

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**RECONCILIATION BEFORE EASTER: DATE STILL YET TO BE CONFIRMED.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE!**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ❖ Mon 20 March: Mass for the Solemnity of St Joseph - 9:30am at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula. Bring a plate to share and join Fr George for morning tea following Mass.
- ❖ Sat 25 March: Mass for the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord - 9:30am at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula.
- ❖ 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

**NB: Apologies, there will be NO MASS on the following days:
Tuesday 21 March / Wednesday 22 March / Wednesday 29 March**

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

Thank you to everyone that supported this important fundraiser! We are pleased to announce the winners as: 1st Teresa Hamer; 2nd Lily Spinks; 3rd Viv Croker; 4th - 9th Joanne, Collette, Grant & Bella, Pat, Errol, Dave.

Congratulations to our winners and thank you again for helping Vinnies Merimbula support their twin villages.

Kind regards, Warren Thomas on behalf of Vinnies Merimbula.

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.



PALM CROSSES will be made on Thursday 30 March from 1-3pm in the courtyard at St Joseph's. Any assistance is greatly appreciated. Please bring a pair of scissors.

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.



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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent Sunday 19th March, 2023

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Spittle and Mud

Our Lord, by the power of his word alone, could have healed the dis-ease of this man, blind since birth. Yet, he made a paste with spittle and put it over the eyes of the blind man. Just as God would have moistened the dust of the earth to shape the first human being, for the blind man, it was as though he had been created anew.

God rarely works by telepathy but has a preferred way of working through the elements of creation, especially in the Sacraments. So, with the Anointing of the Sick, pressing olive oil onto the forehead and hands of the sick or dying symbolises the Holy Spirit entering the very pores of the sick person, relieving that person of undue anxiety and giving strength for the next stage of life.

This sacrament is a formal ritual of healing by the Church. But there are a million informal ways, such as putting one's arm around someone who is lonely or unwell, which are sacramental to the world. We could pause for a moment that we might go into the world like the man healed by Jesus, eyes wide open to see where we might exercise the healing power of the Lord of the Gospel.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS:
5pm on Fridays during Lent
in Merimbula Church: All welcome.

1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22 R. v.1

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

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Communion Antiphon: Jn 9:11,38
The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.

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

LENT
WALKING WITH CHRIST

FEAST/SPECIAL

DAYS THIS WEEK:

Mon 19 Mar: St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity).

Thurs 23 Mar: Collect of St Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop (Optional).

Sat 25 Mar: The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity).

Rosters for 25/26 Mar 2023

Eden:

Intro & Prayers: Eileen McRae

1st Reader: Gaye

2nd Reader: Michael G

Pambula:

Commentator/2nd Reading/Prayers of the Faithful: Bill Peterie

1st Reader: Pat Went

Merimbula:

Commentator/2nd Reader: Jacklynn

First Reader: Teresa

Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$1311.40; Second:

Envelopes: \$545.50; Loose:

\$594.15. **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...
Jennifer Crawford, Fr. John Boyd Boland OFM, 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.

Mass Intentions:

David Smith (Ill health).

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 Grubescic.

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:

Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.** 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.



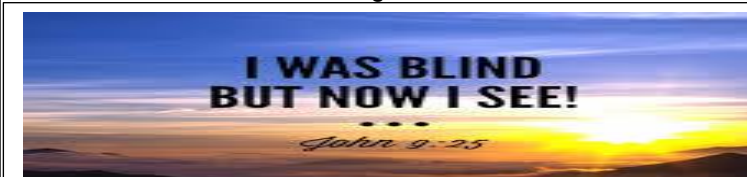
MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES: are now available in each Church. If you would like Fr George to offer Holy Mass for a loved one, please complete and return to Fr George or place in the Collection and our counters will ensure it reaches Fr George.

WALK AND TALK:

Thank you to those that came along to Panboola for the Walk & Talk last Sunday. A lovely walk and chat was enjoyed by all. The next Walk & Talk will be at Fishpen, Merimbula. Date TBA.

16 April - Archdiocese Multicultural Mass

You are warmly invited to the Archdiocese's annual Multicultural Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral - one full of colour, song, and dance. Australia's multicultural heritage is one of the country's great treasures, so come along and join our African, Anglo-Indian, Filipino, Indonesian, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese Catholic communities as we all walk together.



Jn 9:1-41
The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.