

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

For those children preparing for this Sacrament, the [RECONCILIATION RETREAT](#) will be on Friday 3rd May from 4pm to 5:30pm at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula. Fr George will be running the retreat. Afternoon Tea will be provided. The [SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION](#) will occur on Thursday 9th May from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula.

PLEASE NOTE: No Merimbula Mass Tuesday 7 May. No Liturgy in Eden on Tuesday 7 May. No Eden Mass Thursday 9 May.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS:

May 20-22: A Current of Grace: Renewing Catholic Schools as Centres of Evangelisation: An invitation is extended to Australian and international Catholic education and other Church leaders to a conference focused on renewing Catholic schools as centres of evangelisation, emphasising two high-impact strategies – Staff and Leader formation and student formation for peer-to-peer ministry. More details at www.catholicvoice.org.au

June 14: St. Thomas More Forum: St Thomas More Parish and Forum Annual Dinner 2024 and 19th Annual St. Thomas More Forum Lecture Engaging an AI Generation. Keynote Speaker: Fr Rob Galea, Founder FRG and ICON Ministry

Venue: Mercure Hotel, Braddon; Cost: \$99 (Two Course Dinner and Wine). Book <https://bit.ly/stmf-140624> Or Call 0416823447 or forum@stthomasmore.org.au

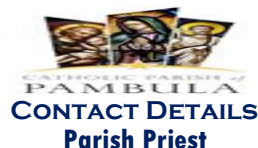
August 7: Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public and Political Life 2024 at 6PM

The Tim Fischer Oration aims to enlighten and encourage us to seek out and promote a free and fair society. Do join us in our noble endeavour. Speaker: Professor Helen Alvare, Levy Endowed Chair in Law and Liberty at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University. Q&A: Chris Uhlmann, Political Journalist and TV Presenter **For more information & tickets visit www.tfo.org.au**

October 17: Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev. Mark Ha: Thursday 17 October 2024 at 5.00pm at St Christopher's Cathedral Forrest, Canberra.

JOURNALIST/EDITOR: Revolutionise Catholic News Media in Canberra & Goulburn

Imagine yourself not stuck at a desk but out in the field, engaging with a multitude of devoted Catholics across our Archdiocese from the tranquil shores of Narooma to the historic streets of Goulburn. If you're passionate about journalistic excellence, community engagement, and storytelling that resonates deeply, then this is the perfect opportunity for you to shine. Join us in spreading the message, sparking conversations, and fostering connections that truly matter. Position Description: bit.ly/4aILK78 More information: Call Anthony Spata at Reach HR on 0402 210 055 or anthony@reachhr.com.au



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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 5TH MAY, 2024

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Jesus' command to 'love one another' is given twice in this short passage. As such, it needs to be taken seriously and become the guiding principle in our daily lives. But, as Pope Francis once said, expressing Christian love means going beyond 'words, words, words'.

'First and foremost,' the Pope points out, 'it is important to realise that Christ's love is not a superficial feeling.' In this Gospel passage Jesus was not telling his disciples to be unflappably polite or overtly nice to each other. This was not a message about social conventions. Jesus is concerned with our attitude toward others, and those actions that flow from it. 'Love,' as the Pope points out, 'is fulfilled in everyday life, in attitudes, in deeds.'

As the Pope has repeatedly stressed, loving another person often requires us to challenge our own attitudes. We are called to love everyone, with openness to, as the Pope puts it, 'however they may be and whatever their situation.'

While sometimes hard, this is our Christian duty: We are called to love in response to being loved.

Which means it is not our place to judge or put conditions on the love we receive and share. 'To love as the Lord loves us,' the Pope says, 'means to appreciate the people beside us, to respect their freedom, to love them as they are, not as we want them to be.'

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Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48 / 1 John 4:7-10 / John 15:9-17

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

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: John 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, 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

Thursday 9:15 am in Eden

Rosary

Monday Cenacle 11am in Merimbula

Wednesday 9am in Pambula

Feasts/Special Days:

Sun 5 May: 6th Sunday of Easter.

Mon 6 May: Monday of the 6th Week of Easter.

Tues 7 May: Tuesday of the 6th Week of Easter.

Wed 8 May: Wednesday of the 6th Week of Easter.

Thurs 9 May: Thursday of the 6th Week of Easter.

Fri 10 May: Friday of the 6th Week of Easter or St John de Avila, priest, doctor (Optional).

Sat 11 May: Saturday of the 6th Week of Easter.

Dates to Remember:

Fri 3 May: Sacramental Retreat for First Reconciliation, 4-5:30pm at St Joseph's, Merimbula.

Thurs 9 May: First Reconciliation at 6:30pm at St Joseph's, Merimbula.

Planned Giving Collections:

14/4/24: First: \$630.05; Second: Envelopes: \$471.00; Loose: \$448.00.

21/4/24: First: \$895.85; Second: Envelopes: \$453.00; Loose: \$370.80.

28/4/24: First: \$901.50; Second: Envelopes: \$366.00; Loose: \$361.20.

ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR APRIL: Credit Card: \$820.00; Direct Debit: \$825.00. 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... 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, Mary O'Donnell, Judy Broddrick, Max Andrew, Ros Beveridge, Eric Mangion, Anselmo Guiffre, David Went.

This Week's Mass Intentions: Charlotte Maher (RIP).

We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including: Charlotte Maher (RIP), Marcel (Mike) Aggenbach (Anniversary), Angela Plevy (Anniversary), Stella Brown (Anniversary), Pat Liston (Anniversary), Mary Liston (Anniversary), Sr Catherine Clark (RIP), Gerald Edwards (Anniversary), Nelson Olaquer (RIP), Garry Fleming (RIP), Sr Colleen O'Sullivan (RIP).

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

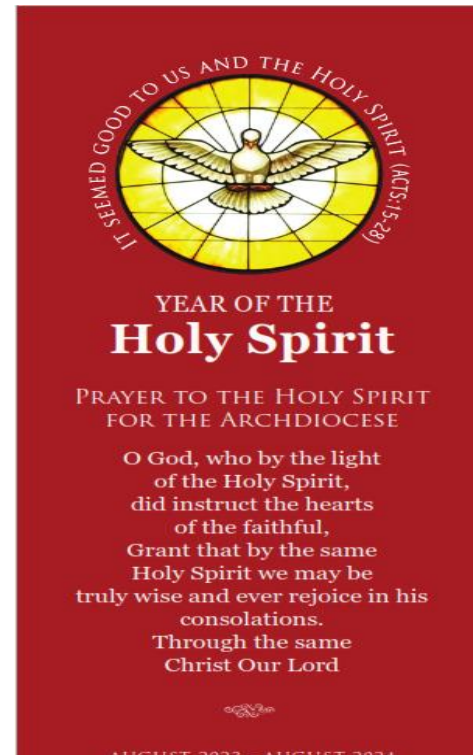
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Reading Rosters: 11/12 May

Eden:	Pambula:	Merimbula:
Intro & Prayers: TBA	Commentator/2 nd Reading	Commentator /2 nd Reader:
1 st Reader: TBA	/Prayers of the Faithful: Toos	Helen
2 nd Reader: TBA	Mayberry	1 st Reader: Phil
	1 st Reader: Lyn Matthews	

Note Well: NO MORNING TEA THIS SUNDAY 5 MAY AT MERIMBULA.

ROSARY PROCESSION: YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE COBARGO ROSARY PROCESSION THIS SUNDAY 5 MAY AT 2:30PM. TRANSPORT AVAILABLE, CONTACT FR GEORGE FOR MORE DETAILS.



John 15:9-17: No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

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