

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



**Tuesday 23 May | Catholic Men's Breakfast | 7:00 – 8:45 am** at Haydon Hall with like-minded men and a Catholic Author, Speaker, and Entertainer, Chris Padgett. From the Diocese of Syracuse (New York), Chris Padgett uses humour and personal stories to inspire and encourage men young and old to take hold of the awesome vision the Church proclaims for developing our lives and relationships to the full. Cost: \$38. (Tables of 8 for schools only at \$220) Enquiries Frank Stanford [fstanford200@gmail.com](mailto:fstanford200@gmail.com) 0417 664 110. Registration: <https://bit.ly/ChrisPadgett>

**Tuesday 23 May | Marriage & Family Life Cocktail Dinner | 6:45 pm:** Catholic author, comedian and theologian - Christopher Padgett - helps us laugh our way to a more hopeful vision of the Church's proclamation of marriage and family life. All welcome – single, married, young and old. Tickets are \$45 and include wine, soft drinks, hot finger food and dessert. Venue: Veritas Building, ACU Watson., Enquiries: [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au) 0429 192 869 Registration: <http://bit.ly/PadgettCocktail>

**WISHING OUR  
DEAR  
PARISHIONER  
AND FRIEND,  
JEFF PAFFEN,  
EVERY  
BLESSING AND  
HAPPINESS AS  
HE  
CELEBRATES  
HIS  
100<sup>TH</sup>  
BIRTHDAY ON  
12<sup>TH</sup> MAY!**

**100 years**  
of loving and living,  
caring and giving,  
growing and learning.

May you enjoy the  
warmth and admiration  
all around you  
as you celebrate  
this truly impressive milestone.



### CONTACT DETAILS

#### Parish Priest

Fr George Ogah

#### Parish Secretary

Mrs Alicia O'Connor

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Mrs Bernadette Wood

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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

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of Month

-9:30am, Merimbula

Saturday -5pm, 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.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2023  
Happy Mothers Day!**

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Parallel Truths

Today's Gospel speaks of an advocate. This translates a Greek word: 'paraclete'. Our Lord says: 'I will send you another Paraclete to be with you forever.' Our Lord was a Paraclete, and he would send another.

What does this strange sounding word mean? Here is a hint. We all know that parallel lines run, well, para-llel. They run alongside each other. A paraclete is a person who stands alongside someone and pleads their case. That is how our Lord Jesus Christ saw himself. His role was not to condemn but to plead the case for mercy and compassion, to be the intercessor par excellence.

Our Lord promises another Paraclete dwelling within us, individually and as the body of Christ's disciples, the Holy Spirit advocating our cause, assisting us to live Truth-fully by the measure of the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. This Paraclete particularly assists us by acting as the Spirit of Truth.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the two Paracletes, constantly pleading our case before the Throne of Mercy.

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**Acts 8:5-8. 14-17 / 1 Pt 3:15-18 / Jn 14:23**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1**

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

**Gospel Acclamation: Jn 14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon: Jn 14:15-16**

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,  
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another

Paraclete,

to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

## FEAST/SPECIAL

### DAYS THIS WEEK:

Sun 14 May: Mother's  
Day and World

Communications Day.

Thurs 18 May: St John

I, Pope, martyr

(optional).

Sat 20 May: St

Bernardine of Siena,

priest (optional).

*Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers...*  
David Smith, Jocilyn Petty, Jennifer Crawford, 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.

*Mass Intentions:* Trevor Ballintyne (anniversary), Keith Brown (RIP), Vince Miskelly  
(anniversary) and his wife Ronda Miskelly (bereaved), Anne Riches (anniversary), Anne  
Cooper (ill Health)).

*We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including:* Keith Brown,  
Monica Gleeson; Anniversaries- Anne Riches, Mike Aggenbach.

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

### Children's Liturgy

Every 4<sup>th</sup> 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 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sat/Sun of  
the month prior to Baptism during Mass on  
1<sup>st</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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

*I shall ask the Father and he will give  
you another Advocate.*

### Dates to Remember:

❖ Thurs 15 June: Sacrament of First  
Reconciliation at St Joseph's Church,  
Merimbula from 6:30pm.

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

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



### Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$782.50; Second: Envelopes:  
\$583.50; Loose: \$252.45. 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.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### FIRST RECONCILIATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:

Children in Year 4 and above, who have been baptised as Catholic and wish to take  
the next step in the practice of their faith are invited to make this sacrament.

**13th/14th, 20th/21st, 27th/28th May; 3rd/4th, 10th/11th June**- Family Masses at  
Eden 5pm on Saturday and Merimbula at 10am on Sunday

**Friday 9th June** - Reconciliation Retreat at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula 4-6pm.

**Thursday 15th June** - Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula  
from 6:30pm.

**Note Well: Apologies there will be No Weekday Masses on the following  
dates: 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May, 25<sup>th</sup> May and 31<sup>st</sup> May.**

**Parish Office will also be closed Wed 31<sup>st</sup> May.**

### TUESDAYS WITH FR GEORGE:

A reminder that 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.

### MAY THE MONTH OF MARY:

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED BEFORE SATURDAY/SUNDAY  
MASS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY FOR MERIMBULA  
AND EDEN AND AFTER SUNDAY MASS IN PAMBULA,  
COMMENCING 1/2 HOUR BEFORE SUNDAY MASS.

**Lumen Christi Catholic College Open Day & Information Session -  
Wednesday, 24 May 2023, 9:00am to 5:00pm, Information session for  
prospective parents and their families will commence at 11:45am.  
Contact 6495 8888 or lccc@cg.catholic.edu.au**