

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Social Justice



A small number of Funeral Mass booklets and Prayer cards for the late Fr Peter Gannon have been placed in the Churches. Please feel free to take one.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: PREPARATION FOR THOSE SEEKING TO ENTER INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH. If anyone is interested in becoming Catholic or returning to the faith, please contact Fr George.

HARVEST JOURNEYS: JUBILEE OF FAMILIES, GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE 14 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE IN MAY 2025, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE, FR GEORGE OR AMANDA WESTERLAKEN. WE NEED TO GET AN IDEA OF NUMBERS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE TRIP ASAP. ITINERARY AND QUOTATION HAVE BEEN EMAILED WITH THIS BULLETIN AND ARE AVAILABLE TO VIEW.

31 August | Cultural Competency | 10:00AM: The Catholic Women's Taskforce, Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn has a workshop on 31 August. Kylie Shea, a Ngunnawal woman will facilitate the sessions where we will learn about Ngunnawal culture. Venue: Parish Centre Aranda. Register via www.cgwomen.org.au

14 Sept Season of Creation Convocation 2024 - Catholic Earthcare Caritas Australia: Catholic Earthcare Convocation 12-14 September 2024. 12-13 September online presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences. Saturday 14 September in the Archdiocesan Hub to transform learning into action (online available). Register here: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1231165> Contact: catholicearthcare@caritas.org.au

18-20 October | Come, Holy Spirit - Archdiocesan Assembly: All are invited to take part in the Archdiocesan Assembly that will explore the theme 'Come Holy Spirit.' This will focus on celebrating the Year of the Holy Spirit and explore new opportunities for evangelisation and synodality in the life and mission of our local Church going forward.



Where Canberra + Narooma + Cooma + Young + Goulburn
When Friday 18th October - Sunday 20th October 2024
Info Detailed information, registration and formation materials available online at cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly



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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 -5pm, 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.

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday 25th August, 2024
SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Why did the crowd reject Jesus? They followed him! He fed them! And then they complain and leave. What was that about?

In short, people were scandalised by what Jesus said. They thought differently than Jesus about his mission. They sought earthly triumph over spiritual truth.

An important lesson for us, Pope Francis says, is that 'we must not pursue God in dreams and in images of grandeur and power.' Rather, as the Pope explains, God 'must be recognised in the humanity of Jesus and, as a consequence, in that of the brothers and sisters we meet on the path of life.'

This is a hard teaching for many to accept, even among those within the Church.

God, the Pope reiterates, 'asks us to seek him not outside of life and history, but in relationship with Christ and with our brothers and sisters. 'Seeking him in life,' the Pope adds, 'in history, in our daily life ... is the road to encounter with God: the relationship with Christ and our brothers and sisters.'

Therefore, with Peter, and his successor Pope Francis, 'we ask for the grace to let ourselves be provoked and converted.' To whom shall we turn? To our brothers and sisters in need. We need to be open to being Christ to them, for they may well be Christ for us.

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**Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18 / Ephesians 5:21-32/
John 6:60-69**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R.
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(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: See John 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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 call 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

Thursday 9:15 am in Eden

Rosary

Monday Cenacle 11am in Merimbula

Wednesday 9:30am in Pambula

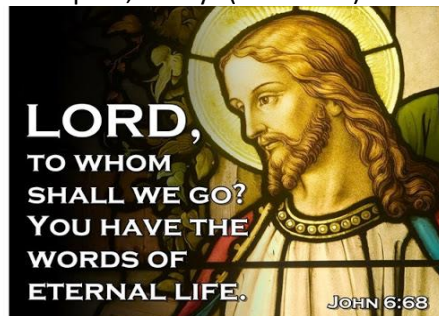
Feasts/Special Days:

Sun 25 Aug: Social Justice Sunday.

Tues 27 Aug: St Monica (Memorial).

Wed 28 Aug: St Augustine, bishop, doctor (Memorial).

Thurs 29 Aug: The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr (Memorial).



Dates to Remember:

Wed 28 Aug: Lumen Day Mass at Lumen Christi Catholic College at 11:30am. All welcome.

Sat 28 Sept: Refresher for All Parish Ministries, including Readers, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers 10am at St Peter's Pambula, followed by coffee at Oaklands.

Sat 12 Oct: Living Rosary at 10am in front of the Grotto at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Eden.

Tues 22 Oct: Marian Procession at St Peter & Paul's Old Cathedral, Goulburn, at 10am.

Sun 24 Nov: Parish Mass (Feast of Christ the King). More info to come.

Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$755.85; Second: Envelopes: \$465.00; Loose: \$464.85 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...
Claudia, Elaine Carter, Damien Lambourn, 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: Nil.

We pray for all the faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including: N/A
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of our Lord, rest in peace, AMEN

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THANK YOU TO FR STEVE TYNAN!
WE NOW WELCOME FR ROFIN RAPHEL
WHO WILL BE JOINING US AND LEADING OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY FROM 26 AUGUST-12 SEPTEMBER.

Fr Rofin's contact number is 0432 086 320

Reading Rosters: 31 Aug/1 Sept

Eden:	Pambula:	Merimbula:
Intro & Prayers: 1 st Reader: TBA 2 nd Reader: TBA	Commentator/2 nd Reading /Prayers of the Faithful: Sue Muffler 1 st Reader: Lyn Matthews	Commentator /2 nd Reader: Brian Riches 1 st Reader: Phil Roach



COLLECTION FOR ARCHDIOCESAN RETIRED PRIESTS
Father's Day Appeal – Collection for our retired priests:

There are 25 priests in our Archdiocese. We should remember our retired priests as we celebrate the theme for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15).

Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today:

By envelopes

By giving at: www.cgatholic.org.au/donate

By calling: (02) 6239 9876

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

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: FIRST EUCHARIST

For Baptised Catholic Children in Year 4 or above who have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Parent formation:
Wed 28 Aug, 6pm
Pizza, 6:30pm start at St Joseph's, Merimbula.

Enrolment Mass:
Sat 14 Sept, 5pm in Eden; Sun 15 Sept, 10am in Merimbula.

Retreat: Fri 25 Oct 4-5:30pm in Merimbula.

Sacrament: Sun 3 Nov, 10am in Merimbula.