# **PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

We welcome Fr Rofin Raphel. Fr Rofin will be enjoying a short stay in our Parish and leading us in Mass over the next few weeks.

# CHANGE TO EDEN VIGIL MASS TIME: PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME FINISHING, OUR SATURDAY VIGIL MASS TIMES IN EDEN WILL CHANGE TO 5PM. OUR FIRST 5PM MASS WILL BE THIS SATURDAY 20 APRIL.

Next *Lunching with Ladies* will be at "florabel" 195 Imlay St, Eden on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April commencing at noon. If you would like to come, please call or text Teresa on 0408 827 794 by **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**. Transport available.



### **ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS:**

**4 May | CANBERRA'S GAZA CEASEFIRE PILGRIMAGE:** This will be a prayerful show of solidarity with cities around the world on Saturday, 4 May. Some will walk the length of the Gaza Strip (41 kms), commencing atop Mt Ainslie at 4am, with a 10am liturgy at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton and a 1.30pm gathering at Regatta Point before the last 6kms. All welcome. Further info: 0413 840 555 / adair.obrien@outlook.com

**May 20 – 22** | A Current of Grace: Renewing Catholic Schools as Centres of Evangelisation: An invitation is extended to Australian and international Catholic education and other Church leaders to a conference focused on renewing Catholic schools as centres of evangelisation, emphasising two high-impact strategies – Staff and Leader formation and student formation for peer-to-peer ministry. More details at www.catholicvoice.org.au

Vocations Discernment Dinners- alternating between a presbytery and the Archbishop's House: Second Thursday of the month. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au. August 7 | Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public and Political Life 2024 | 6PM We are at the crossroads in Australia in particular, and in the Western World in general. Fundamental human values are under great strain, and so an overarching societal narrative is becoming opaque. The Tim Fischer Oration aims to enlighten and encourage us to seek out and promote a free and fair society. Do join us in our noble endeavour. Speaker: Professor Helen Alvare, Levy Endowed Chair in Law and Liberty at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University

Q&A: Chris Uhlmann, Political Journalist and TV Presenter *For more information & tickets visit <u>www.tfo.org.au</u>* 

**October 17 | Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev. Mark Ha:** Save the Date Thursday 17 October 2024 at 5.00pm at St Christopher's Cathedral Forrest, Canberra.



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#### Churches

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Eden St Joseph's, Merimbula St Peter's, Pambula St Joseph's, Wyndham **Mass Times** 1<sup>St</sup> Saturday of Month -9:30am. Merimbula Saturday -6pm, Eden Sunday -8am, Pambula -10am. Merimbula Tuesday -5pm, Merimbula Wednesday-10am, Pambula Thursday -10am, Eden Friday -10am, Merimbula

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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.

We acknowledge the Yuin people and pay our deepest respects to elders of past, present and emerging from all first nations around the world from whom we have learned so much.

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL, 2024

## **REFLECTION by Nick Brodie**

Reflecting on Jesus' discourse on the good shepherd, Pope Francis suggests we focus on three verbs: hear, know, and follow. Firstly, we are called to 'hear the voice of the shepherd'. This, as the Pope points out, means being open to listening. Too often, the Pope says, 'we are overwhelmed by words and by the urgency to always have something to say or do.' We need to make time and space and effort for the good shepherd's voice to cut through our frenetic business and our own noise making. Secondly, we are called to contemplate what it means to be known by the good shepherd. This knowing, the Pope points out, means more than knowing superficial facts about us like what we did vesterday. The sort of knowing Jesus speaks of is much more profound: God understands; He loves. Thirdly, having heard the good shepherd's voice and accepting that we are known and loved, each one of us is called to follow the good shepherd. 'What do those who follow Christ do?', the Pope asks. 'They go where he goes, along the same path, in the same direction.' This means seeking the lost, giving practical aid to those in need, and being compassionate to all. Ultimately, we are called to allow ourselves to be shepherded. Sometimes this means being called out of our wayward tracks, at other times it might mean moving on from familiar pastures. Either way, we are called individually, but not to travel alone. © Nick Brodie

# Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12/ 1 John 3:1-2/ John 10:11-18

**Responsorial Psalm:** 

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22 (R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

# Gospel Acclamation: John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

### **Communion Antiphon:**

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

#### **Reconciliation** (*Confession*)

Friday, after Mass, Merimbula Saturday, before Vigil Mass, Eden Wednesday, after Mass, Pambula Anointing of the Sick

Will be offered at weekday masses during the last week of every month.

