

**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			
23 Sept				
30 Sept				
<b>Pambula</b>				
23 Sept	Sue Muffler	Jason Harley	Amanda & Toos	Marg Liston
30 Sept	Jason	Pat Went	Maureen & Celie	Marg Liston
<b>Merimbula</b>				
23 Sept	Lynn	Brian	Terry, Leah & Rosemary	
30 Sept	Helen	Anne	Neil, Ursula & Gai	R & D Selorio

**COLLECTIONS** of last week First Collection \$698.15

Second Collection: Envelopes \$688.00; Loose \$180.25

**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

Saturday 4:30-4:50pm Eden

Sunday 7:30-7:50am Pambula

... with the help of your grace,  
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, 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; Eileen, Barney & Paddy Welsh, Ken & Margaret & Robert Johnson, Mary Cocks, Marieanne & Ernie Page and John Hulme.

♦**Social Justice Sunday:** We celebrate today Social Justice Sunday. The Australian Bishops' 2018–2019 Statement is titled 'A Place to

**ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH OF PAMBULA**

We sincerely acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land, the Yuin people.  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23rd 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.

Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land'. In it, they confront the growing problem of homelessness in Australia. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, call (02) 8306 3499 or visit the website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au).

**TEN STEPS TO MAKING A HOME FOR EVERYONE IN OUR LAND**

The Statement confronts Australia's growing homelessness and housing insecurity, affirms that secure housing is a human right and a public good, and draws inspiration from the life and teaching of Jesus and our Christian tradition.

**1. REFLECT ON THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN.**

Every day in our streets, we, like the Samaritan, see wounded people desperately in need of help. They are the homeless and the lost, injured by misfortune, by violence and by poverty. How have so many people come to be on the streets of such a rich nation? p3 The Bishops' Statement begins with Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan. There are various ways we can be Good Samaritans: some people help with emergency relief or a bed for the night, while others use their community connections to provide support and create more housing. All kinds of responses are needed.

**2. GET THE FACTS.** The 2016 Census has revealed there are 116,427 people in Australia who are homeless ... That number includes not only people who are on the streets or sleeping rough, but also those who are 'couch surfing', living in boarding houses or emergency accommodation, or staying in severely overcrowded dwellings.

The people we see on the streets are just the tip of the iceberg. p6 There are many factors that can lead to homelessness, but ultimately, it is a result of poverty. Find out what the housing issues are in your local area, in your diocese or state, and nationally. Seek out information about Australia's housing crisis from research bodies such as: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016 census: www.abs.gov.au Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute: www.ahuri.edu.au Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, National Social Housing Survey: www.aihw.gov.au

**3. REACH OUT TO PEOPLE WITH HOUSING ISSUES/HOMELESSNESS.** 'A place to call home' is indispensable to our sense of self. Without it 'our spirit and identity are adrift, and our capacity for community engagement is weakened'. p. 4. It is likely that people in your own networks, parish and local area have experienced homelessness or housing difficulties. They possess a humanity and dignity that needs to be honoured. Hearing their stories can build relationships. Buy a copy of The Big Issue, a magazine by homeless people: www.thebigissue.org.au. Read stories from people who have experienced housing difficulties, https://vincentcare.org.au/stories/client-stories. Read the Vincent de Paul Society's publication *The Ache for Home*: www.vinnies.org.au

**4. UNDERSTAND THE BIGGER PICTURE BEHIND HOUSING CRISIS.** Homelessness reaches more widely across our society than we might realise and touches more than those who are evicted or who cannot find a permanent home. In fact, a shadow of homelessness falls on anyone who struggles to meet barely-affordable rent or mortgage payments ... an overpriced market is pushing more indi-

viduals and families into homelessness, p. 7

How can we improve understanding of the wider economic circumstances that drive people into homelessness? How do factors such as poverty, domestic violence and mental illness contribute to homelessness? What has to change in our cities and communities so that everyone can have a place to call home?

Read the section 'The nightmare of homelessness' in the Statement. Read The State of Homelessness in Australian Cities (2018) from the Centre for Social Impact: www.csi.edu.au/research/project/the-state-of-homelessness Read The Human Face of Homelessness from Australian Catholic Social Justice Council.

