

Parish Office Hours:
 Wednesday - Thursday 9.30am—2.30pm
CONTACT DETAILS
 Parish Priest: Fr Paletasala (Pale) Leota
 Parish Secretary: Mrs Patricia Field
 Parish Council Chair: Mrs Bernadette Wood
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 Mr Steve Centra
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 Finance Chair: Mr Neil Ffrench
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)*

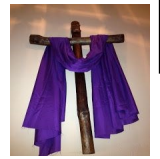
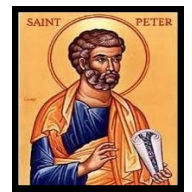
Adoration:
 First Friday 8:30am Merimbula
 First Saturday 5pm Eden
 First Wednesday 4pm Pambula

Tuesday at 4:30pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary Prayed at St Joseph's, Merimbula

Anointing of the Sick: Last Week of March
Lent is a forty-day penitential season spent in preparation for the highest holy days of our Christian faith, the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Over the centuries many symbols have evolved that represent key spiritual aspects of this holy season.

Violet. Violet is the liturgical color for the season of Lent, as well as the color of the stole worn by the priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Violet is a somber color which symbolizes mourning, suffering, humility, regret, and the willingness to do penance, particularly fasting. Violet's association with suffering is based upon Jesus' Passion when the soldiers clothed him in a purple cloak and tortured him (*Mk 15:17-20; Jn 19:2-3*).

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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March 15th, 2020 - Third Sunday of Lent
WELCOME FR REX CURRY

	Commentator	Readers	Extra-ordinary Ministry of Eucharist	Cleaning/Flowers
Pambula				
08/03	Bl Peterie	Toos Mayberry	Megan	Toos Mayberry
15/03	Bill Peterie	Toos Mayberry	Megan	
Merimbula				
15/03	Michele	Lyn	Trevor	
22/03	Teresa	Sueanne	Rosemary	

WEEKLY/MONTHLY UPCOMING EVENTS

Feast Day: Tuesday—St Patrick; Thursday—Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary

ARCHDIOCESAN PROTOCOLS and Changes to Mass Practices due to THE CORONA VIRUS
 Due to health reasons and in an effort to reduce the transmission of the Corona Virus (*COVID 19*), The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn has asked that the following protocols be observed until further notice:

- Holy Water will no longer be available in fonts at Church
- Acknowledge each other at the sign of peace, but refrain from touching.
- Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must use hand sanitizer **BEFORE** and **AFTER** distributing Holy Communion at Mass, Liturgy of Holy Communion, Visits to the sick in Hospital and Home.
- The reception of Holy Communion will be in the hand only, **NOT** on the tongue.
- Holy Communion Distribution will be received under Sacred Host only and **NOT** the Precious Blood.

The Archdiocese has outlined the precautions it is taking to prevent children and adults from contracting the *COVID-19* coronavirus. We continue to take precautionary measures to protect the health and safety of our people. In our journey in the desert during these 40 days of holy season of Lent, let us be mindful of **God's power and grace in Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.** Have a prayerful season of Lent.

Dear Parishioners
 We have now completed two sessions of the Discernment Phase of the Plenary Council. This process is a prayerful and deep listening process – listening to God and to each other. It invites us to reflect deeply on what needs to be said 'nationally' and 'locally' and to come to a consensus as a group. Thank you so much to those who attended and contributed so generously. The remainder of the sessions will be carried out during Lent, it can effectively be your Lenten Programme if you wish, but more importantly it is your chance to contribute to the Plenary Council. Session details:
 Members of the Pastoral Council will facilitate each session and these are being held in the Merimbula Parish Centre.
 Meetings: 2 hours

Sunday 15 March at 7pm: Inclusive, Participatory & Synodal:
 Sunday 22 March at 7pm: Prayerful & Eucharistic:
 Sunday 29 March at 7pm: Open to Conversion, Renewal & Reform:
 Sunday 5 April at 7pm: Joyful, Hope-filled & Servant Community:

The Web address for the Plenary Council : <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>
 I urge you to look up the process on the internet and begin to think about the sessions you would like to participate in. These sessions are prayer full and contemplative. If you wish to join us please email me and I will send you the appropriate notes for the session you are wishing to attend. My email is mickbern1@bigpond.com Come join us – absolutely everyone is welcome and your contribution important. Blessings
 Bernadette Wood PPC Chair

Project Compassion boxes/envelopes have now been distributed and you will find one on your pew. Please feel free to take them home and return before 5th April.

Fish. A fish is a Lenten symbol for the obligation to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and to abstain from all flesh meat on every Friday in Lent.

Praying Hands. Praying hands represent prayer, the activity that ranks first among the other three traditional penitential practices: fasting, almsgiving, and works of charity. Prayer is the premier way to strengthen one's relationship with God, and in so doing, to turn away from sin.

Stations of the Cross is held on every Friday morning after Mass at Merimbula during Lent. Come join us as we revisit the passion of our Lord.

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
 David Butler, Monica Wood, Alex Andrew, David Went, Daphne MacMahon, Dawn Lucas, Ros Beveridge, Roy & Joy Bugden, Mary Roberson, Robert Wallis, David Fancourt, Mike & Caroline Picker, Penny McEwan, Teena Madelaine, Ray Doughney, Eric Mangion, Maureen Partridge, Marie Hart, Anselmo Giuffre, Beata Denkwicz, Lynn Hegarty, Tony Alcock, Irene Spinks, Peter Hamer, Tony Colosimo

For the faithful departed or whose Anniversaries occur including
 Ellie Cox, Peter Grubestic, Betty Godfrey, Desmond MacMahon, Leonard W. Fancourt, Jean Pierre Galice, Angela Giuffre, Giuseppe Giuffre, Anna Giuffre, Bill Robertson, Saviour Joseph Fenech, Harry Steward, Gerald Coyle, Patrick Clynch, John Hulme, Ron & Monica Seaton, Michael & Betty Bourke, John Serbery, Elizabeth Pearce, Tupai Iakopo P. Nanai, Monica Sio, Solia Suafo'a, Joan Kennedy, Don Norris, Wendy Warren, Keith Crook, Pierina Dpietro.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Thanks for your generosity. First Collection:\$1037.20 Second Collection: Envelopes \$848.50 Loose \$375.95

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.

The **Wednesday Social Group** meets every Wednesday from 1-3pm in the Parish Centre Merimbula. New members most welcome.

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.

Merimbula Lenten Discussion Group is held each Monday in the Parish Centre at 1pm, Merimbula. Please contact Anne on 0408241230 for further information. **Pambula** Wednesday at 7pm and **Eden** Tuesday 10am and Thursday 6:30pm

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

Ecumenical Men's Breakfast each 2nd Sunday 8am at the Eden Drop in Centre. Contact Michael 0431103013 and Pambula each 3rd Saturday Christ Church Hall Pambula 8am. Contact Trevor 0438500262

THE SEASON OF LENT is the most appropriate time for celebrating the **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**
Sacramental Programme 2020: Please remember in your prayers, our young boys and girls who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Thursday April 2nd, 7pm at St Joseph's, Merimbula and support them on their journey.