

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY:

The Parish of St Peter's, Pambula and the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. May we work to create safe spaces where we can have meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

Dear volunteers,

Thank you for your commitment to ministry in our parish. We would be unable to continue to provide pastoral and administrative support to our parishioners and community members without your dedication and support. In NSW the requirement is for anyone over 18 years of age involved in activities with children to hold a current Working With Children Check (WWCC). At a parish level, this applies to parish priests/staff/volunteers who are active in particular ministries. Twice a year, a report of all active WWCC holders is required to be sent to the Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office (IPSS) in the Archdiocesan Chancery, Manuka. Audits are due at the end of **March and September** and all parishes in the Archdiocese are required to comply. The Archdiocese can be audited by ACT or NSW Government agencies at any time so the audit reports are an important aspect of maintaining accurate records for when an audit occurs. Our parish is committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons and complying with Archdiocesan and Government requirements for WWCC. Please help us to maintain accurate records for the audits by ensuring your WWC is current. Thank you.

Prayer for the Season of Creation Written by Michael McGirr

God of all life, we thank you for the gift of creation, for the water that keeps us alive, for our food and shelter, all of which come from the generosity of Earth. We thank you for the very air we breathe, which we share with every creature. May we take good care of Earth as our common home takes care of us. May we work for justice for those most hurt by damage to our environment. May we enjoy the beauty of nature and pray that it be treated with deeper respect. Jesus asked us to learn from the lilies of the field and the birds of the air. We ask this in his name Amen.



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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 -5pm, 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 elder of past, present and emerging from all first nations around the world from whom we have learned so much.

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER, 2024 SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

SEASON OF CREATION REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

One of the most important messages in today's Gospel is that right speech follows from clear hearing. When Jesus cures the man the signs of healing are that his ears open first, then his tongue starts working. As with everything Jesus said and did, this has wider implications for Christianity: a message needs to be heard before it can be proclaimed. Every preacher must be a listener first. Jesus' vision of a listening Church is expressed many times in the Gospels and has endured throughout the centuries in diverse forms, from local synods to Ecumenical Councils. From long experience the Church learned that by listening to the signs of the times Christians could better proclaim Christ to each new generation. In our own time, as Pope Francis puts it, the Church needs 'to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor'. Environmental and human degradation are everywhere, crying out for remedy. In this Season of Creation we might ask ourselves whether we are good listeners. Do we listen to the warnings of scientists about climatic change, to the stories of climate refugees, or do we block our ears in closed-minded self-interest and ignore Jesus' command, 'Ephphatha' – be open. © Nick Brodie

"Every
conversation
matters"

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY
8 SEPTEMBER 2024



Isaiah 35:4-7 / James 2:1-5 / Mark 7:31-37

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1 (R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation: cf Matthew 4:23
Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 41:2-3
Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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 call 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 9:30am in Pambula

Feasts/Special Days:

Sun 8 Sept: Safeguarding Sunday.

Mon 9 Sept: St Peter Claver, priest (Optional).

Thurs 10 Sept: The Most Holy Name of Mary (Optional).

Fri 13 Sept: St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor (Memorial).

Sat 14 Sept: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast).



Dates to Remember:

Sat 28 Sept: Refresher for All Parish Ministries, including Readers, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers 10am at St Peter’s Pambula, followed by coffee at Oaklands.

Sat 12 Oct: Living Rosary at 10am in front of the Grotto at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Eden.

Tues 22 Oct: Marian Procession at St Peter & Paul’s Old Cathedral, Goulburn, at 10am.

Sun 24 Nov: Parish Mass (Feast of Christ the King). More info to come.

Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$800.90; Second: Envelopes: \$311.50; Loose: \$249.45. 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...
Claudia, Elaine Carter, Damien Lambourn, 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, Judy Broddrick, Max Andrew, Ros Beveridge, Eric Mangion, Anselmo Guiffre, David Went.

This Week’s Mass Intentions: N/A

We pray for all the faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including: Mary O’Donnell
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of our Lord, rest in Peace, AMEN

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WELCOME FR ROFIN RAPHEL

WHO WILL BE JOINING US AND LEADING OUR PARISH COMMUNITY FROM 26 AUGUST-12 SEPTEMBER.

Fr Rofin’s contact number is 0432 086 320

Reading Rosters: 7/8 Sept

Eden:	Pambula:	Merimbula:
Intro & Prayers: Bernadette 1 st Reader: Sue 2 nd Reader: Michael G	Commentator/2 nd Reading /Prayers of the Faithful: Richard & Elise Brodie 1 st Reader: Richard & Elise Brodie	Commentator /2 nd Reader: Brian Riches 1 st Reader: Marian Churchward



Father’s Day Appeal – Collection for our retired priests:

There are 25 priests in our Archdiocese. We should remember our retired priests as we celebrate the theme for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly “In old age they will still bear fruit” (Psalm 92:15).

Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today:

By envelopes

By giving at: www.cgatholic.org.au/donate

By calling: (02) 6239 9876

Thank you for taking care of our priests in their retirement.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: FIRST EUCHARIST

For Baptised Catholic Children in Year 4 or above who have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Enrolment Mass: Sat 14 Sept, 5pm in Eden; Sun 15 Sept, 10am in Merimbula.

Retreat: Fri 25 Oct 4-5:30pm in Merimbula.

Sacrament: Sun 3 Nov, 10am in Merimbula.



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