

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### HELP CARITAS AGENCIES TO SUPPORT THOSE AFFECTED BY THE DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY AND SYRIA:

You can help communities affected by the Syria and Turkey Earthquake.

Our partner Caritas Syria and other Caritas agencies on the ground are coordinating with local authorities and other organisations to see how they can best assist. Your generous support can help provide emergency relief to help families recover and rebuild from disaster. VISIT: <https://www.caritas.org.au/>



#### PALMS AUSTRALIA

Mission: Change their lives ... and yours. Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code to the left. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know: Ph: **02 9560 5333** or **0422 472 567**.

WEB: [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)



**HELP SYRIA.** *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) has launched an emergency appeal for the people in northern Syria desperate for help following the devastating earthquakes. ACN is begging for funds to support their long-time local project partners on the ground in Syria. To read more about what ACN is doing and to make an offering please visit [www.aidtochurch.org/syriaearthquake](http://www.aidtochurch.org/syriaearthquake) or scan the QR code.



#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sun 12 March: 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, time TBA, Eden Church

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

**DUE TO A NATIONWIDE PAPER SHORTAGE, WE WILL BEGIN TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF BULLETINS THAT ARE PRINTED. IF THE PARISH OFFICE DOES NOT ALREADY HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE CONTACT ALICIA SO THAT YOU CAN CONTINUE TO STAY UP TO DATE WITH ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS.**



#### CONTACT DETAILS

##### Parish Priest

Fr George Ogah

##### Parish Secretary

Mrs Alicia O'Connor

##### Parish Council Chair

Mrs Bernadette Wood

##### Liturgy Coordinator

Ms Sue Heffernan

##### Finance Chair

Mr Neil Ffrench

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##### Parish Office

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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

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.

#### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

Project Compassion Sunday

#### REFLECTION:

#### *Warfare and the Church*

'Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect.' Is Jesus advocating rather static fault-less-ness? Not very appealing! No, the Greek word is closer to the idea of a perfect wine – one that has matured and has reached its full potential. So, Our Lord is saying, 'Be a person who is everything you are capable of being.' Our Lord gives a striking example of the challenge. God does not withhold life-giving sun and rain from people because they are bad or dishonest, nor extinguish the life of human beings because they are evil, because they are enemies.

What are the implications for Church teaching on capital punishment or warfare? Note that Jesus' command: 'You must be ...' is directed to *You* in the plural. It is communal, social. The Church community must listen. Is the Holy Spirit moving us in a direction not experienced since its first three centuries?

We could pause for a moment to pray on behalf of those who want to do us harm, the better to hear: 'Blessed are the peacemakers.'

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Lv 19:1-2. 17-18/ 1 Cor 3:16-23/ Mt 5:38-48

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Ps 9:2-3

I will recount all your wonders,

I will rejoice in you and be glad,

and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.



**FEAST DAYS THIS**

**WEEK:**

Sun 19 Feb: Project  
Compassion begins.

Tues 21 Feb: Shrove  
Tuesday. St Peter  
Damian, bishop,  
doctor (optional).

Wed 22 Feb: Ash  
Wednesday (fast  
and abstinence).

Thurs 23 Feb:  
Collect of St  
Polycarp, bishop,  
martyr (optional).

**Planned Giving Collections:** First: \$992.35; Second: Envelopes: \$383.00; Loose: \$308.70.

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.

**Children's Liturgy**

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 10am, Merimbula

**Reconciliation** (*Confession*)

Saturday, 9:30am - 10:00am, Merimbula

Saturday, before Vigil Mass, Eden

Sunday, before Mass, Pambula

**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



**Rosters for 25/26 Feb 2023**

**Eden:**

Intro & Prayers: Sue

1<sup>st</sup> Reader: Mick Wood

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: Bernadette

**Pambula:**

Commentator/2<sup>nd</sup>

Reading/Prayers of the

Faithful: Grace, Lily & Fiona

Spinks

1<sup>st</sup> Reader: Grace, Lily &

Fiona Spinks

**Merimbula:**

Commentator/2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: Phil

First Reader: Pat

**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...* Jeff and Monica Paffen, Glen Alcock, Lynette Robert, Robyn Roberts, Patricia May Bills, Don Larkins, Cliff Hamilton, Suzanne Montgomery, Margot Neilson, Rob Francis, Shirley Abreu, 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:*

John Copas, Fr Neville Drinkwater, Faye Maher; Anniversaries- Janine Capell, Gabrielle England.

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

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**Ash Wednesday Services:**

8am: Eden

9:30am: Pambula

5:30pm: Merimbula

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR BLESSED PALMS FROM PREVIOUS EASTER**

**CELEBRATIONS:** These palms are to be burned and reused for our upcoming Ash Wednesday services. Please place the palms in the boxes available in each church.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**

**5PM ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT IN MERIMBULA CHURCH: ALL WELCOME.**

**You are invited to join one of the following Lenten Discussion Groups:**

Mondays 1pm at Tura Beach Library

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

Wednesdays 7pm at the Pambula Church meeting centre

**PROJECT COMPASSION BEGINS THIS WEEKEND**

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and *For All Future Generations*. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. As St Pope John Paul II said, **"The future starts today, not tomorrow."** 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 and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

**WOMEN'S lunch** (for those on their own, those who feel alone and any other women) will be held in the bistro at CLUB SAPPHIRE Merimbula - 12pm, SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY. Name to Teresa (0408 827 794) by Thursday 23rd February.