

**Parish Office Hours:**  
Wednesday - Thursday 9.30am—2.30pm  
**CONTACT DETAILS**

**Parish Priest:**  
Fr Paletasala (Pale) Leota

**Parish Secretary:**  
Hon. Mrs Sandra Bray  
Mrs Patricia Field

**Parish Council Chair:**  
Mrs Bernadette Wood

**Lumen Christi School/College Principal**  
Mr Steve Centra  
Tel: 64958888

**Liturgy Co-Ordinator**  
Ms Sue Heffernan

**Youth Minister**  
Jarryd Aitkinson

**Finance Chair:**  
Mr Neil Ffrench

**Marriage Preparation**  
Jacqui & Gavin Bell  
Tel: 64949766

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

**MASS TIMES**

Saturday	6pm	Eden
Sunday	8am	Pambula
	10am	Merimbula
	12pm	Wyndham
	<i>(4th Sunday of the month)</i>	
Tuesday	5pm	Merimbula
Wednesday	9:30am	Pambula
Thursday	9:30am	Eden
Friday	9:30am	Merimbula

**Reconciliation (Confession)**  
Saturday 9:30am — 10am Merimbula  
Saturday Before Vigil Mass Eden  
Sunday Before Mass Pambula

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

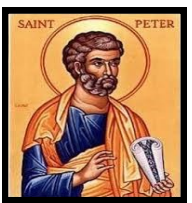
**Weddings:**  
By appointment only *(at least 6 months notice in advance)*

**Adoration:**  
First Friday 8:30am Merimbula  
First Saturday 5pm Eden  
First Wednesday 4pm Pambula

**Anointing of the Sick:** Last Week of February



**ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH OF PAMBULA**  
*We sincerely acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land, the Yuin people.*



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**15th December, 2019 - Third Sunday of Advent**

	Commentator	Readers	Extra-ordinary Ministry Of Eucharist	Cleaning/Flower
<b>Pambula 8am</b>				
15/12	Celi Kennedy	Jason Harley	Diana/Megan	
22/12	Sue Muffler	Toos Mayberry	Leah/Les	
<b>Merimbula 10AM</b>				
15/12	Helen	Suezanne	Neil/Alice/Trevor	Gary & Frances
22/12	Teresa	Brian	Terry/Leah/Rosemary	

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**Welcome Fr Adrian Chan**  
**No Mass on Tuesday** due to medical appointment  
**Christmas Mass Times:** Tuesday (Christmas Eve) 24/12: 4:30pm Merimbula; 7pm Eden; 9pm Pambula; Wednesday (Christmas Day) 25/12— 10am Merimbula

**Advent Candle Lighting: Third Candle - The Candle of Love—John The Baptist**  
*Leader:* May your hearts be filled with God's love towards all people as you consider the life of sacrifice and encouragement of John the Baptist. **All: Thanks be to God**  
*Leader:* Last Sunday we lit the Candles of Hope and Peace. *(A person now lights the Candles of Hope, and Peace.)* Today is the Third Sunday of Advent and we light the Candle of Love and remember John the Baptist. Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and shining light. May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him who is the Lord of our coming kingdom, Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages. Blessed be God for ever. *(A person now lights the pink candle)*

*Leader:* Let us pray: **All:** Lord Jesus, your servant John the Baptist called people to prepare for your coming by caring for one another. Give us willing hearts to reach out to all people in need with your love and compassion. Amen.

**ADVENT** has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight. *GNLYC 39*

**THE ADVENT WREATH.** Advent comes from the Latin word 'adventus' meaning 'Coming.' Advent begins the church year starting four Sundays before Christmas. The season of Advent has been set aside as a time of preparation since the 6th century. Advent is also a time for preparing for Christ's second coming, even as we remember and celebrate his first coming at Christmas. This is why the colour of the season of Lent is used, purple or blue, the colours also of Lent, of forgiveness and repentance. The Advent Wreath has four purple candles and one of white. The first candle is lit on Advent Sunday; additional ones are lit, one on each Sunday, and the white on Christmas Day. Celebrating Advent is an excellent way to prepare your mind and heart for Christmas.

