

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	Extraordinary Reader(s)	Ministers of the Eucharist	Cleaning & Flowers
Eden	TBA			
16 Sept				
23 Sept				
Pambula				
16 Sept	Gavin B	Shane G	Gwenda & Chris	Marg Liston
23 Sept	Sue Muffler	Jason Harley	Amanda & Toos	Marg Liston
Merimbula				
16/Sept	Anne	Suezanne	Isabel, Leah & Terry	F. Isabel & Rosie
23 Sept	Lynn	Brian	Terry, Leah & C. Picker Family	Rosemary

COLLECTIONS of last week First Collection \$700.75
 Second Collection: Envelopes \$643.00; Loose \$304.15

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/CONFSSION

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, Ryan 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: **Ed Nugent**, Fiona Mecca; Ann Stewart, Kerry Farinski, Pam Petherbridge; Olive Cockroft, Colin Partridge, Reg Ford; Olav Mannes, 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.
 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16th September, 2018

Parish Priest: Fr Paletasala (Pale) Leota (Acting Parish Priest: Fr Stephen Astill SJ)
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**Who do people say I am?
 Who do you say I am?**

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.

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:

◊ Vinnies' Annual Ozanam Appeal: In support of overseas twins; only 100 lucky numbers (\$20 each) for sale Sunday, drawn TODAY!
 ◊ Sunday, September 30 is both Social Justice Sunday and the start of daylight saving!
 ◊ Feast Day: Friday, 21/9 St Matthew
 ◊ South Coast Deanery has the 'Joy of the Gospel' session at Bega on Saturday, October 13th. Claim the date!

FRANCIS TELLS NEW BISHOPS TO REJECT CLERICALISM

Pope Francis has urged the 74 newly-ordained bishops to fight abuse and reject what he termed the "clerical" culture that has seen a series of abuse scandals rock the Church.
 "Dear brothers, turn away from clericalism. Just say no to abuse, of power, conscience or any type means saying no forcefully to all forms of clericalism," Pope Francis said.

The group was attending the usual two-week seminar on how to lead their respective dioceses as the Church attempts to react to paedophilia scandals which have left the Vatican reeling and the Pope accused of being party to a high-level cover-up.

Malta Archbishop Charles Scicluna, whom Francis sent earlier this year to investigate a paedophilia scandal in Chile, and Fr Hans Zollner SJ, director of the Centre for Child Protection in Rome, are both due to address the bishops in the course of the seminar.

Pope Francis did not directly mention the scandals which have threatened to spark a schism between conservatives and the Church's progressive wing but told bishops not to succumb to the temptation to behave like "princes".

"Be men who are poor in material goods and rich in (human) relations, never harsh or confrontational but affable, patient, straightforward and open," Francis said, urging dedication to the poor and the young in particular, even if the latter might sometimes appear "hedonistic".

He also warned the bishops against succumbing to apathy or mediocrity. Warning of the evils of materialism, the Pontiff added: "Do not forget that the devil enters via your pockets."

DON'T SOUND THE TRUMPET ON YOUR GOOD DEEDS: POPE
 Jesus teaches that good deeds should be performed discreetly and without trying to draw attention to one's self, Pope Francis said yesterday. "[Jesus] teaches us that good should be done without clamour and without ostentation, without 'sounding the trumpet.' It must be done in silence," the Pope said.

Before leading the Angelus, the Pontiff reflected on the day's Gospel about Jesus' healing of the deaf man. In the account, Jesus makes several gestures Christians can learn from, he said. The first is that Jesus takes the man away from the crowd of people before healing him. This is because "Jesus always acts with discretion. He does not want to impress people, he is not looking for popularity or success."

The second is the human actions Jesus takes, putting his fingers in the man's ears and touching his tongue with his saliva, referencing the Incarnation. Because Jesus is a man as well as God, "he can understand the painful condition" of the deaf man with the speech impediment. Francis noted that at the same time, when he uses the word "Ephphatha!" – meaning "Be opened!" – Jesus also shows his union with the Father.

