

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

St Vincent de Paul Merimbula Conference Christmas Appeal

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who has donated to this Appeal over the past few weeks. Whether you returned a gift from the tree, or donated to the collection last week, your contribution will be received with gratitude and joy this Christmas. If you have not been able to return the gift cards to the church today, you can still bring them to the Vinnies shop tomorrow, Monday 11 December, at the latest, thank you. Wishing everyone a happy and holy Christmas, and may God bless you all.

Eden Christmas Giving Tree. We are calling upon your generosity to help make a brighter Christmas for those in our community, finding daily living challenging, and unfortunately we do know there are many. The greatest need this year is for food and so this request is for either food items or a gift voucher from IGA - marked no alcohol or cigarettes. A toy or game will certainly find a wonderful home too. Thank you for your support and generosity. Eileen Cameron and her wonderful band of supporters will distribute to those in need.



**A SPECIAL THANKYOU TO
Hilaire Albaladejo for
upholstering two chairs and
kneelers at Our Lady Star of
the Sea Church, Eden.
Wonderful work, Hilaire- they
look beautiful!**

Prayer for Second Sunday in Advent (Love)

Leader: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen
(The first and second purple candles are lit).

2024 RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE PARISH OFFICE:

- * Josephite Calendars- \$10
- * Columban Art Calendar 2024- \$9
- * The Sign Advent Reflection- \$5
- * Daily Mass Book- \$26
- * God's Word Daily Reflections- \$25

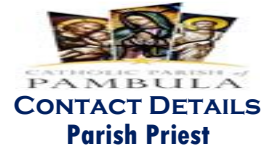
Mark 1:1-8: Make straight the paths of the Lord.

AN ADVENT FAMILY PRAYER

God of Love, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, as we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.
Amen. (Author Unknown)



<https://olmparish.org/blog/2017/11/27/be-watchful-be-alert-advent-is-here-prepare-the-way-for-the-messiah>



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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 ADVENT Sunday 10th December, 2023

REFLECTION by Michael Tate

Two Gospels

John immersed, baptised, his followers in water, symbolising the washing away of the sins of the past. But he could not empower people by drenching them in the dynamic life of God. John anticipates 'Someone' (not named!) who does have the power to inundate, baptise, people with the Holy Spirit. From the heading of St Mark's Gospel, we know that that 'Someone' is 'Jesus Christ, Son of God' who came to flood our lives with that Divine Power which can effect a completely new future for humanity. That is why St Mark took the term 'gospel' (good news) which was used on inscriptions announcing an Emperor's birth or victory, and used it to describe his inspired rendering of the mission of Jesus Christ, which was to inaugurate the 'Kingdom of God', overcoming the pretensions of all Emperors of any kind throughout history.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the Good News of our being baptised with water in the 'Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.' © Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com



Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11 / 2 Peter 3:8-14 / Mark 1:1-8

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Baruch 5:5; 4:36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

FEAST/SPECIAL DAYS

THIS WEEK:

Mon 11 Dec: St Damasus I, pope (Optional).

Tues 12 Dec: Our Lady of Guadalupe (Optional).

Wed 13 Dec: St Lucy, virgin, martyr (Memorial).

Thurs 14 Dec: St John of the Cross, priest, doctor (Memorial).



Dates to Remember:

- ❖ Fri 8 Dec: Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Merimbula at 5pm (**no morning Mass**).
- ❖ Sun 10 Dec: Walk n Talk in Merimbula at 2pm.
- ❖ Sun 17 Dec: Sausage Sizzle 5:30pm & Carols at 6:30pm in St Joseph's.
- ❖ Sun 11 Feb: Walk n Talk in Eden at 2pm.

Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$749.45; Second: Envelopes: \$520.50; Loose: \$523.60.
 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.

Reading Rosters for 16/17 December:

Eden:	Pambula:	Merimbula:
Intro & Prayers: Eileen McRae 1st Reader: Gaye 2nd Reader: Michael G	Commentator/2nd Reading/Prayers of the Faithful: Dave Crawford 1st Reader: Pat Went	Commentator/2nd Reader: Phil First Reader: Marian

Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers...
 Frank Elton, 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, John Reynolds, Max Andrew, Ros Beveridge, Eric Mangion, Anselmo Guiffre, David Went.

This Week's Mass Intentions: nil.

We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including: Maria Dimasi (RIP); John Reynolds (Eden, RIP); Giuseppina Gianfrotta (Anniversary), Sandra Bray (Anniversary 13 Nov).

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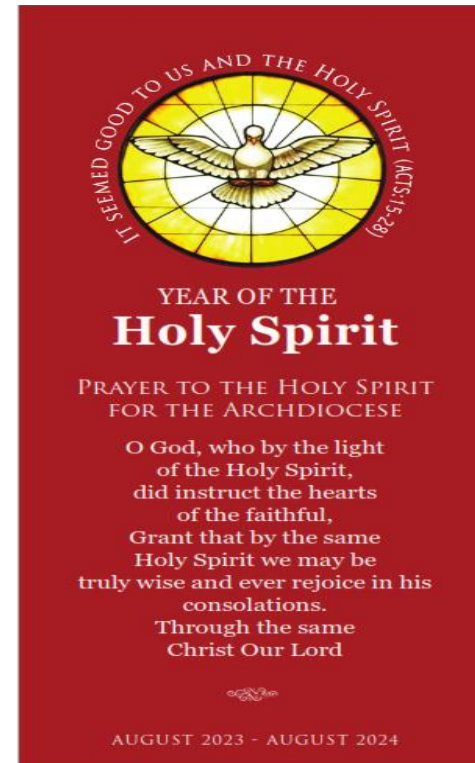


CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

- 4TH Sunday of Advent Mass
- Sat 23 Dec Eden Vigil 6pm
- Sun 24 Dec Pambula 8am
Merimbula 10am
- Christmas Eve Mass
- Sun 24 Dec 5pm Children's Mass
Merimbula 7pm
Eden 9pm
Pambula 9pm
- Christmas Day Mass
- Mon 25 Dec 8am Pambula
9am Merimbula

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to a funeral, Mass on Fri 15th Dec will be at 5pm at St Joseph's.



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

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