wednesday 9:30am Pambula  
 Thursday 9:30am Eden  
 Friday 9:30am Merimbula

MINISTRIES

	Commentator & Prayers	Reader(s)	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Cleaning & Flowers
<b>Eden</b>	TBA			
1 Sept				
8 Sept				
<b>Pambula</b>				
2 Sept	Shane Grace	Toos	Maureen & Pat	Marg Liston
9 Sept	Chris Adams	Pat Barnard	Celie & Diana	Marg Liston
<b>Merimbula</b>				
2 Sept	Jacklyn	Fiona	Rosemary, Alice, Isabel	Clinton Family
9 Sept	Fiona	Lyn	Terry, Leah & Neil	Flowers Rosie & Isabel

**COLLECTIONS** of last week First Collection \$873.20  
 Second Collection: Envelopes \$2290.00; Loose \$325.20  
**PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME** Envelopes for the next financial year are available in the foyer. If you would like to join the program, please fill in the green form in the foyer and give to Fr. Pale. Much appreciated.

OTHER SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS:** Welcoming Mass 4th Sat/Sun of the month prior to Baptism during Masses on 1st Sat/Sun of the month. (Ring Office first for all Baptism Preparation enquiries)



**WEDDINGS:** By appointment (at least 6 months in advance)

**RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION**

Saturday 9:30-10am Merimbula  
 Saturday 4:30-4:50pm Eden ... with the help of your grace,  
 Sunday 7:30-7:50am Pambula I will not sin again

**ADORATION:** 1st Friday 8:30am Merimbula;  
 1st Saturday 4pm Eden; 1st Wednesday 4pm Pambula.

**SICK AND INFIRM** Please remember in your prayers all our sick and infirm, including Alice Elton, Raelene Hunt, Ansel Giuffre, Des McMahon, Ray Doughney, James Thomas, Steven Partridge, Neville Spencer, Betty Cochrane, Frank Clancy, Beata Denkiewicz, Bill Alcock, Keiran Reynolds, Rian Reynolds, Lynn Hegarty, Dawn Lucas, Paul Picker, John Brannelly and Tony Alcock.

**RECENTLY DECEASED (OR ANNIVERSARIES):** For those who have died recently or whose anniversaries occur including: Ann Stewart, Kerry Farinski, Pam Petherbridge; George McMahon, Olive Cockroft, Conn Copas, Olive (Liddy) Stewart, Shirley Monahan, Rafael and Lucina Selorio, Ben Adams, Colin Partridge, Olav Mannes, Isabella Franchi, Frank Dal Piva, Michael Pease, Stephen Pease, Terry Rowe, Guy Robert, Eileen, Barney & Paddy Welsh, Ken & Margaret & Robert Johnson, Mary Cocks, Marieanne & Ernie Page and John Hulme.



**St. PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH OF PAMBULA**

We sincerely acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land, the Yuin people.  
 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2nd September, 2018

Parish Priest: Fr Paletasala (Pale) Leota (Acting Parish Priest: Fr Stephen Astill SJ)  
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**Saint Joseph, Patron of Fathers**

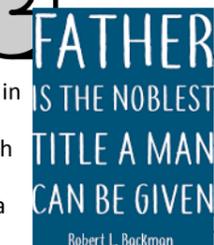
Note: To contact Fr Steve, call 0401044062 or email: [sastillsj@gmail.com](mailto:sastillsj@gmail.com)

**Parish Mission Statement**

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.

**FATHERS' DAY:** We welcome especially today all fathers! We join with your family members to give thanks for all that you are and do in your capacity as fathers. You are indeed

**Mothers & Children say:**



Any man can be a father but it takes someone special to be a Dad.

blessed in your children, in partnership with your spouse. day be a you in personal relationship with your children. All fathers are asked to come forward to the sanctuary to receive this blessing. (This will be during the Announcements).

**Blessing for Father's Day**

God our Father, In your wisdom and love you have created us and called us your own. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. In moments of joy, rejoice with them. In times of struggle, give them your courage and perseverance. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour and appreciate them always with a spirit of profound respect. May the example and prayer of St. Joseph inspire them to live their vocation with courage. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen. May almighty God bless you +.

**Other Prayers:**

For fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord.  
 For fathers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of

his kingdom, we pray to the Lord.

**FATHER'S DAY APPEAL:** Annual collection for retired priests.

There are 23 priests of our Archdiocese who come under the care of the Clergy Retirement Foundation. This Appeal raises much-needed funds for these priests, to give them security in their retirement years. Today, please make a donation (which is tax deductible). Please give generously as you have done in the past.

**IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:**

- ◊Ladies' Group: Meeting at Pambula Golf Club September 4, 7pm
- ◊Spring Ember Day is Friday, September 7
- ◊Priestly Ordination of Adrian Chan and Namora Anderson. Friday, September 7, 7pm, at St Christopher's Cathedral. Please pray for them and their families at this time as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders.
- ◊Child Protection Sunday is September 9
- ◊National Council of Priests Convention, September 10-14. (Fr Steve will be attending this Conference in Canberra, and will thus be absent from the parish)
- ◊Vinnies' Annual Ozanam Appeal: In support of overseas twins; only 100 lucky numbers (\$20 each) for sale next Sunday, drawn on Sunday, September 16.
- ◊South Coast Deanery has the 'Joy of the Gospel' session at Bega on Saturday, October 13th. Claim the date!

**POPE MAKES VOW FOR JUSTICE FOR ABUSE SURVIVORS**

Pope Francis has vowed to pursue justice for survivors of Church abuse in Ireland as he ended his historic visit to the country by seeking forgiveness for its dark litany of clerical crimes. Addressing a large crowd of pilgrims at an open air Mass in Dublin's Phoenix Park, the Pope laid bare the many forms of abuse and mistreatment meted out to children and vulnerable adults in past decades. Seeking forgiveness for each scandal in turn, the Pontiff also acknowledged that members of the Church's hierarchy had also sought to cover up the sins of colleagues and failed to show compassion for the victims. "We ask forgiveness for the abuses in Ireland, abuses of power, of conscience, and sexual abuses perpetrated by members with roles of responsibility in the Church". But pressure on the Pope increased the same day when Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, a former Vatican official accused Francis of having known of allegations of sex abuse by a US cardinal, Theodore McCarrick, for five years before accepting his resignation last month. He alleges he had told Francis in 2013 that the Cardinal had faced extensive accusations of sexually abuse.

**HOW TO RESPOND**

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

'Sometimes all you can do is to put your mouth to the dust and wait'. That's from the Book of Lamentations and while perhaps not the best response to the recent revelations of clerical sexual abuse

and cover-up in the Roman Catholic Church, it seems the only helpful response available to me as a Roman Catholic priest today. Beyond prayer, I've been hesitant to respond otherwise to this current situation for three reasons.

My first hesitation has to do with the seeming futility of yet another apology and breast-beating. Since the report on sexual abuse and clerical cover-up was released in Pennsylvania a few weeks back, there have been apologies issued by virtually every diocese, every parish, and every priest in America, including one from the Pope himself. While these apologies have been almost universally sincere, non-defensive, and rightly focused on the victims, they've also for the most part not been well-received. More generally the response has been: "What good does that do now? Where were you when this was all happening?" The apologies have generally met with more cynicism and anger than acceptance. And yet it's important that they be made, though I'm not sure my adding another one will be helpful.

My second hesitancy stems from the fact that there's so much anger and grief around this issue right now that words, even the right ones, generally don't hit their mark, akin to telling someone freshly grieving the death of loved one that "she's in a better place." The words are true, but the moment's too raw for the words to be heard. They only become effective later. And that's the situation now; we're in a time of raw anger and dark grief. These are in fact the same emotion (just that one's hard and the other soft) and so for many people dealing with the revelations of clerical sexual abuse and cover-up right now, apologies, while necessary, are not being heard. The moment is too raw.

And, one last hesitation: As a priest with a vow of celibacy I'm painfully aware that right now I'm at an understandable disadvantage to speak out on this. Victims speak from a position of moral privilege, rightly so, their voices carry extra authority; but those who stand symbolically connected to the perpetrators, are understandably heard with suspicion. I accept that. How could it be otherwise? At this particularly charged moment, what moral authority can my voice carry on this issue? What does my apology add?

Let me add something else: First, as a Roman Catholic priest, I do not distance myself from this by morally separating myself from those who have done wrong by declaring: "They're guilty and I'm not!" The cross of Jesus doesn't allow such an escape. Jesus was crucified between two thieves. He was innocent, they weren't; but he didn't protest his innocence, and those looking at three crosses that day didn't distinguish between who was innocent and who was guilty. The crosses were all painted with the same brush. There are times when one does not protest one's innocence. Part of Jesus' mission, as our liturgy puts it, was "to become sin for us", to risk having his innocence mixed in with guilt and be perceived as sin so as to help carry darkness and sin for others. Beyond our apologies, all of us, clergy and laity alike, are invited to do something for the church right now, namely, help carry this scandal as Jesus did. Indignantly separating ourselves morally from this sin is not the way of Jesus and the cross.

Like Mary standing under the cross, we must not replicate the anger and darkness of the moment so as to give it back in kind. Instead, like her, we must do the only thing possible sometimes when standing beneath the consequence of sin, that is, let our posture, like Mary's, speak deeply through a voice that, unlike bitterness or collapse, says: "Today, I can't stop this darkness, nobody can. Sometimes darkness just has its hour. But I can stop some of the sin and bitterness that's in the moment by absorbing it, not distancing myself from it, and not giving it back in kind." Sometimes darkness has its moment and we, followers of Jesus, may not self-servingly distance ourselves from the sin but need to help absorb it. Sometimes all we can do is put our mouths to the dust ... and pray ... and wait. Knowing that, at some future time, the stone will again roll away from the tomb.