The Pope said this passage from the Gospel shows the need for two types of healing. First, a healing from physical illness and suffering, even though a perfectly healthy body will never be completely attainable on earth. The second type of healing, he said, is healing from fear. Healing from fear that pushes us to marginalise the sick, to marginalise the suffering, the disabled. It is the heart, the "deep core of the person that Jesus came to 'open,' to free" so that Christians can "live fully the relationship with God and with others."

US BISHOPS TELL POPE ABUSE SCANDAL 'LACERATED' CHURCH

The meeting yesterday between Pope Francis and the leaders of the US bishops' conference on the clergy sexual abuse scandal resulted in a "lengthy, fruitful and good exchange", the American prelates said.

Conference president Cardinal Daniel DiNardo said in a statement that he and the three others taking part in the encounter told the pontiff how the Church in the US had been "lacerated by the evil of sexual abuse," and that the Pope "listened very deeply from the heart." Cardinal DiNardo met with the Pope alongside Los Angeles Archbishop Jose Gomez, the conference vice president; Boston Cardinal Sean O'Malley, head of the papal commission on clergy abuse; and Msgr Brian Bransfield, the conference's general secretary.

The Vatican did not release any information about the encounter, aside from official photos and a brief video of its beginning. The statement from the US bishops came about four hours after its scheduled start at noon-time in Rome.

Cardinal DiNardo first requested the encounter with Francis last month, two days after the August 14 release of a grand jury report in Pennsylvania revealed that more than 300 priests had been accused of committing sexual assault in six dioceses in the state over seven decades.

Release of that report came shortly after Archbishop Theodore McCarrick renounced his place in the College of Cardinals in the wake of revelations that he sexually harassed or abused several young men during his rise to become one of the US Church's most senior prelates.

In a striking concurrence, as the meeting began at midday, the Vatican announced in its daily bulletin that the Pope had accepted the resignation of Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia, Bishop Michael Bransfield, and appointed Baltimore Archbishop William Lori

as the diocese's apostolic administrator.

Although Bishop Bransfield, a relative of Msgr Brian Bransfield, had reached the traditional retirement age of 75 on September 8, Archbishop Lori said in a statement that he had been asked "to conduct an investigation into allegations of sexual harassment of adults against Bishop Bransfield."

It is unknown what specific allegations Archbishop Lori has been asked to investigate, but Bishop Bransfield was the subject of scrutiny in 2012 when a witness in a Pennsylvania trial of two priests alleged hearing someone else claim that Bishop Bransfield had abused a teenage boy as a priest in Philadelphia years ago. Bishop Bransfield denied the claim at the time.

BOOKS THAT SAVED MY LIFE:

READING FOR WISDOM, SOLACE AND PLEASURE By Michael McGirr Great literature is thrilling. It will feed your hungry mind and take your heart on a journey. It will help you on the wonderful path to one of life's most elusive and hard-won freedoms, freedom from the ego.

Here is a book about the sheer joy of living, exploring forty texts that can enrich us in all manner of ways. Some are recent, such as Harry Potter; some ancient, such as Homer and Lao Tzu. There are memoirs (Nelson Mandela), poetry (Les Murray) and many of the world's great novels, from George Eliot's Middlemarch to Toni Morrison's Beloved. This book uses them to muse upon life in all its glorious complexity.

Our guide, in entertaining short accounts of personal encounters with these works, is Michael McGirr: schoolteacher and father, reviewer of hundreds of books and lifelong lover of literature. His humour and insight shine through in essays that connect the texts he has selected with each other, and connect us to them.

This is the ideal companion for a keen reader—and it may just inspire someone you know to become one, too. Never prescriptive, and often very funny, 'Books that Saved My Life' is an invitation to reflect on the extraordinary gift of reading. 'It is a gift that is taking me a lifetime to unwrap,' McGirr writes. 'The excitement has never worn off.'

PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.