

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO WEEKDAY MASSES Mon 13 - Fri 17 Nov.

PLEASE NOTE: Walk n Talk in Pambula Sunday 12 Nov has been CANCELLED.

2024 Josephite Calendars are available at the Parish Office on Wednesdays and Thursdays for \$10 each- See Alicia.

Cleaners needed: if you are able to join the roster of clever cleaners at St Joseph's Church, please contact the Parish Office.

St Vincent de Paul Merimbula Conference Christmas Appeal 2023

The St Vincent de Paul Conference holds a Christmas Appeal each year, to collect gifts for children, and hamper items for distribution to needy families in our community. Christmas Giving Trees will be erected in the Merimbula and Pambula churches on Sunday, 19 November. More information will be provided in next week's newsletter. Every year our parishioners have been incredibly generous, enabling those less fortunate in our community to experience the special joy of Christmas. *'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'* (Matthew 25:40) Thank you.

Parish Pastoral Council News

-The PPC is working on a list of all groups in the Parish so we have a central directory of them. We have prayer groups, luncheon groups, dinner groups, bible study groups, etc. If you are a member of any group could you please forward your details to Bernadette Wood to collate them. (Email: mickbern1@bigpond.com). Your assistance would be gratefully appreciated. *Bernadette Wood PPPC Chair*

Parish Mass – Sunday 26th November, 10am, Merimbula.

On the weekend of 26th November, there will be only one Mass for the Parish, and that will be at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula, Sunday at 10.00am. Everyone is invited to come along, as we celebrate our Parish and the end of the Liturgical year. After Mass we will gather outside and share lunch together, and I'm sure a good catch with other members of the Parish. The Parish will supply a BBQ. We invite you to bring a bowl of salad, a slice, or any other food to share. We will have coffee and tea available. Please contact Sue Heffernan on 0405251947 if you wish or for more information regarding food. If you require transport, call Bernadette Wood on 0429774119 and she will endeavour to assist you.

So looking forward to seeing you there, Pambula Parish Pastoral Council.

Reading Rosters for 18/19 Nov.

Eden:	Pambula:	Merimbula:
Intro & Prayers: Bernadette 1 st Reader: Mick Wood 2 nd Reader: Eileen McRae	Commentator/2 nd Reading/Prayers of the Faithful: Richard & Elise Brodie 1 st Reader: Richard & Elise Brodie	Commentator/2 nd Reader: Gai First Reader: Helen



CONTACT DETAILS

Parish Priest

Fr George Ogah

Parish Secretary

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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.

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday 12th November, 2023

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Reflecting on this Gospel passage, Pope Francis affirms that 'Jesus wants to tell us that we must be prepared for the encounter with him'. Jesus gives a pretty blunt message of preparedness, after all: 'stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour'.

But the Pope reminds us that this readiness of which Jesus speaks is not meant to be just for 'the final encounter'. Jesus wants us to be ready, as the Pope puts it, 'for the everyday great and small encounters'. Jesus wants us to be prepared by being wakeful. That means being alert and active.

As Pope Francis further reminds us, the lamps symbolise faith and the oil symbolises charity. We might therefore ask ourselves whether and how we prepare our lamps of faith to shine? Do we see Jesus in the poor, the sick, the lonely, the forgotten peoples of this world, and act accordingly? Or do we sleepily wander through life fixated only on the final encounter, slowly letting the oil of charity run dry and the lamp of faith grow dim?

Matthew 25:1-13:

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.



YEAR OF THE
Holy Spirit



Wisdom 6:12-16/1 Thessalonians 4:13-18/Matthew 25:1-13

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-8.R. v.2

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 24:42.44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

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 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

Wed 15 Nov. St Albert the Great, bishop, doctor (Optional).

Thurs 16 Nov. St Margaret of Scotland (Optional); St Gertrude, virgin (Optional).

Fri 17 Nov. St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious (Memorial).

NOVEMBER-THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

November is dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and those that have departed from this life – our family, friends and loved ones. You may take additional time this month to pray for the souls, they need our prayers, as they too will pray for us when they reach the eternal life in Heaven. If you wish to make an Offering in honour of your dearly departed loved one/s, envelopes will be available in the Church.

Dates to Remember:

- ❖ Sat 11 Nov: Remembrance Day.
- ❖ Sun 19 Nov: World Day of the Poor (Holy See).
- ❖ Sun 26 Nov: Feast of Christ the King/ Parish Mass/St Joseph's Church 60th birthday at 10am at Merimbula.
- ❖ Fri 8 Dec: Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass & Dinner, Merimbula.
- ❖ 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: \$718.75; Second: Envelopes: \$323.00; Loose: \$342.65.

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...
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 November Mass Intentions:

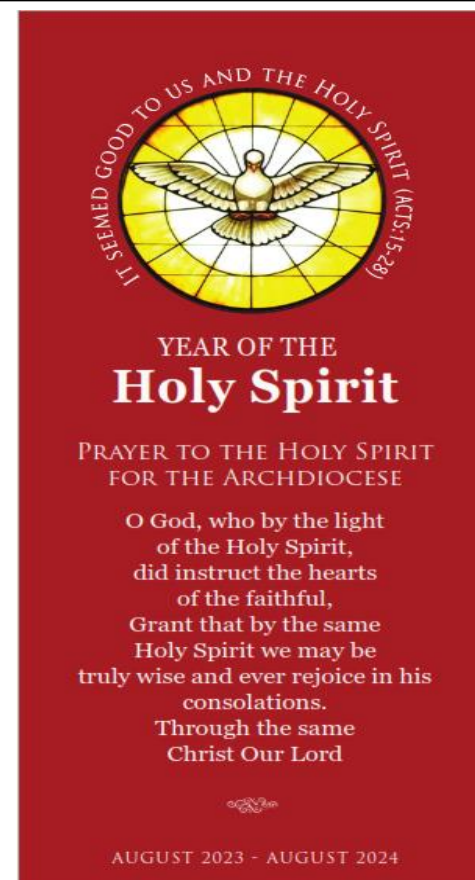
Eden: Robyn Newton; Sharon Warren; Leo Thiedeman; Lou, Vince & Tony Aguis; Rita Farrugia; Mary Xureb; Carmena Aquilina; Perks and Geraghty families; Famille Galice; Family Albaladejo; as well as G. Allison (sick).

Pambula: Mijo & Nikolina, Tony & Anna Novinc; Mike & Rosa Novinc; Ivo Katica Novinc; Josip, Stjephan & Olga Novinc; Jozo & Katerina Marko; Colin & Anne Riches; Rayner Family; Crotty Family; Croker Family; Tindale Family; Zillah Joyce Johnston; All members of the Ramsay & Alcock Families; as well as Rosemary Sinclair (recently deceased).

Merimbula: Vittorio Sgro; Peter Hamer; Albina & Gildo Dal Piva; Frank Dal Piva; Robin Hamer; Patricia Bechoux; Annmaria Weinlinch; Monica Gleeson; Allan & Olive Cockroft; as well as Carolyn Neenan (sick) and Paul James (for healing).

We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including: Rosemary Sinclair (RIP), John Kelly (RIP), Maria Rech (RIP), Jennifer Crawford (RIP).

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



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

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*We welcome
Fletcher James Jackson, together
with his parents Corey and Leisl.
Fletcher will be Baptised in
St Joseph's Church, Merimbula, on
Sunday 19 November, 2023.*

