

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

ST VINCENT DE PAUL 100 CLUB: 12 March at Pambula and Merimbula

We have 2 "twin" villages in remote regions of Southern India. The money raised is used carefully by our "twins" to provide medical assistance, education for the young and food and clothing for the poor. Third world countries like India have been affected so much more by the pandemic than countries who are fortunate enough to have great medical facilities and funds to buy vaccines. Our Twin villages are helped by this small contribution to their welfare. Thank you for supporting this important cause. **How can you help**Vinnies will have a board outside Church with 100 numbers on it. The plan is to sell the 100 tickets for \$20 each to raise \$2,000 of which nearly half will be returned as prizes - 1st \$400; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$60; 4th-9th \$40. Draw will be after 10am Mass in Merimbula 12th March. For any visitors who win, we will ring you and arrange an e-transfer of the prize. The weekly Bulletin will also list the winners.

**NB: Apologies, there will be NO MASS on the following days:
Thursday 16 March / Wednesday 22 March / Wednesday 29 March**

Tuesdays with Fr George:

Fr George will be available for appointments in the Parish Office on Tuesdays between 10am and 2pm. If you need spiritual guidance, sacramental information, a chat or discussion, please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment. Any administration issues should also be discussed during a scheduled appointment.

Come join one of the following Lenten Discussion Groups:

Mondays 1pm at Tura Beach Library

Tuesdays following the 8am Liturgy of the Word at Eden Church

Wednesdays 7pm at the Pambula Church meeting centre

HELP NEEDED: We need help with the gardening around the Eden Church, Convent and Mary MacKillop Hall. If you are able to help, please pop in and see Jenny Horton on a Thursday or ask the parish office for more information. We would love for you to help at your own leisure any time/day it suits you.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend: An opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Event Details: 14-16 April 2023 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au

A MESSAGE FROM FR PALE:

Fr Pale wishes to invite you to the 5th World Apostolic Congress on Mercy (WACOM5) 20-28th May, 2023, in Samoa! Contact the Parish Office for more information.



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

1st Saturday of Month

-9:30am, Merimbula

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.

**Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday 12th March, 2023**

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Our Sacred Site

The Jewish people worshipped at the Temple in Jerusalem. The Samaritans to the north worshipped on Mount Gerizem. But Jesus says to the woman of Samaria: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem . . . true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.'

We do this by acknowledging Jesus Christ as our sacred site. Jesus is where God is to be found. In his earthly ministry this was around places like the well in Samaria. As Risen Lord, he is to be found in those in dire need, and in the Heavenly Bread. In both cases we need to incline the body as an act of worship: in the case of the needy, by doing something practical; in the case of the Heavenly Bread, by genuflecting, bowing, before the Blessed Sacrament.

We could pause for a moment to reorientate ourselves to the Sacred Site who is the Risen Christ, acknowledging him as indeed the 'Saviour of the World'.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

5pm on Fridays during Lent in Merimbula Church:
All welcome.

Ex 17:3-7/ Rom 5:1-2. 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: See Jn 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: Jn 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

Children's Liturgy

Every 4th Sunday - 10am, Merimbula

Reconciliation (*Confession*)

Friday, after Mass, Merimbula

Saturday, before Vigil Mass, Eden

Sunday, before 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 4:30pm

At St Joseph's Merimbula

Rosary

Monday Cenacle 11am in Merimbula

Tuesday 4:30pm in Merimbula

Wednesday 9am in Pambula

Thursday 8:45am in Eden



FEAST/SPECIAL

DAYS THIS WEEK:

Fri 17 Mar: St Patrick (Solemnity).

Sat 18 Mar: Collect of St Cyril of
Jerusalem, bishop, doctor
(optional).

Rosters for 18/19 Mar 2023

Eden:

Intro & Prayers: Sue

1st Reader: Marg Hoffman

2nd Reader: Michael G

Pambula:

Commentator/2nd

Reading/Prayers of the Faithful:

Celi Kennedy

1st Reader: Pat Went

Merimbula:

Commentator/2nd Reader: Phil

First Reader: Marian

Jn 4:5-42:

**The water that I shall give will
turn into a spring of eternal life.**

Planned Giving Collections: First:

\$954.95; Second: Envelopes:

\$482.00; Loose: \$309.75.

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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Holy Thursday: 7pm Pambula Church

Good Friday: 11am Stations of the
Cross, All Mass Centres
3pm Passion of the Lord
and Veneration of the
Holy Cross, Merimbula
Church

Easter Vigil: 6pm Eden Church

Easter Sunday: 8am Pambula Church
10am Merimbula Church

Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers ...
Patricia Barnard, Henrietta Voermans, Jeff and Monica Paffen, Glen Alcock, Lynette Robert,
Robyn Roberts, Patricia May Bills, Don Larkins, Cliff Hamilton, Suzanne Montgomery,
Margot Neilson, Rob Francis, 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:

Shirley Abreu, Manuel Bambalan, Br Laurie King, Kevin Cotty, Manfred Neumann;
Anniversaries- Petar Grubestic.

Mass Intentions:

Maria Hong Pham, Anthony Tri Pham, Quyen Peter Truong, Huu Anna Tran, Truong and
Pham families and deceased souls of friends and family.

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

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Please donate to Project Compassion 2023:

Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and their
two grandsons. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for
people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe.

With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow
drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was
able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising conservation farming.
Priscilla used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to
sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry
farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like
the current drought.

While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of
Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the skills she needs to build resilience
and support her family during this current food crisis. Together, we can help
vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For
All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available
from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024
413.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sun 12 March: "Year of Walking Together": Walk & Talk to be held at Panboola
Wetlands at 3:30pm. All invited to come along.

Sun 9 April: Easter Sunday- Rejoice, the Lord is Risen!

Sun 16 April: Divine Mercy Sunday-Devotion at 3pm at Merimbula Church,
Confession available beforehand.

Tues 25 April: ANZAC Day Mass 9:30am, Merimbula Church

Sat 19 Aug: Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage, 11am, Eden Church

Sun 20 Aug: Sacrament of Confirmation, 10am, Merimbula Church