

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE TO EDEN: 3RD AUGUST, 2024

**1 week to go!!** This year's Pilgrimage will be the first for Fr George. Now all we need is a lovely sunny day and lots of Pilgrims. Let's make it a welcoming occasion for all the pilgrims who make the journey. We are looking for lots of assistance on the day - please come along and help make this day a success as we celebrate Australia's first Saint - Mary of the Cross MacKillop and showcase our wonderful Parish. The Archbishop will lead the Pilgrimage. Mass will be at 12.00pm and we will have a shared lunch afterwards with all our fellow Pilgrims. Lunch will be provided so if you are able to contribute with salads or slices could you please contact Sue Heffernan (0405 251 947) after 25th July and she can guide you. Also if you have dietary requests please make them known. Looking forward to seeing you on the day. Please book in via the link below to allow for catering. [Archbishop's St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage](#) on our web page.

**GOD BLESS Harvey and Remi Kerr WHO WILL BE BAPTISED THIS SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT ST JOSEPH'S, MERIMBULA.**



*A heartfelt thank you to our dear Parishioners for your prayers and gifts upon the occasion of my 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! I am truly humbled and grateful for your kindness and generosity.  
God bless you, from Fr George.*

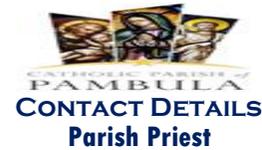
**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASS THIS TUESDAY 30/7, WEDNESDAY 31/7 OR THURSDAY 1/8.**

**NB: PILGRIMAGE MASS IS ON 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST IN EDEN. NO 5PM MASS. MASS AT 8AM AND 10AM AS USUAL ON SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST.**

**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. **Reading Rosters: 3 / 4 August**

**LUNCHING WITH LADIES  
28TH JULY AT 12 NOON AT  
LAKEVIEW HOTEL,  
MERIMBULA. NAMES TO  
TERESA (0408 827 794).**

Eden:	Pambula:	Merimbula:
PILGRIMAGE READERS TO BE ADVISED.	Commentator: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading / Prayers of the Faithful: Diana & Jason Harley 1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: Diana & Jason Harley	Commentator: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader: TBA 1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: TBA



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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 -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.**

**17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2024**  
**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**

#### REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Pope Francis draws our attention to the boy's role in today's Gospel passage. He 'makes us think', the Pope says. 'His compassion moved him to offer what he had.' There is no suggestion in the Gospel that the loaves and fish were forcibly taken from the boy. Rather, it is implied that they were his gift. An act of human charity is, therefore, a key element in Jesus' miracle. Another noteworthy factor is Jesus' sense of priority. This episode, the Pope points out, 'shows us again that Jesus is attentive to people's primary needs'. This has implications for we who seek to follow him. After all, the boy was discovered because Jesus prompted his disciples to think about how they could feed the crowd. As the Pope says, 'the people were hungry and Jesus engaged his disciples so that this hunger could be satisfied.' While Jesus offered the crowd much more than food – 'his Word, his solace, his salvation, ultimately his life' – he did not neglect their physical needs. 'And we, his disciples, cannot ignore this', the Pope affirms. We are called to follow the example of Jesus, his apostles, and the boy with a few loaves and fish. We must not turn our backs on the people or retreat from the world. We must face up to the reality we find – and do what we can. © Nick Brodie



**2 Kings 4:42-44 / Ephesians 4:1-6 / John 6:1-15**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16**

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

**Gospel Acclamation: Luke 7:16**

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon: Psalm 102:2**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

**Feasts/Special Days:**

**Sun 28 July:** World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (Holy See).

**Mon 29 July:** Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus (Memorial).

**Tues 30 July:** St Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor (Optional).

**Wed 31 July:** St Ignatius of Loyola, priest (Memorial).

**Thurs 1 Aug:** St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor (Memorial).

**Fri 2 Aug:** St Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop & St Peter Julian Eymard, priest (Both optional).

**Sat 3 Aug:** St Dominic, priest (Memorial).

**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

**Dates to Remember:**

**Sat 3 Aug:** Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage, 11am walk; 12pm Mass; then lunch.

**Wed 28 Aug:** Lumen Day Mass at Lumen Christi Catholic College. All welcome. Time TBA.

**Sat 28 Sept:** Refresher for Readers, Acolytes and Servers 10am at St Peter's Pambula, followed by coffee at Oaklands.

**Sat 12 Oct:** Living Rosary at 11am in Eden.

**Sun 27 Oct:** Marian Procession at Goulburn. Details to come.

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

**Planned Giving Collections:**

First: \$814.75; Second: Envelopes: \$395.50; Loose: \$368.35. 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...*  
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 Brodrick, 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:* Peter Barber (RIP); Fr Peter Gannon (RIP); John Ballantyne (RIP), John Seberry (Anniversary), John Hulme (Anniversary), Luigi Gianfrotta (Anniversary).

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

**Prayer for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: 28 July, 2024**

Lord, faithful God,  
You who created us in Your image,  
You who never leaves us alone  
and who accompanies us through every season of life,  
Do not abandon us, take care of us,  
And grant us, once again,  
The ability to discover ourselves  
and recognise that we are Your children.  
Renew our hearts with your Word  
And do not allow anyone to be cast aside.  
May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness  
And teach us to say:  
"I will not abandon you!"  
To those we meet on our journey.  
With the help of your beloved Son,  
may we not lose the taste for fraternity  
And may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness.  
Help us to look to the future with renewed hope,  
And make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly  
A day without loneliness, and a day abundant  
with the first-fruits of Your peace.  
Amen.



**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.

**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](mailto:ipss@cg.org.au)