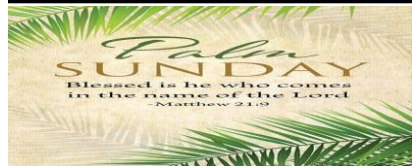


PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



We welcome Fr Rofin Raphael from India. Fr Rofin will be joining us as we begin Holy Week and enjoying a short stay in our Parish over the next few weeks.

Unfortunately *Samantha Hazlett* will not be speaking to our Parish Eden Mass on Saturday 23 March as planned. *Samantha* sends her apologies.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL 100 CLUB:

Congratulations to our Winners: 1st Jason Harley \$400; 2nd Suezanne Boore \$200; 3rd Helen Ffrench \$100; 4th Mike Cooper \$50. Most of the prizes were donated back to Vinnies for the Twinning support or for good works for local people we assist. Thank you to all who participated and particularly to our generous winners. Our twin villages in southern India will be very grateful for this assistance.

Warren Thomas, for the Pambula/Merimbula St Vincent De Paul Conference.

You are invited to make a contribution towards replacing the Cross on the Church Steeple at our Eden Church. A heartfelt thank you to those that have already contributed.

Holy Thursday: Please volunteer to have your feet washed during the Holy Thursday service. We would love 4 volunteers from each mass centre. Please see Amanda Westerlaken, Sue Heffernan or Margaret Liston.

Easter Vigil: Fr George will be blessing the water during the Mass. Please bring along your empty water bottles to fill up after the Mass.

Easter Sunday Morning Tea: Please join us for morning tea after Mass in Merimbula on Easter Sunday. BYO plate to share. NB: There will be no morning tea on the first Sunday of April.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Service will be held on Sunday 7 April at 3pm in St Joseph's in Merimbula. All welcome.

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday March 29th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, parishes and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2023, Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land nearly \$1.4 million [\$1.4 million (2022), \$1,126,098 (2021), \$406,023 (2020) and \$1.3 million (2019)]. The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.



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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

1st 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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD SUNDAY 24TH MARCH, 2024

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

'Let us ask for the grace to be amazed', reflects Pope Francis. 'A Christian life without amazement', he warns, 'becomes drab and dreary'. Palm Sunday is about so much more than an annual waving of branches. Whether our faith has become what the Pope styled 'dull from habit', or we find ourselves 'trapped in our regrets', or 'crippled by our disappointments', or easily inclined to 'take refuge in legalisms', the Pope suggests we return our gaze to Jesus' self-sacrifice and allow ourselves to be amazed. 'Let us be amazed by Jesus so that we can start living again,' the Pope says, 'for the grandeur of life lies not in possessions and promotions, but in realising that we are loved.' When we allow ourselves to embrace this fact our lives will be changed. As the Pope points out, many of those who welcomed Jesus' entry into Jerusalem quickly abandoned him. They were, he suggests, 'following an idea of the Messiah rather than the Messiah'. Their public demonstrations seem to have proved self-oriented and shallow. 'To admire Jesus is not enough', the Pope declares. 'We have to follow in his footsteps, to let ourselves be challenged by him; to pass from admiration to amazement.' This, he says, enables us to really 'know that we are not alone: God is at our side in every affliction, in every fear; no evil, no sin will ever have the final word.' 'And with the grace of amazement', the Pope adds, 'we come to realise that in welcoming the dismissed and discarded, in drawing close to those ill-treated by life, we are loving Jesus.'

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Isaiah 50:4-7/ Philippians 2:6-11/ Mark 14:1 – 15:47
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2
 (R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
Gospel Acclamation: Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
 Christ became obedient for us even to death dying
 on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a
 name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon: Matthew 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my
 drinking it, your will be done.

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

“LISTEN LIKE A DISCIPLE”
Isaiah 50:4-7

Feasts/Special Days:

Sun 24 Mar: Palm Sunday of
 the Passion of the Lord
 (Holy Week).

Thurs 28 Mar: Thursday of
 the Lord's Supper.

Fri 29 Mar: Friday of the
 Passion of the Lord (Fast
 and Abstinence).

Sat 30 Mar: Holy Saturday.

Dates to Remember:

Thurs 28 Mar: No Mass in Eden.
 Holy Thursday Mass 7pm in
 Pambula.

Fri 29 Mar: Stations of the Cross
 11am at All Mass Centres; Good
 Friday Service 3pm at Merimbula.

Sat 30 Mar: Easter Vigil Mass 7pm
 at Eden.

Sun 31 Mar: Easter Day Mass 8am
 at Pambula and 10am at
 Merimbula.

Sun 7 Apr: Divine Mercy Service
 3pm at Merimbula.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Tues 26 Mar 9am- 1pm **CLOSED FOR**

Wed 27 Mar 9am-3pm **APRIL SCHOOL**

Closed on Thurs 28 Mar **HOLIDAYS &**

Tues 2 Apr 10:30am-3pm **ANZAC DAY;**

Wed 3 Apr 9am-3pm **REOPEN ON**

Closed on Thurs 4 Apr **WED 1 MAY.**

Wed 10 Apr 9am-3pm

Thurs 11 Apr 9am-3pm

Planned Giving Collections: First: \$955.85;
 Second: Envelopes: \$365.50; Loose:
 \$320.70. 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 Pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers...
 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: Nil.
We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including: Lynette Robert
 (RIP), Veronica Kowacz (RIP), Sharon Mills (RIP), Br Gerard Rummery (RIP).
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of our Lord, rest in Peace, AMEN

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Rosters for Easter: 30/31 March

Eden:	Pambula:	Merimbula:
1 st Reader: Eileen M	31 March: Commentator	Commentator /2 nd Reader:
2 nd Reader: Phil R	/2 nd Reading /Prayers of the Faithful:	Anne M First Reader: Pat M
3 rd Reader: Gaye A	Dave C	
4 th Reader: Toos M	1 st Reader: Lyn M	



YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations. Through the same Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Holy Week Services:

Holy Thursday: 7pm Pambula Church
Good Friday: 11am Stations of the Cross, All Mass Centres
 3pm Passion of the Lord and Veneration of the Holy Cross, Merimbula Church.
Easter Vigil: 7pm Eden Church
Easter Sunday: 8am Pambula Church
 10am Merimbula Church

Philippians 2:6-11: He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

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