

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



110TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES SUNDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2024

The theme of Pope Francis' Message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "GOD WALKS WITH HIS PEOPLE." The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office has created online resources, including the liturgy for primary and secondary schools, homily notes, prayers of intercession, stories, and interviews, to help celebrate this special day.

Resources available at: <https://acmro.catholic.org.au/wdmr/2024>

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND WELCOME TO REGISTER AND ATTEND THIS HISTORIC EVENT.

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 cgevangalisation.org.au/assembly

NOTE WELL: THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER. THANK YOU.

The Parish Office will reopen on Wednesday 9 October. I am looking forward to seeing all your friendly faces again! Best wishes, Alicia.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Narooma, extends an invitation to attend their **Public Rosary for Peace** on Saturday 12th October at Quota Park, Riverside Drive (near Quarterdeck) Narooma at 10am. Refreshments will be provided.

A MESSAGE FROM PETER HOCKING (SENIOR PASTOR AT SAPPHIRE LIFE CHURCH)

As you may all know, our church operates a charity in the main street of Merimbula, opposite the Sapphire Club called Sapphire Life Opportunities which operates a food pantry. Recently we have put into place what we are calling Pay It Forward vouchers for those individuals & businesses who have expressed the desire to be able to support those in need in our community. If you'd like to offer these vouchers, please contact our pantry manager Meg on slopantry@sapphirelife.org.au or 02-6495 1301 to buy some. A flyer has been emailed to parishioners. 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 -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.

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER, 2024 WORLD REFUGEES & MIGRATION DAY

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Beyond the Boundaries

An easy way to deal with this Gospel: 'anyone who is not against us is for us,' would be to emphasise the transformation of the relationship of Catholics with Protestants. Too easy. But what about our relationship with the Muslims? There is a huge gulf between Muslims and us about Jesus Christ. Muslims do not even believe that he was killed on the cross, let alone raised to life. We hold to the testimony and the faith of the Apostles. But Catholics also believe that the Divine Wind blows where it pleases amongst all people of all religious traditions (and of none). In the early Church this was expressed by saying that the Seeds of the Word were sown by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of all human beings. We need to recognise the Seed of the Word in Islam – our shared belief in the one God, Creator of the cosmos, Lord of history, merciful and just. The task of the Church is to bring that Seed closer to the illumination of Divine Light so that it may eventually grow in belief that God is indeed One in the loving relationship of Triune life. The world is holding its breath over the encounter of the Catholic Church and Islam. There is a history of mutual violence and contemporary barbarities which are inhumane and blasphemous. But, in the face of indifference and hostility to religion, at least in the West, it is good to acknowledge what we share in common.

We may take a moment to pray for the grace to relate to those Muslims whom we know in our own society in light of our faith that the Divine Wind has sown and is nurturing the Seed of the Word amongst them.

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Numbers 11:25-29 / James 5:1-6 /

Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Gospel Acclamation: See John 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,

by which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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 29 Sept: World Refugees & Migration Day (Holy See).

Mon 30 Sept: St Jerome, priest, doctor (Memorial).

Tues 1 Oct: St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor (Memorial).

Wed 2 Oct: The Holy Guardian Angels (Memorial).

Fri 4 Oct: St Francis of Assisi (Memorial).

Sat 5 Oct: St Faustina Kowalska, virgin (Optional).

Dates to Remember:

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.

Fri 25 Oct: First Eucharist Retreat at 4-5:30pm at St Joseph's, Merimbula.

Sun 3 Nov: Sacrament of First Eucharist at 10am at St Joseph's, Merimbula.

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

Planned Giving Collections:

15/9: First: \$974.55; Second: Envelopes: \$360.50; Loose: \$312.60. 22/9: First: \$845.25; Second: Envelopes: \$485.00; Loose: \$216.90. 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...

Christine and Ray Tynan, Henk Westerlaken, 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, Judy Broddrick, Ros Beveridge, Eric Mangion, Anselmo Guiffre, David Went.

This Week's Mass Intentions: N/A

We pray for all the faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including: Max Andrew, Sarah Clarke, Fr Brian Ebert, Mary O'Donnell.

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

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Reading Rosters: 5/6 Oct

Eden:	Pambula:	Merimbula:
Intro & Prayers: Gaye	Commentator / 2 nd Reading	Commentator / 2 nd Reader:
1 st Reader: Michael G	/ Prayers of the Faithful: Sue	Helen Ffirench
2 nd Reader: Eileen McRae	Muffler 1 st Reader: Lyn Matthews	1 st Reader: Marian Churchward

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: FIRST EUCHARIST

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

Sacrament: Sun 3 Nov, 10am in Merimbula.

Welcome Fr Boniface Idoko visiting our Parish on holiday from Nigeria. Fr Boniface will say weekend masses and will be staying with Fr George until 3 October.

Thank you for spending time with us, Fr Boniface!

Prayer

God, Almighty Father, we are your pilgrim Church journeying towards the Kingdom of heaven. We live in our homeland, but as if we were foreigners. Every foreign place is our home, yet every native land is foreign to us.

Though we live on earth, our true citizenship is in heaven.

Do not let us become possessive of the portion of the world you have given us as a temporary home.

Help us to keep walking, together with our migrant brothers and sisters, toward the eternal dwelling you have prepared for us. Open our eyes and our hearts so that every encounter with those in need becomes an encounter with Jesus, your Son and our Lord. Amen.

St Francis' Prayer for the 10th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2024



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