

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**MORNING TEA WILL FOLLOW MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S THIS SUNDAY. PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE. ALL WELCOME!**

**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.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL 100 CLUB: 10 March at Pambula and Merimbula**

We have 2 "twin" villages in remote regions of Southern India. The money raised is used carefully by our "twins" to provide medical assistance, education for the young and food and clothing for the poor. Thank you for supporting this important cause. **How can you help** .....Vinnies will have a board outside Church with 100 numbers on it. The plan is to sell the 100 tickets for \$20 each to raise \$2,000 of which nearly half will be returned as prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$400; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$200; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$100; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$50. Draw will be after 10am Mass in Merimbula 10<sup>th</sup> March. For any visitors who win, we will ring you and arrange an e-transfer of the prize. The weekly Bulletin will also list the winners. Thank you for your support, Warren Thomas and Frank Davey on behalf of the St Vinnies Merimbula Conference

**ST PAUL'S HOLY WEEK MISSALS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE FOR \$15 EACH.**

**You are invited to make a contribution towards replacing the Cross on the Church Steeple at our Eden Church.**

**Donation envelopes are available in each Church.**

**14 MARCH | An Evening with Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP 5:30pm-7pm:** You are encouraged to watch this livestream alone or in a group. Fr George apologises that due to a priest's council meeting in Canberra, he will not be here to watch it with you. The Livestream Link is: <https://merici.college/go/livestream>

Free Tickets: <https://bit.ly/4blSurY> This event will be live-streamed.. Go here <https://bit.ly/49h5sG3> for more information. **There will be a chance to gather at a later date to reflect and discuss.**



**Third Sunday of Lent: 2 & 3 March:** Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions. 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](http://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.**



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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 -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.**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH, 2024**

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

### *Where does God really dwell?*

The Ten Commandments are badly named. Rather, they are the Ten Responses which should characterise a liberated people, freed from slavery by 'the Lord, your God'.

By the time Jesus came on the scene, the Temple in Jerusalem was no longer a fit dwelling place for a God who desires to free people from oppression and exploitation. To the contrary, Jesus saw the Temple ideology as placing undue burdens and shackles on people.

His anger at this erupted in dramatic street theatre. His overturning of the tables of the money-changers signalled the overturning of the Temple system. What Our Lord revealed to uncomprehending authorities was that His body was the true sanctuary. The body of Jesus of Nazareth is the dwelling place of God, the habitation of the Lord God who liberates people. In short, God's sanctuary is not a place, but a person.

We could take a moment to pray, using the Ten Responses to review and guide our reflection and practice as we move towards Easter. This will help us to celebrate the enigmatic saying: 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it again.' © Fr

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### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**

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

**Exodus 20:1-17 / 1 Corinthians 1:22-25/ John 2:13-25**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68**

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

**Gospel Acclamation: John 3:16**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
 God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
 that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Communion Antiphon: John 4:13-14**

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,  
 the water I shall give will become in him  
 a spring welling up to eternal life.

**Feasts/Special Days:**

**Mon 4 Mar:** Collect of St Casimir (Optional).

**Thurs 7 Mar:** Collect of Sts Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs (Optional).

**Fri 8 Mar:** Collect of St John of God, religious (Optional).

**Sat 9 Mar:** Collect of St Frances of Rome, religious (Optional).

**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

**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: \$1105.70; Second: Envelopes: \$484.50; Loose: \$551.05. 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.

**TURN TO ME**

*Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers...*  
 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:* Sharon Mills (RIP).

*We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including:* Sharon Mills (RIP), Br Gerard Rummery (RIP), Roger Stroud (RIP), Shirley Brown (RIP).

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



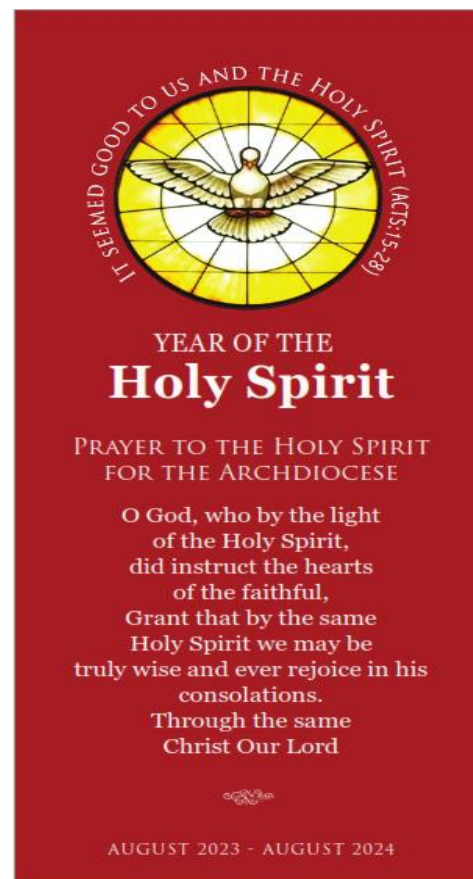
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**Rosters for 9/10 March:**

Eden:	Pambula:	Merimbula:
Intro & Prayers:	Commentator/2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading/Prayers of the Faithful:	Commentator /2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader:
Gaye	Grace, Lily & Fiona Spinks	Suezzanne
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: Sue	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: Grace, Lily & Fiona Spinks	First Reader: Phil
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader: Michael G.		

**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



**John 2:13-25: Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.**

**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)