

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Parish Sacramental Program

Children in Year 4 and above who are baptised Catholics are invited to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Parent formation session will be held on Wednesday 6 March at 6-7:30pm at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula. Pizza served from 6pm. Formation session from 6:30pm. Sacrament will be held Thursday 9 May 6:30pm at St Joseph's. Contact Parish Office for more details.

14 MARCH | An Evening with Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP

Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP was Master of the Order of Preachers from 1992 to 2001. A member of the community at Blackfriars, Oxford, he is the author of several very popular books and an internationally reputed speaker and retreat-giver. Date: Thursday 14 March 2024, Place: Merci College Wise Street Braddon Time: 5.30 -7.00pm. Free Tickets: <https://bit.ly/4blSurY> This event will be live-streamed Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP will also be speaking at Marist on 13 March. Go here <https://bit.ly/49h5sG3> for more information

Tuesdays with Fr George:

Fr George will be available for appointments in the Parish Office on Tuesdays between 10am and 2pm. If you need spiritual guidance, sacramental information, a chat or discussion, please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment. Any administration issues should also be discussed during a scheduled appointment.



Caritas AUSTRALIA

Second Sunday of Lent: 24 & 25 February

After the birth of her children, 22-year-old **Ronita** was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations*.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Samantha Hazlett (Diocesan Director for Caritas Australia) will be speaking to our Parish about Project Compassion at the Eden vigil Mass on Saturday 23 March at 6pm. Please come along.



CONTACT DETAILS

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Parish Secretary

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Parish Council Chair

Mrs Bernadette Wood

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Ms Sue Heffernan

Finance Chair

Mr Neil Ffrench

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Marriage Preparations

Damien & Celi Kennedy

Parish Office

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Wednesday and Thursday
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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Sunday 25th February, 2024

REFLECTION

by Fr Michael Tate

Transfigured Bodysouls

St Thomas Aquinas famously said: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.' And yet many Christians do think that our ultimate goal is, by the grace of God, to end up as souls in Heaven.

No, I am a human being, bodysoul. If I am to be saved, then this stardust, this fraction of material creation, this earthling, needs to be immersed into Divine energy and light.

The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, especially as recounted in the other gospels, shows what happens when human nature is in total communion with God. Every molecule of his body was evidently pulsing with Divine energy and light. The amazing truth is that God ardently desires that each one of us should share in the transfigured life of Our Lord Jesus Christ. For this to occur, we must play our part, accepting that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the Beloved Son of God, listen to him, and put into practice what we hear.

We could take a moment to pray that after the "repose of the soul" after death, we may participate as bodysouls in the transfigured humanity of the Risen Lord. © Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Will follow 10am Mass on Fridays in Merimbula during Lent.

Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18 / Romans 8:31-34 / Mark 9:2-10

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: See Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: Matthew 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Feasts/Special Days:

Tues 27 Feb: Collect of St Gregory of Narek, abbot, doctor (Optional).

Fri 1 Mar: Autumn Ember Day (Special Day of Prayer and Penance).



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

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Dates to Remember:

Tues 19 March: St Joseph's Feast Mass in Wyndham Church at 12PM Midday, followed by lunch.

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.

Planned Giving Collections: First: \$984.55; Second: Envelopes: \$481.00; Loose: \$315.40. **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...
Br Gerard Rummery, John Hazell, Christian Cole, Pat Wong, John Liston, Conrad De Zwart, Jake Alcock, Anne Cooper, Jocelyn Petty, Jeff and Monica Paffen, Glen Alcock, Lynette Robert, 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: Roger Stroud (RIP), Shirley Brown (RIP), Patricia Gandon (RIP); Augustin Gomez (Anniversary).

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of our Lord, rest in Peace, AMEN



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Rosters for 2/3 March:

Eden:	Pambula:	Merimbula:
Intro & Prayers: Michael G	Commentator/2 nd Reading/Prayers of the Faithful: Richard & Elise	Commentator /2 nd Reader: Phil
1 st Reader: Mick Wood	Brodie	First Reader: Marian.
2 nd Reader: Sue.	1 st Reader: Richard & Elise	
	Brodie	

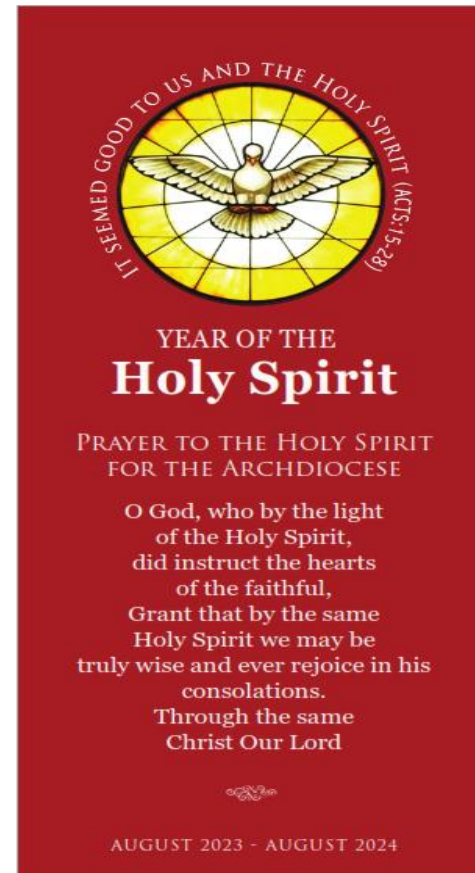
Holy Week Services:

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



Mark 9:2-10: This is my Son, the beloved: listen to him.

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