

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage to Eden - 19th August, 2023

It's that time of the year again. You are invited to join with Archbishop Christopher Prowse as he journeys to Eden on 19th August for his annual pilgrimage to commemorate Australia's first saint - St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Mass is celebrated at 12.00pm in Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Eden, followed by a shared lunch. As in past years we will be calling upon Parishioners to assist either with some food or just to be there and make our Pilgrims feel welcome.

Please book in via the link below to allow for catering.

[Archbishop's St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage](#) on our web page.

If you would like any further information please contact either Bernadette Wood or Sue Heffernan.

Sacrament of Confirmation Program:

Wed 19 July: Parent Formation Evening- St Joseph's 6:30-7:30pm (pizza from 6pm).

22/23 July: Enrolment masses 5pm Eden/10am Merimbula.

29/30 July, 5/6, 12/13 Aug: Family masses 5pm Eden/10am Merimbula.

Fri 11 Aug: Confirmation Retreat- St Joseph's 4-6pm.

Sat 19 Aug: St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage + Parish lunch (11am meet at AFL fields, mass at noon) at Eden. Confirmation candidates will play a role in the mass.

Sun 20 Aug: Sacrament of Confirmation - Merimbula 10am.

Children wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation please contact the Parish Office for further information.

Rosters for 22/23 July

Eden:

Intro & Prayers: TBA
1st Reader: TBA
2nd Reader: TBA

Pambula:

Commentator/2nd Reading/Prayers of the Faithful: TBA
1st Reader: TBA

Merimbula:

Commentator/2nd Reader: Brian
First Reader: Jackie



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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 16th July, 2023

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
Creation Set Free

Here is Jesus telling another story about nature, in this case about soil good enough to bear a crop. Is he just a keen observer of the farmers of his time? No.

Throughout the Gospels there is a harmony between Jesus and the natural creation of a profound kind.

But St Paul intuited that link at a profound level in the case of the Risen Lord. This led him to make the most amazing claim that:

'The creation itself would be set free from its slavery to decay in order to share the freedom associated with the glory of the children of God.'

We, and the whole cosmos, share the legacy of a common destiny brought about by the powerful victory of Christ over the final instance of decay, destruction and every type of death.

We could pause a moment to pray with the angels as we do at every Mass:

'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.'

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PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
FR GEORGE'S 13TH ANNIVERSARY
on Sunday 16th July at 10am Mass.

This will be followed by morning tea and we ask that those attending please bring a share plate.

O God, pour out in your Church a spirit of reverence and courage, to raise up worthy ministers for your people and make them ardent, yet gentle heralds of your Gospel.

Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23 /Mt 13:1-23

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

**FEAST/SPECIAL
DAYS THIS WEEK:**

**Thurs 20 July: St
Apollinaris, bishop,
martyr (Optional).**

**Fri 21 July: St Lawrence
of Brindisi, priest, doctor
(Optional).**

**Sat 22 July: St Mary
Magdalene (Feast).**



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

Dates to Remember:

❖Sun 16 July: Fr George's 13th
Anniversary - 10am, Merimbula
Church, followed by morning tea.

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

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

Planned Giving Collections:

1/2 July: First: \$783.70; Second:
Envelopes: \$350.50; Loose: \$268.40.

8/9 July: First: \$657.15; Second:
Envelopes: \$325.50; Loose: \$266.10.

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.

Mt 13:1-23:

A sower went out to sow.

Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers ...
Anne Cooper, Chris Tynan, Jocilyn Petty, Jennifer Crawford, Jeff and Monica Paffen, Glen Alcock, Lynette Robert, Robyn Roberts, Patricia May Bills, Cliff Hamilton, Suzanne Montgomery, Margot Neilson, Rob Francis, Peter Lewis, 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: Moira Tindale (Anniversary).

We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including: John Seberry (Anniversary); Moira Tindale (Anniversary).

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

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PLEASE NOTE THE UPDATED MASS AND RECONCILIATION TIMES AS OF 1 JULY 2023.

Parish Office News: The Parish Office will be unattended during July, August and September. Alicia will answer the Parish Mobile during normal office hours on Wednesday and Thursday, however email will be the preferred contact method during this period.

This month Aid to the Church in Need is raising money to build a parish house in Sierra Leone. The parishioners of the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour have been trying to help their priest who is living in a house that is decaying due to heavy rainfall and salt-laden sea air but they themselves are poor and have little to give. ACN has promised to help but we need your help to make this possible. To learn more and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject or scan the QR code.

CARDS GROUP: Parishioners and friends are most welcome to join our Wednesday afternoon cards group (Frustration and Canasta) downstairs in the RSL Merimbula from 1 - 3pm. Special thanks to the RSL Club for allowing us to use the room at no cost.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING PSALM FOR FR GEORGE'S ANNIVERSARY MASS:

Refrain: You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek of old.

1. The Lord's revelation to my Master: "Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet."
2. The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: and rule in the midst of all your foes.
3. A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the daybreak I begot you.
4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. "You are a priest forever, a priest like Melchizedek of old."