**Thank You to Our Hon Parish Secretary!** Our beloved Hon Parish Secretary, Sandra Bray, will be retiring at the end of this year 2019! Sandra has been caring voluntarily for us at St Peter's Catholic Parish for more than two decades. She has spent the last decade-plus working for seven different priests, "the best of the best," registering new parishioners, drafting the weekly bulletin, and attending to the proverbial "paper chase" one would expect at the office! In her eyes and in her own words, one of the best parts of her career has been connecting with so many different priests and witnessing firsthand how each brought his own personality to the priesthood. She'll continue her habit of service by working on Parish Finance Committee. She also plans to spend time working at the Museum and enjoying time with her children and grandchildren. **Patricia Field will be replacing Sandra**, and she is already starting to shadow her so you might see her around the Parish office. Patricia has lots of energy and is excited to become involved in the Parish along with Jenny Horton who has offered voluntarily to do the cleaning at Presbytery. *Sandra, thank you for your years of loving and dedicated service to our Parish. We will miss you and wish you the best in retirement. We're also thrilled that we'll still see you around the parish!* God bless you!

**Parish Office** will be closed during holidays from December 23rd 2019 — January 15th 2020  
**Reception of the Children to be Baptised into our Parish next Sunday**  
We warmly welcome Taylor Adriana Ffrench and Byron Banjo Grabham into our Parish and will support them in prayer, praying to God for the gift of a strong faith for them and their child.

**St. Peter's Parish, Pambula 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.

**THE DIVINE MERCY OF JESUS**  
**3 O'clock Prayer**  
**THE HOUR OF GREAT MERCY**  
Jesus said:  
*Call upon My mercy on behalf of sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give that person the grace of conversion.*  
*This is the prayer;*  
**"O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fount of Mercy for us, I trust in you."**  
The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed before Mass on Sunday and the Adoration and Benediction on every First Wednesday at 4pm Pambula Church.

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020**  
*What is God asking of us in Australia at this time?*  
**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 recognize 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.**

**Let us pray for and support those who are sick**  
Robert Wallis, Terry Foster, Ray Tynan, Judith Bottom, June Alcock, David Fancourt, Irene Spinks, Mike Picker, Penny McEwan, Teena Madelaine, Ray Doughney, Ellie Cox, Eric Mangion, Maureen Partridge, Marie Hart, Anselmo Giuffre, Steven Partridge, Beata Denkiwicz, Lynn Hegarty, Dawn Lucas, Tony Alcock, Irene Spinks.

**For the faithful departed or whose Anniversaries occur including**  
Bill Robertson, Mike Aggenbach, Giulio & Maria Rech, Hamer & Dal Piva Families, Saviour Joseph Fenech, Harry Steward, Jan Zyglarewicz, Gerald Coyle, Malgorzata Zyglarewicz, Ignacy Mielczarek, Ananias Gonzales, Gerry Recla, Marcela Bambalan, Michael and Stephen Pease, Terry Rowe, Kim Geraghty, Patrick Clynch, John Hulme, Ron & Monica Seaton, Michael & Betty Bourke, Artemio, Rigoberto & Christina Pajaron, Rafael & Lucina Sevorio.  
*May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

**Thanks for your generosity:** 8/12/19 First Collection \$720.35; Second Collection Envelopes \$651.00 Loose \$244.45

**PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME.**  
If you would like to join the program please fill in the green form in the foyer and give to Fr. Pale. Much appreciated.

**Mass: Action of Christ.** The celebration of Mass, as the action of Christ and of the People of God arrayed hierarchically, is the centre of the whole of Christian life for the Church both universal and local, as well as for each of the faithful individually. For in it is found the high point both of the action by which God sanctifies the world in Christ and of the worship that the human race offers to the Father, adoring him through Christ, the Son of God, in the Holy Spirit. *GIRM 16*

**Mothers Prayer Group** each Monday at 9.30am. at Pambula (except school holidays). All welcome.

**The Wednesday Social Group** meets every Wednesday from 1-3pm in the Parish Centre Merimbula. New members most welcome. Last get together for 2019 – Dec 18. First get together for 2020 – January 15

**Vinnies Conference** Merimbula is an active group that offers a 'hand up' to those in need. We warmly welcome new members. Please contact Christine Mabbott on 0416130572.

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2019** Once again a very big Thank You to everyone who has donated a gift through this Appeal. The trees have now been removed from the churches, but if you have forgotten to return your gift, please deliver it **UNWRAPPED** with **TAG ATTACHED** to the Vinnies shop in Merimbula ASAP. You can be assured that your gifts and cakes will be received with gratitude and joy and will make each family's Christmas very special indeed. May God Bless You All.

**The Gospel Discussion** Group will be in recess for the coming weeks. The next discussion will take place in the Parish Centre, Merimbula, on Monday 3 February, commencing at 1.00 p.m. All are welcome. For further information, contact Anne on 0408241230.