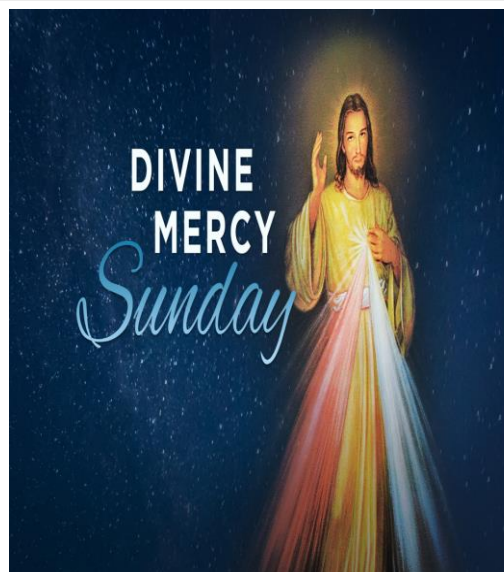


PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

You are invited to celebrate
Divine Mercy Sunday on
Sunday 7 April, 2024
At St Joseph's Church,
Merimbula.

Confessions begin at 2pm,
Exposition begins at 3pm,
Mass to follow.

All welcome to attend.

**Please note: Regular
weekend masses will also
take place.**

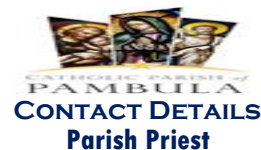
Multicultural Mass with Archbishop Prowse on 7 April @11am: The Archdiocese's annual Multicultural Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral is full of colour, song, and dance. Join the African, Anglo-Indian, Filipino, Indonesian, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese Catholic communities as they come together to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

Next **Lunching with Ladies** will be at "**florabel**"
195 Imlay St, Eden on Sunday 28th April commencing at
noon. If you would like to come, please call or text Teresa
on 0408 827 794 by **Monday 22nd April**. Transport
available.



"God, merciful Father, in Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have revealed Your love and poured it out upon us in the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. We entrust to You today the destiny of the world and of every man and woman. Bend down to us sinners, heal our weakness, conquer all evil and grant that all the people of the earth may experience Your mercy. In You, the Triune God, may they ever find the source of hope. Eternal Father, by the Passion and Resurrection of Your Son, have mercy on us and upon the world! Amen."

Saint Pope John Paul II, Homily at the Dedication of the Divine Mercy Shrine in Lagiewniki, Poland, 17 August 2002.



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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SUNDAY 7TH APRIL, 2024

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

'In reality,' Pope Francis points out, 'Thomas is not the only one who struggles to believe. In fact,' the Pope adds, 'he represents all of us a little bit.'

But Thomas does not only represent us with his explicitly articulated doubt. Rather, Thomas highlights our tendency to walk away. Thomas had absented himself from the community. Returning, he seems a touch transactional: Show me the proof, then I'll commit! As Pope Francis highlights, Jesus answers Thomas' doubt 'in front of everyone, in the community.' It was, the Pope suggests, as if Jesus was telling Thomas that 'if you want to meet me, do not search far away; remain in our community, with the others, and don't go away. Pray with them. Break bread with them.' Be open to encounter, not closed to possibilities.

This, evidently, is a lesson for us too. Every Christian generation is called to find the Risen Christ together. We belong with each other, with Christ forming a mystical unity out of our diversity.

In this, the story of Thomas has another lesson for the Church. We Christians are called to be a welcoming people. 'Let us ask ourselves,' the Pope suggests, 'if in the name of Jesus' wounds, we are willing to open our arms to those who are wounded by life, excluding no one from God's mercy but welcoming everyone.'

After all, despite his attitude Thomas was still included and welcomed by the community whose testimony he doubted. Even more pointedly, Our Lord opens his exchange with the doubter with some clearly welcoming words: 'Peace be with you.'

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Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35/1 John 5:1-6/John 20:19-31

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation: John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Cf John 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, 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

Feasts/Special Days:

Sun 7 Apr: Divine Mercy Sunday.

Mon 8 Apr: The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity).

Tues 9 Apr: Tuesday of the 2nd week of Easter.

Wed 10 Apr: Wednesday of the 2nd week of Easter.

Thurs 11 Apr: St Stanislaus, bishop, martyr (Memorial).

Fri 12 Apr: Friday of the 2nd week of Easter.

Sat 13 Apr: Saturday of the 2nd week of Easter or St Martin I, pope, martyr (Optional).

Dates to Remember:

Sun 7 Apr: Regular Sunday Mass 8am at Pambula & 10am at Merimbula, as well as Divine Mercy Service 3pm at Merimbula.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Wed 10 Apr 9am-3pm

Thurs 11 Apr 9am-3pm

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

Planned Giving Collections: First:

\$2,350.15; Second: Envelopes: \$496.00;

Loose: \$1079.40. ONLINE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MARCH:

CREDIT CARD: \$1,220.00; DIRECT

DEBIT: \$895.00. 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... 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).

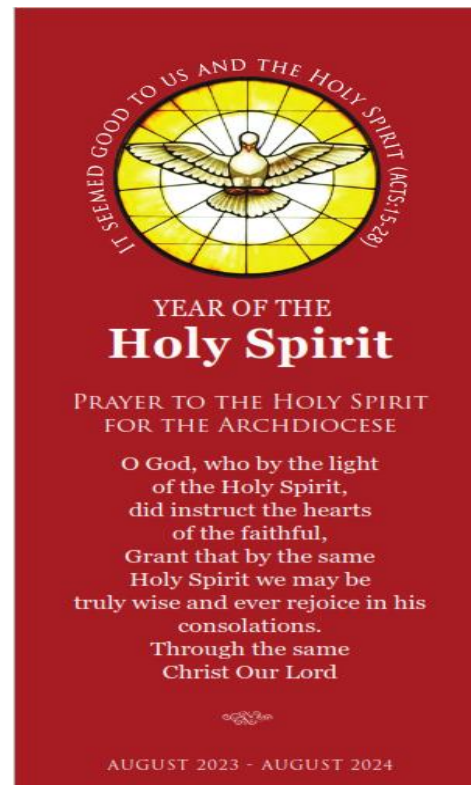
We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including: Emeritus Archbishop Francis Carroll (RIP), Stipo Dragosevic (RIP), Barrie Austin (RIP), Lynette Robert (RIP).

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

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Reading Rosters: 13/14 April

| Eden: | Pambula: | Merimbula: |
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| Intro & Prayers: Gaye | Commentator/2 nd Reading | Commentator /2 nd Reader: |
| 1 st Reader: Michael | /Prayers of the Faithful: Mary | Brian Riches |
| Gandon | Ringstad | 1 st Reader: Anne |
| 2 nd Reader: Bernadette | 1 st Reader: Celi Kennedy | Maddock |
| Wood | | |



Morning Tea will follow Mass this Sunday at St Peter's, Pambula. All welcome and bring a plate to share please.

John 20:19-31: After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

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