

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Farewell Fr Rofin! Fr Rofin will leave our Parish on 4 May and travel to Tumut. The parishioners of St Peter's, Pambula, would like to thank you, Fr Rofin, for your dedicated Priestly service. May God give you His peace and joy today and every day and bless you in your faithful service. Thank you!

Thankyou to those that brought a plate to share for ANZAC Day morning tea.

CHANGE TO EDEN VIGIL MASS TIME:

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME FINISHING, OUR SATURDAY VIGIL MASS TIME IN EDEN IS NOW 5PM.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

For those children preparing for this Sacrament, the [RECONCILIATION RETREAT](#) will be on Friday 5th May from 4pm to 5:30pm at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula. Fr George will be running the retreat. Afternoon Tea will be provided. The [SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION](#) will occur on Thursday 9th May from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula.

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. Walk the length of the Gaza Strip (41 kms), commencing atop Mt Ainslie at 4am. Then 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. Info: 0413 840 555 or 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 Alvarez, 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 www.tfo.org.au**

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

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 28th APRIL, 2024

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate *Spiritual Drink*

We are too familiar with today's gospel. Christ is the vine and we are the branches, sometimes in need of a good pruning. But God's purpose is not to produce a perfect vineyard. It is to produce a full-bodied wine at the end of history. There is a foretaste of this at every Mass. The wine we offer – 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands' – becomes the spiritual drink which best serves the purpose of our Heavenly Father. How does this happen? For the Jewish people observing an animal whose throat is cut, it is obvious that the life drains out with the blood. 'Life' and 'blood' became synonyms. So, when the Jewish Jesus says of the wine in the chalice at the Last Supper: 'This is my blood', amongst other things he is saying: 'This is my life force, this is my very life given unreservedly for you.' So, when we drink from the chalice at Holy Communion, the life of the Risen Lord courses through our bodies just as the sap of the vine courses through its branches. We share the same ultimate vitality so that our bodily existence builds into the Body of Christ. He becomes truly 'full-bodied' as the Divine Vigneron desires. We could take a moment to pray that we respond to the pruning and the tending and the pressing by our Heavenly Father so as to contribute our distinctive character to the vintage at the end of history, the spiritual drink of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31/1 John 3:18-24/John 15:1-8

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Gospel Acclamation: John 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Cf John 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, 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:

Sun 28 Apr: 5th Sunday of Easter.

Mon 29 Apr: St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor (Memorial).

Tues 30 Apr: Tuesday of the 5th Week of Easter, or St Pius V, pope (Optional).

Wed 1 May: Wednesday of the 5th Week of Easter, or St Joseph the Worker (Optional).

Thurs 2 May: St Athanasius, bishop, doctor (Memorial).

Fri 3 May: Sts Philip and James, apostles (Feast).

Sat 4 May: Saturday of the 5th Week of Easter.



Dates to Remember:

Fri 5 May: Sacramental Retreat for First Reconciliation, 4-5:30pm at St Joseph’s, Merimbula.

Thurs 9 May: First Reconciliation at 6:30pm at St Joseph’s, Merimbula.

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 Pray 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: Pambula: Angela Plevy (Anniversary), Stella Brown (Anniversary), Pat Liston (Anniversary), Mary Liston (Anniversary).

Eden: Sr Catherine Clark (RIP).

Merimbula: Gerald Edwards (Anniversary), Nelson Olaquer (RIP), Isabel Maximo (Healing), Geronimo De Leon (Fruits of the Spirit).

We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including: Garry Fleming (RIP), Sr Colleen O'Sullivan (RIP), Lynette Robert (RIP).

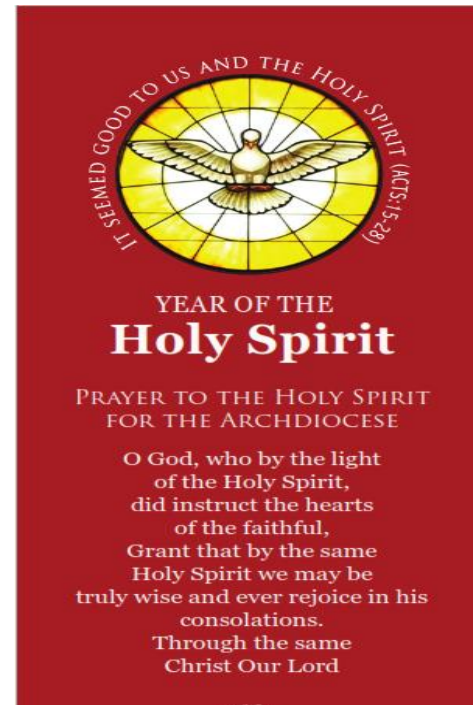
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of our Lord, rest in Peace, AMEN

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Reading Rosters: 4/5 May

Eden:	Pambula:	Merimbula:
Intro & Prayers: TBA	Commentator/2 nd Reading	Commentator /2 nd Reader:
1 st Reader: TBA	/Prayers of the Faithful: Celi Kennedy	Brian
2 nd Reader: TBA	1 st Reader: Lyn Matthews	1 st Reader: Pat

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



John 15:1-8: All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

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 ips@cg.org.au