

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WOMEN'S lunch (for those on their own, those who feel alone and any other women) will be held in the bistro at CLUB SAPPHIRE Merimbula - 12pm, SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY. Name to Teresa (0408 827 794) by Thursday 23rd February.

Volunteers needed: Anybody that would like to Volunteer to help out with Morning Tea at Merimbula would be much appreciated. Please see Amanda Westerlaken.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON group has recommenced on Wed 18th Jan from 1-3pm in St Clement's Parish Centre, Main St. \$3/session. Ring Teresa 0408 827 794 for more details.

The Monday Discussion Group meets each week at the Tura Marrang Library, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our meetings resume on Monday 6th February, commencing with study of the Book of Exodus. For more information, please contact Anne on 0408241230. All are welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Ash Wednesday: To be confirmed
Holy Thursday: 7pm Pambula
Good Friday: 11am Stations of the Cross, All Mass Centres
3pm Passion of the Lord and Veneration of the Holy Cross, Merimbula
Easter Vigil: 6pm Eden
Easter Sunday: 8am Pambula
10am Merimbula

Archdiocesan News:

We're Hiring – Digital Officer: Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn is looking for a Digital Officer - job is posted on Seek (QR CODE) or go to <https://cgcatholic.org.au/job-vacancies/digital-officer/>

CatholicCare Retirement Villas - Aranda and Campbell

CatholicCare currently has several vacancies at our retirement villas based in Aranda and Campbell. For further information on the vacant villas and to view the villas please contact Dominica McNamara, Retirement Villas Manager, on property.management@catholiccare.cg.org.au or on 6162 6100 to indicate your interest.



CATHOLIC PARISH OF

PAMBULA

CONTACT DETAILS

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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

Saturday -6pm, Eden

Sunday -8am, Pambula

-10am, Merimbula

Tuesday -5pm, Merimbula

Wednesday-9:30am, Pambula

Thursday -9:30am, Eden

Friday -9:30am, 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 5th February, 2023

Word of God Sunday

REFLECTION

Salty and Radiant

You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the cosmos. 'You' is in the plural. So these descriptions are meant to apply to us as a Christian community.

Salt in the ancient world was a preservative for food. So, we are the ones who are to preserve the earth, to prevent its deterioration, to keep it life-giving.

Salt has to penetrate food to have an effect. We have to penetrate the world with our Sermon on the Mount values. Staying self-contained as a perfect little band of Christians is about as useful as salt remaining in the saltshaker. In Our Lord's scary opinion we would quite rightly be trampled underfoot.

How are we light for the cosmos? By 'good works'? No, a truer translation is by 'beautiful works'. These are those things we do which have grace, elegance and proportion and are therefore pleasing to observe: beautifully-good-works.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we remain salty and tangy, doing good beautifully and elegantly.

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Is 58:7-10/ 1 Cor 2:1-5/ Mt 5:13-16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 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.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:

Sun 5 Feb: Word of God
Sunday.

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

Wed 8 Feb: St Jerome
Emiliani (Optional) and St
Josephine Bakhita, virgin
(Optional).

Fri 10 Feb: St Scholastica,
virgin (Memorial).

Sat 11 Feb: Our Lady of
Lourdes (Optional).

Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers... Jeff and Monica Paffen, Glen Alcock, Lynette Robert, Robyn Roberts, Patricia May Bills, David Smith, Don Larkins, Cliff Hamilton, Suzanne Montgomery, Margot Neilson, Lynette Boxall, Rob Francis, Shirley Abreu, Peter Lewis, Michael Sheppard, Chris Greenwood, Margaret Coates, Lyn Collie, Geoff Heffernan, Mary O'Donnell, Judy O'Donnell, John Reynolds, Max Andrew, Ros Beveridge, Eric Mangion, Anselmo Guiffre, David Went.

We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including:
John Copas, Fr Neville Drinkwater, Faye Maher, Val Richardon, Sandra Bray, Kim Geraghty, Irene Spinks, John Patrick Murnane, Glen Lambourn, Ron Thornton; Anniversaries- Janine Capell.

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

Planned Giving Collections: 25 Dec-29 Jan: First: \$7,981.05; Second: Envelopes: \$2,812.00; Loose: \$3,528.75. 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.

Children's Liturgy

Every 4th Sunday - 10am, Merimbula

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 9:30am - 10:00am, Merimbula

Saturday, before Vigil Mass, Eden

Sunday, before Mass, Pambula

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

Wednesday at 4:00pm &

1st Friday of the month at 8:30am,
Merimbula

1st Sunday at 3:00pm, Eden

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary

Sunday 9:30 & Tuesdays at 4:30pm

At St Joseph's Merimbula

Wednesday 9am Pambula

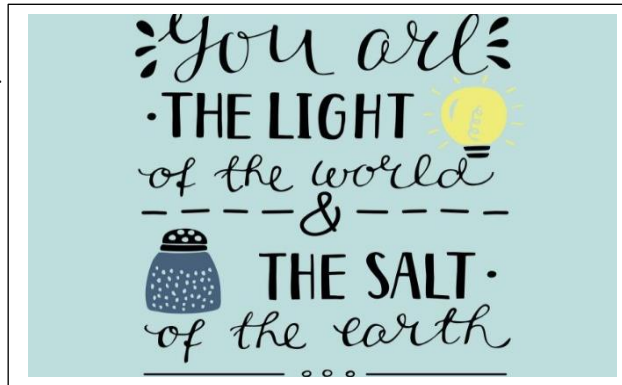
Rosary

Mondays at 11am at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula

All are invited to take part in praying the Holy Rosary. It is important that we pray the Holy Rosary as requested by Our Lady and offer these prayers for Our Lady's intercession for the troubles of the world. We hope you can join us in this Holy Rosary Cenacle of Prayer.

1st Friday of Month

Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from
8:30am onwards, followed by Mass at
9:30am.



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Please Note:

**There will be no mass this Wednesday 8 February.
Adoration will be at 4:15pm on Tuesday followed by Mass in
Merimbula.**



Word of God Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February - February 5 in 2023 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

Suggested Prayer of the Faithful

For our seminarians and for priestly vocations:

O God, pour out in your Church a spirit of reverence and courage, to raise up worthy ministers for your people and make them ardent, yet gentle heralds of your Gospel.

Lord in your mercy. Response: Hear our prayer.