

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### A REFLECTION ON LITURGICAL BOOKS ON THE WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

English is the language in which we hear God's word. Biblical scholars have the important role in studying the scriptures and advising the bishops as to the proper meaning of the scriptures and the language best to convey that to others. The current lectionary uses the 1981 Jerusalem Bible translation. In May, 1990, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, approved four other scriptural translations for use in the liturgy: the New Jerusalem Bible, the New Revised Standard Version, the New American Bible, and the Good News Bible. These translations could be substituted for the lectionary readings as necessary. Eleven years later, it issued its Statement of Principles: Language and the Liturgy. Principle 2 of the eight states, "all new and revised liturgical books need to use accurate and inclusive language, though the approval of liturgical books must be respected absolutely." Progress thereafter was slow, in part due to the reception of the New Roman Missal which is what we use in Mass today. In recent years, progress has been made such that, in 2021, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference accepted the invitation of the Australian bishops to help produce a new lectionary based on the Revised New Jerusalem Bible. This bible uses inclusive language and is based upon the currently approved translation.

**Lenten Discussion Group:** As preparation for the celebration of Easter, a Lenten discussion group will meet each Monday afternoon, commencing on 12<sup>th</sup> February. The group will meet at St Clement's Church Hall, Main Street, Merimbula, from 12.30 – 2.30pm. For further information, please contact Anne 0408241230.

**February | Marriage Preparation Course:** FOCCUS - Tues 13th Feb 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at CatholicCare. Evenings for the Engaged - Sat 10th & 17th Feb 9-3pm. Engaged Encounter- Sydney, Sat 24 & Sun 25. SmartLoving – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information contact [marriage.preparation@cg.org.au](mailto:marriage.preparation@cg.org.au) To register go to [www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au)

Enquiries: Contact Lara Kirk on [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au) or Helena Zobec on 0405 440 463  
**14 MARCH | AN EVENING WITH FR TIMOTHY RADCLIFFE OP:** Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP was Master of the Order of Preachers from 1992 to 2001. A member of the community at Blackfriars, Oxford, he is the author of several very popular books and an internationally reputed speaker and retreat-giver. Date: Thursday 14 March 2024, Place: Merci College Wise Street Braddon Time: 5.30 -7.00pm  
Free Tickets: <https://bit.ly/4blSurY>

**HISTORIC PEWS FOR SALE:** 40 surplus pews from the restoration of Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral, which have been in storage for around two years. These pews are over 100 years old, made of a combination of cedar, maple and ash.  
For more information, please get in touch with Christopher in the Parish Office:  
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NSW, 2548

### 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.**

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate *The Divine Touch*

The mother-in-law of Simon (Peter) was sick in bed with a raging fever. When Jesus learned about her distressed state, he 'took her by the hand and helped her up'. He broke the taboo about physical contact with a woman not his relative because he wanted to holistically heal her dis-ease. Simon's mother-in-law didn't need an aspirin and a cup of tea. She felt quarantined, isolated, and needed a hand reassuring her of sociable relationships. Jesus overcame her fever and her dis-ease with the world. At every Mass we exchange a physical gesture at the greeting of Peace. This quite often overcomes being ill-at-ease with a family member or just with the neighbour in the pew. We need to take that symbolic action into the world. For somebody, it may be the most touching thing we ever do. We could pause for a moment to identify that person who needs us to reach out, to take their hand and help them up. © Fr Michael Tate; [mtate@bigpond.com](mailto:mtate@bigpond.com)



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**Job 7:1-4. 6-7/1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23/Mark 1:29-39**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3**  
(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

**Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 8:17**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
He bore our sickness,  
and endured our suffering.  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 106:8-9**

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.

**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 4:30pm  
At St Joseph's Merimbula

**Rosary**

Monday Cenacle 11am in Merimbula

Tuesday 4:30pm in Merimbula

Wednesday 9am in Pambula

Thursday 8:45am in Eden

**Feasts/Special Days:**

**Sun 4 Feb:** Word of God Sunday.

**Mon 5 Feb:** St Agatha, virgin,  
martyr (Memorial).

**Tues 6 Feb:** St Paul Miki and  
companions, martyrs  
(Memorial).

**Thurs 8 Feb:** St Jermone Emiliani  
(Optional); St Josephine Bakhita,  
virgin (Optional).

**Sat 10 Feb:** St Scholastica, virgin  
(Memorial).

**Dates to Remember:**

**Wed 14 Feb:** Ash Wednesday 10am  
in Pambula.

**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:** 6pm Mass 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:** 14/1: First:  
\$994.75; Second: Envelopes: \$245.00;  
Loose: \$372.00. 21/1: First: \$1104.35;  
Second: Envelopes: \$421.00; Loose:  
\$555.70. 28/1: First: \$991.55; Second:  
\$327.50; Loose: \$386.60. **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.

**OFFER HELP**

**OFFER KINDNESS**

*Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers...*  
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, Suzanne  
Montgomery, 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:* Patricia Gandon (RIP); Augustin Gomez (Anniversary).

*We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including:* Patricia Gandon  
(RIP); Augustin Gomez (Anniversary).

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

## COMMUNITY NOTICE

### Town and Country Disability Service

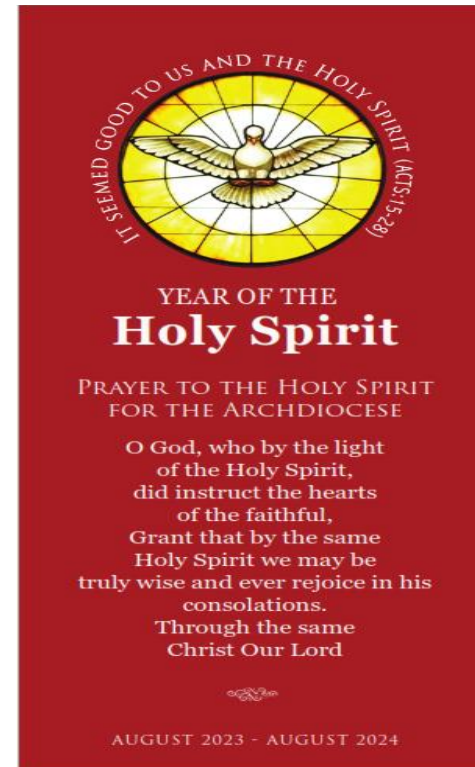


- 1:1 Support Eg Medical Appointments
- Respite Accommodation
- Day Trips
- Weekend Trips
- Holiday Support
- Evening Events
- After School Support

**Rob and Leanne McPherson**

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Please join in the Prayer to the Holy  
Spirit for the Archdiocese which will be  
prayed at each weekend Mass.

**Mark 1:29-39: He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.**

**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)