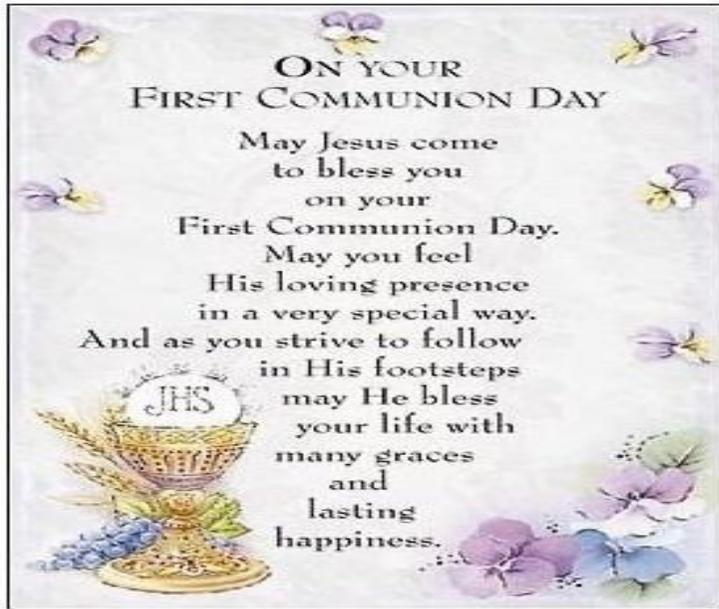


PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



NOVEMBER - THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

Dear Parishioners,
You are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in the *Remembrance Book (Book of Life)* located in the entrance foyers of our Churches.

This year's **Remembrance Mass** will be held in St Joseph's Merimbula commencing at **10am on Friday 8th November 2024**. After Mass, you are most welcome to join the families of those parishioners who have died in the past 12 months, for a cuppa in the courtyard. Please bring something to share.

November is dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and those that have departed from this life – our family, friends and loved ones. You may take additional time this month to pray for the souls, they need our prayers, as they too will pray for us when they reach the eternal life in Heaven. If you wish to make an Offering in honour of your dearly departed loved one/s, envelopes will be available in each Church.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: FOR THOSE SEEKING TO ENTER INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH. If anyone is interested in becoming Catholic or returning to the faith, please contact Fr George.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Congratulations to all of the children that are receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday 3rd November in St Joseph's, Merimbula.

LUMEN CHRISTI happenings....
-HSC continuing this week.
-Yr 10 Sydney Excursion 5-8th Nov.
-2024 Year 12 Graduation Dinner Friday Nov 8th.



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Churches
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Eden
St Joseph's, Merimbula
St Peter's, Pambula
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 Yin 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.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER, 2024

REFLECTION The Dual Command

Jesus does not command us to love 'God' in the abstract. Teaching Jew to Jew he says: 'You shall love the Lord your God' – the Lord who had rescued the Jewish people from slavery. So, commanding a love which responds to an initiative of Divine Love. Why wouldn't one respond 'heart, mind, strength, soul' in gratitude for the gift of life itself, for some particular person or incident, for the beauty and grandeur of nature, for rescue from some situation which seemed to engulf us? And if the Lord God loved you in such a way, why wouldn't you love yourself? Then you can properly 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. There is nothing sentimental in his teaching from Leviticus 19:18 and the preceding verses. Jesus was pointing to the system of social justice which looked after the poor and which did not exploit workers. It is up to us as global citizens of the 21st century to recognise as 'neighbours' those beyond our borders and to love them in the practical 'Levitical' way. Fulfilling the Dual Command, we guard against the extremes of religious piety or social activism and become Christian humanists loving God and neighbour. We might pause a moment to pray in responsive gratitude to the Lord God, and to commit ourselves to loving our neighbour, hoping to hear the words of Jesus Christ: 'You are not far from the Kingdom of God.' © Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com

**Deuteronomy 6:2-6/Hebrews 7:23-28/
Mark 12:28-34**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2
(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23
Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to
them.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 15:11

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

**Mark 12:28-34: This is the first
commandment, and the second is similar to it.**

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:

Mon 4 Nov: St Charles
Borromeo, bishop (Memorial),
Anglican-Roman Catholic
Reconciliation (Australia).
Sat 9 Nov: The Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica (Feast).

Dates to Remember:

Sun 3 Nov: Sacrament of
First Eucharist at 10am at St
Joseph's, Merimbula.
Fri 8 Nov: Remembrance
Mass 10am in Merimbula.
Sun 24 Nov: Parish Mass at
Merimbula at 10am. Shared
lunch to follow.
Sun 15 Dec: Filipino/
Australian Mass at 4pm in
St Joseph's Church,
Merimbula, with Fr Loi.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

CHRISTMAS EVE:

5pm Childrens' Mass in
Merimbula

7pm Mass in Eden

CHRISTMAS DAY:

8am Mass in Pambula
10am Mass in Merimbula

Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$1037.00; Second: Envelopes: \$262.50;
Loose: \$393.70. ONLINE
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OCTOBER:
Direct Debit: \$852.00; Credit Card: \$780.00.
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...
Sr Quintilia, Christine and Ray Tynan, Henk Westerlaken, 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, 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: Nil.

We pray for all the faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including: Barbara Murry
(RIP), Sr June Barrett (RIP), Jeff Paffen (RIP), Gerry Coyle (Anniversary), Danielle Sou
(Anniversary).

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

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Reading Rosters: 9/10 Nov

Eden:	Pambula:	Merimbula:
Intro & Prayers: Sue	Commentator/2 nd Reading	Commentator /2 nd Reader:
1 st Reader: Michael G	/Prayers of the Faithful: Richard &	Suzanne Bourke
2 nd Reader: Eileen McRae	Elise Brodie 1 st Reader: Richard & Elise Brodie	1 st Reader: Justin Jefferson

**HARVEST JOURNEYS: JUBILEE OF
FAMILIES EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE,
ACCOMPANIED BY FR GEORGE**

19 MAY- 4 JUNE 2025

**IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON JOINING
THE PILGRIMAGE, PLEASE CONTACT
FR GEORGE OR THE PARISH OFFICE
ASAP. WE REQUIRE FINAL NUMBERS
AS PAYMENT OF A NON-
REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT IS NOW DUE.
A DETAILED ITINERARY WITH
PRICING HAS BEEN EMAILED TO
PARISHIONERS AND IS AVAILABLE
TO VIEW IN EACH CHURCH OR THE
PARISH OFFICE.**

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

**"Hearts on Fire! Listening to the
Holy Spirit! Archbishop's Day for
Charismatic Renewal. Saturday 9
November 8:30am-3pm @ St Peter
Chanel's Church, Weston St,
Yarralumla, ACT. Archbishop
Christopher Prowse with guest
Anne Marie Gatenby, Chairperson
CCR NSW. Talks, healing prayer,
Holy Mass, praise and worship!
Free morning tea and BBQ lunch!
Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1298594> . Ph:
Susanna 0419 902 293 or Maida
0423 658 326."**

**Feast of Christ the King, Sunday
24 November:** Parish Mass and
lunch/gathering. Only one mass
celebrated that weekend being
10am Sunday at St Joseph's,
Merimbula. Please bring a plate
of salad or dessert to share.
Meat & tea/coffee will be
supplied.