**5. MAKE OUR PARISHES AND COMMUNITIES WELCOMING PLACES.** People experiencing poverty are never to be regarded as 'a problem', but as principal partners in the work of building up bonds of unity and social cohesion. Statement p. 12

Start a conversation about how your parish can extend a welcome to everyone who comes to your church. How can people experiencing housing difficulties be protected? Are there ways your parish can identify those needing help? Read *A Handbook for Building Stronger Parishes*, available from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference shop: www.catholic.org.au/shop/acbc-shop

**6. TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT HOUSING INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS.** In Australia there are many organisations working to help people who experience marginalisation and homelessness. In particular, Catholics can be proud of the work of diocesan social services, charities like Vinnies and initiatives by religious orders that reach out to people who are homeless. p 15. Commit to helping those in need in the local community through the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Care and other charities and services.

With others in your parish, consider if there are resources or properties that could house a family or individual in need. Consider housing development models that aim to end homelessness like Australian Catholic Housing Alliance: www.catholichousing.org.au

**7. ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE LOCALLY AND NATIONWIDE** Australia needs to become a community willing to address both the causes and the consequences of homelessness. We need the social, economic and political resolve to address this crisis ... Everyone deserves a place to call home. p. 18. Encourage your parish, school or youth group to make homelessness a priority issue. Link with other social justice groups that work to end homelessness. Join the campaign: everybodyshome.com.au Consider if your group or parish could join a larger organisation or help form one. Examples are: Shelter, Council to Homeless Persons, state Community Alliance groups and the Australian Council of Social Services.

**8. HELP COMBAT MISUNDERSTANDING AND MISREPRESENTATION.** For any of us, a sudden personal or health crisis can cause great hardship and put pressure on family life. But for some people who lack the necessary economic resources or social support, such crises can lead to homelessness. Statement 2018–2019, p. 7

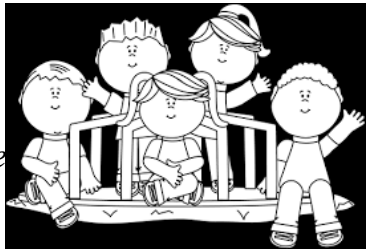
How often do we hear calls to 'clean up the streets' or people in

they did not understand  
what he said  
and were afraid  
to ask him.

In the logic of God's *basileia* ('reign') the first will be last and the least will be greatest. In this reading from Mark's gospel Jesus shows how this ideal works in real terms by giving 'first' and 'greatest' status to a little child. Jesus confronts the pretensions of his disciples by an appeal to the heart when he affectionately hugs the child to himself.

-Jenny Close

**...and they are not afraid  
to ask questions!**



need being dismissed as 'lazy', 'irresponsible' or worse? Do councils and neighbourhoods always welcome proposals for shelters or facilities for homeless people? Challenge the myths that further marginalise people experiencing homelessness. Challenge the myth that homelessness will always be with us. Homelessness can be solved. Support: www.mercyfoundation.com.au

**9. REMEMBER: STANDING WITH THOSE IN NEED IS CENTRAL TO OUR FAITH**

The Church and international law both regard housing as an essential entitlement for all people to meet their basic needs, flourish in community and have their inherent human dignity affirmed and upheld by others. p. 12. Every person has an inherent dignity as a child of God, and that dignity obliges us to identify with those who are less fortunate. Let's make this a basis of our work for justice. Consider how we can use more compassionate language, upholding the dignity of the most vulnerable and ensuring that they flourish in a just and generous society.

**10. LET US PRAY**

Prayer is a powerful way to bring about change in ourselves and our society. The prayer card that accompanies this leaflet is for personal or family use or for schools and parishes.

This brochure and additional information specific to your diocese is available at the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/ten-step-leaflets/

**VINNIES' ANNUAL OZANAM APPEAL:**

**RESULTS OF 2018 VINNIES TWINNING FUND RAISING DRAW**

1st \$300 Sandra Bray; 2nd \$150 Amber Ffrench; 3rd \$100 Terry Heffernan. Other prize-winners were: John Reynolds; Dee Selorio; Adrian Fernandez; Maria Dragosovic; Anna Grace; Phil Kalkiman; Fr Steve Astill SJ & Amy P.

Many thanks to everyone who was able to participate. The \$1,000 is on its way to our 3 Indian twins!! God bless.

**IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:**

♦**Feast Day:** Thursday, 27/9 St Vincent de Paul (9.30 Mass eEden

♦Sunday, September 30 is the start of daylight saving!

♦South Coast Deanery has the 'Joy of the Gospel' session at Bega on Saturday, October 13th. Claim the date!

**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.