#### Sacrament of Baptism

Welcoming Mass – 4th Sat/Sun of the month prior to Baptism during Mass on 1st Saturday/Sunday of the month. Please ring office for all Baptism preparation enquiries.

### Weddings

By appointment only – at least 6 months' notice in advance. Adoration

Tuesday at 4:15pm followed by Mass at 5pm, Merimbula 1st Sunday at 3:00pm, Eden

### **Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary**

Sunday 9:30am and Fridays at 9:30am At St Joseph's Merimbula

## Rosary

Monday Cenacle 11am in Merimbula Wednesday 9am in Pambula Thursday 8:45am in Eden

# Feasts/Special Days:

<u>Sun 21 Apr:</u> World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Holy See). <u>Mon 22 Apr:</u> Monday of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter.

<u>Tues 23 Apr</u>: Tuesday of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter, or St George, martyr, or St Adalbert, bishop, martyr (Optional). <u>Wed 24 Apr</u>: Wednesday of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter, or St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest, martyr (Optional). <u>Thurs 25 Apr</u>: ANZAC Day. <u>Fri 26 Apr</u>: St Mark, evangelist (Feast).

<u>Sat 27 Apr:</u> Saturday of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter, or St Louis Grignion de Montfort, priest (Optional).

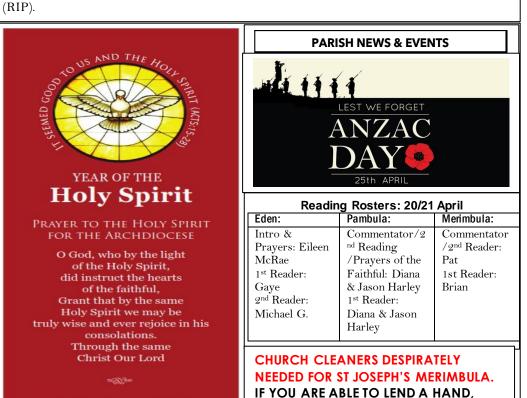
#### **Dates to Remember:**

<u>Thurs 25 Apr</u>: ANZAC Day Mass at Eden at 10am, followed by Morning Tea. <u>Fri 5 May</u>: Sacramental Retreat for First Reconciliation, 4-5:30pm at St Joseph's, Merimbula.

<u>Thurs 9 May:</u> First Reconciliation at 6:30pm at St Joseph's, Merimbula.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE: CLOSED FOR APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS & ANZAC DAY; WILL REOPEN WED 1 MAY.

**Planned Giving Collections**: Will be updated in May. THANK YOU to ALL parishioners who continually support our Parish through our plate collections at Mass, through the envelopes and direct banking. Without your financial help our Parish could not continue to function. Let Us Gray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers... Baby Olive Delves, Josephine Power, Helen Lynch, John Hazell, Christian Cole, Pat Wong, John Liston, Conrad De Zwart, Jake Alcock, Anne Cooper, Jocelyn Petty, Jeff and Monica Paffen, Glen Alcock, Patricia May Bills, Cliff Hamilton, Margot Neilson, Rob Francis, Chris Greenwood, Margaret Coates, Lyn Collie, Geoff Heffernan, Mary O'Donnell, Judy Broddrick, Max Andrew, Ros Beveridge, Eric Mangion, Anselmo Guiffre, David Went. *This Week's Mass Intentions*: Lynette Robert (RIP), Garry Fleming (RIP), Sr Colleen O'Sullivan (RIP), Kate Fleming (Health & well-being), Cathy Carson (Health & well-being). *We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including*: Lynette Robert (RIP), Emeritus Archbishop Francis Carroll (RIP), Stipo Dragosevic (RIP), Barrie Austin



AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

# John 10:11-18: The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT**: St Peter's Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people to have their say, to be listened to and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all of our thinking.

**COMMUNICATING CONCERNS:** You are encouraged to raise any concerns by emailing Fr George, the Parish Office, the Parish Safeguarding Volunteer or directly to Maria Hicks at the Institute Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) on ipss@cg.org.au