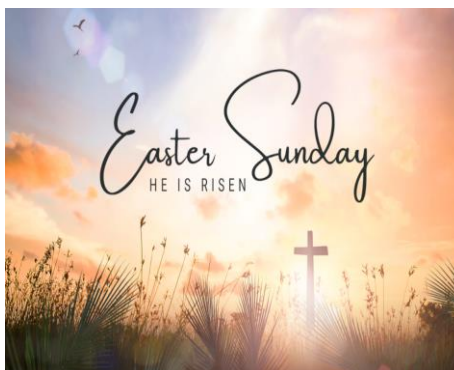


PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

We welcome Fr Rofin Raphael. Fr Rofin will be enjoying a short stay in our Parish over the next few weeks.

PLEASE NOTE: No weekday masses on 1-4 April. There will be mass on 5 April.



To our dear parishioners and visitors alike, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every blessing as we celebrate Easter together. May you feel the warm embrace of God's love on this sacred day. May the glory of Jesus' resurrection remind us that with God, nothing is impossible or without hope.

God bless you and Happy Easter,
Fr George Ogah.

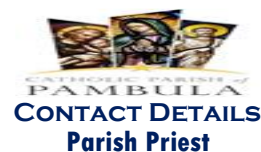
Easter Vigil: Fr George will be blessing the water during the Mass. Please bring along your empty water bottles to fill up after the Mass.

Easter Sunday Morning Tea: Please join us for morning tea after Mass in Merimbula on Easter Sunday. BYO plate to share. NB: There will be no morning tea on the first Sunday of April.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Service will be held on Sunday 7 April at 3pm in St Joseph's in Merimbula. All welcome.

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday March 29th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, parishes and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2023, Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land nearly \$1.4 million [\$1.4 million (2022), \$1,126,098 (2021), \$406,023 (2020) and \$1.3 million (2019)]. The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.

Multicultural Mass with Archbishops Prowse on 7 April @11am: The Archdiocese's annual Multicultural Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral is full of colour, song, and dance. Join the African, Anglo-Indian, Filipino, Indonesian, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese Catholic communities as they come together to celebrate their multicultural heritage in the Year of the Holy Spirit. All welcome!



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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.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD SUNDAY 31ST MARCH, 2024

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Dawn has Broken – The Son is Risen

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy. This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen. Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia! © Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com

Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43/

Colossians 3:1-4/John 20:1-9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, 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

Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43:

***We have eaten and drunk with him after
his resurrection from the dead.***

Feasts/Special Days:

Sun 31 Mar: Sunday of the
Resurrection (Solemnity
with Octave).

Mon 1 Apr: Monday within
the Octave of Easter.

Tues 2 Apr: Tuesday within
the Octave of Easter.

Wed 3 Apr: Wednesday
within the Octave of Easter.

Thurs 4 Apr: Thursday
within the Octave of Easter.

Fri 5 Apr: Friday within the
Octave of Easter.

Sat 6 Apr: Saturday within
the Octave of Easter.

Dates to Remember:

Sun 7 Apr: Divine Mercy Service
3pm at Merimbula.

HAPPY EASTER

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Closed on Thurs 28 Mar

Tues 2 Apr 10:30am-3pm

Wed 3 Apr 9am-3pm

Closed on Thurs 4 Apr

Wed 10 Apr 9am-3pm

Thurs 11 Apr 9am-3pm

**CLOSED FOR APRIL SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS & ANZAC DAY; WILL
REOPEN ON WED 1 MAY.**

Planned Giving Collections: First:

\$1,151.20; Second: Envelopes:

\$375.50; Loose: \$429.10. 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...
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: Lynette Robert (RIP), Stipo Dragosevic (RIP), Barrie Austin
(RIP).

We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including: Emeritus
Archbishop Francis Carroll (RIP), Stipo Dragosevic (RIP), Barrie Austin (RIP),
Lynette Robert (RIP), Veronica Kowacz (RIP).

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



Reading Rosters: 6/7 April

Eden:	Pambula:	Merimbula:
Intro & Prayers: Bernadette 1st Reader: Mick W 2nd Reader: Michael G	Commentator/2 nd Reading /Prayers of the Faithful: Mary Ringstad 1st Reader: pat Went	Commentator /2nd Reader: Helen 1st Reader: Marian

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 20:1-9: The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

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