

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
Eden	TBA			
1 Sept				
8 Sept				
Pambula				
2 Sept	Shane Grace	Toos	Maureen & Pat	Marg Liston
9 Sept	Chris Adams	Pat Barnard	Celie & Diana	Marg Liston
Merimbula				
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 \$693.65
 Second Collection: Envelopes \$804.00; Loose \$342.65
 Fathers' Day Appeal: 637.20

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.

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

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: **Fiona Mecca;** Ann Stewart, Kerry Farinski, Pam Petherbridge; Olive Cockroft, Colin Partridge, Freda Ford; Olav Mannes, IMichael Pease, Stephen Pease, Terry Rowe, Guy Robert, Eileen, Barney & Paddy Welsh, Ken & Margaret & Robert Johnson, Mary Cocks, Marieanne & Ernie Page and John Hulme.

STRONGER COMMUNITIES, SAFER CHILDREN PLAY YOUR PART

St. PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH OF PAMBULA

We sincerely acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land, the Yuin people.
 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9th September, 2018

Parish Priest: Fr Paletasala (Pale) Leota (Acting Parish Priest: Fr Stephen Astill SJ)
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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.

Child Protection Sunday

'What role do you play? Protecting children is everyone's business' In 2018 the Australian Catholic Church marks Child Safeguarding Sunday on 9 September. That Sunday concludes National Child Protection Week.

Uniquely this year Child Protection Sunday follows on the heels of the formal response of the Australian Catholic Church to the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and the release of the advice provided to Church Leaders by its Truth Justice and Healing Council.

When the Australian Prime Minister offers the response of the Commonwealth Government in Parliament on 22 October we pray it may bring a further sense of how we, both as a Church and as a Nation have faced the terrible truth that we failed our children, but also as a church and as a nation we have now embarked on a new path.

PRAYER

Lord, You asked that the little children be allowed to come to you; for it is to such as these that the Reign of God belongs. You entrust them to the care and protection of our communities of faith. Guide us as we strive to ensure that our Catholic communities provide a safe environment for each child. We pray especially for all those who have been harmed in their childhood. Give them courage in facing the past and lead them to your healing protection. Amen

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL: Annual collection for retired priests. This annual appeal remains open this weekend; please make a donation (which is tax deductible) if you haven't already done so.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION Let us pray in thanksgiving for the ordinations on Friday of Deacons Adrian Chan and Namora Anderson. May their priestly lives and ministries be greatly blessed!

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:

- ◇Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary September 8
- ◇Feast of Blessed Francis Garate SJ, September 10
- ◇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)
- ◇The Most Holy Name of Mary, September 12
- ◇St John Chrysostom, September 13

- ◇The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14
- ◇Our Lady of Sorrows September 15
- ◇Vinnies' Annual Ozanam Appeal: In support of overseas twins; only 100 lucky numbers (\$20 each) for sale Sunday, drawn on Sunday, September 16.
- ◇Sunday, September 30 is both Social Justice Sunday and the start of daylight saving!
- ◇South Coast Deanery has the 'Joy of the Gospel' session at Bega on Saturday, October 13th. Claim the date!

SPRING EMBER DAY: This happened on Friday, so here is a poem to assist with your transition!

"Australian Spring" (3rd stanza) by Hugh McKay
 And jolly Spring, with love and laughter gay
 Full fountaining, lets loose her tide of bees
 Upon the waking ember-flame of bloom
 New kindled in the honey-scented trees.
 and
THE WATTLE (anonymous)
 In this wide brown land of ours there is a seed that has been sown with magical properties yet to be known. It blazes gold upon the earth heralds the passing of winter and the hope and joy of spring to come. Yet before it blooms it must endure the harshness of the environment. It undergoes the flame of fire before it into the earth transpires and in growth unfolds its beauty for all to behold. The Master sower has decreed that the wattle will be ours to see and heed. For as with the seasons of our land so how alike are the seasons of man. Please heed the beauty of our land and as with the wattle celebrate, this season of man.

Let the gold of each man shine forth as the land and give to each other hope and joy.
 As with the diggers of old let us go below for the gold.
 For it will come from within.
 You have but to find the provider.
 In this season I am sure there will be another you meet by thought, word or deed try to satisfy his need.
 For the dejected, a smile, the weary, a hand, the foe, a friend, the successful, a clap or the meek, a wink.
 Perhaps your neighbour needs a beer or the passerby, a 'G'day'.
 Be your giving big or small it matters not at all.
 But this I do charge

it is of the essence at the start tell no one of your gift and do not feel proud of it.
 In this way I plead
 as the wattle blossoms gold to celebrate the changing seasons of our land
 let us blossom gold to celebrate the changing seasons of man.

-An Australian

The meeting place for our session in Tokyo was through the double doors to the left of the elevator. I was not surprised to find the elevator padded with brass-studded leather. The fact that the carpet in the corridor was thick and soft seemed usual enough. The real surprise, however, was that beyond the heavy oak doors, the meeting room was not the average conference room. There was nothing in this maroon and gold-draped room but one needle-nosed red celadon vase that held one fresh yellow rose.

One rose in one vase on a glass table in the middle of a room draped in red and gold velvet. Nothing but pure mindfulness, pure reverence, pure life. This room, you had to think, had been built for this one vase and this single rose. The stark attention, the sentinel awareness, the utterly concentrated focus on one rose steeped the room in the consciousness of beauty.

When we see things only en masse, in great, large sweeping entities, we lose the mystery of life. It is coming to see life around us in all its singleness, all its particularity, each element of its stunning selfness, that fills the soul with more beauty than sadness or pain can ever eclipse.

Love's first step is attention. Failing to notice one rose, we fail to notice the entire cosmos. Focusing on one photograph in this calendar each month—a sweet, juicy tomato; a peacock in all his glory; multicolored eggs in a carton—is meditation enough to make life precious whatever its stresses. It is learning to be present to where we are and what we're doing that gives life substance. Only those who look and listen ever really find God here.

—from the Introduction to the 2019 Joan Chittister Calendar
NOTE: Joan Chittister is one of the most influential religious and social leaders of our time. For 40 years she has passionately advocated on behalf of peace, human rights, women's issues, and church renewal. A much sought-after speaker, that bridges across all religions, she is also a best-selling author of many books, articles, etc.

She currently serves as co-chair of the Global Peace Initiative of Women, a partner organization of the UN, facilitating a worldwide network of peace builders. She was an adviser for the report, "A Woman's Nation," led by Maria Shriver (2009) and was a member of the TED prize-sponsored "Council of Sages," an interfaith group that developed a Charter for Compassion (2009).

She served as president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious in the US, president of the Conference of American Benedictine Prioresses, and was prioress of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie for 12 years. She received her doctorate in speech communications from Penn State University.

She is executive director of Benetvision, a resource and research center for contemporary spirituality and the founder and animator of Monasteries of the Heart, a web-based movement sharing Benedictine spirituality with contemporary seekers.

ROSARY BEADS: A set of rosary beads, very specially blessed, have become separated from their owner. Fr Steve knows this grieving partner of the beads. If you have any information, tell him!

The Monday Paint, Draw and Colour Group is continuing in the Parish Centre. 9.30 - 11.30a. Contact Helen 0400 304 044