

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

St Vincent de Paul Merimbula Conference Christmas Appeal 2023

The Christmas Giving Trees are now installed in the Pambula and Merimbula churches. This year, we are calling on your generosity once again, to help make a brighter Christmas for those in our community, finding daily living challenging. There are envelopes on the trees, requesting a donation of a Woolworths **ESSENTIAL Card** to the value of \$20. These are different from the Gift cards, in that they cannot be used to purchase alcohol or cigarettes. They can be purchased at Woolworths in Merimbula or Tura Beach.

Lumen Christi have been generous again, helping us collect food for the Christmas hampers, and we have had donations of children's gifts from other sources.

Please return the envelopes with cards enclosed by Sunday, 10 December, at the latest, when they will be distributed to those in need.

Thank you all once again, St Vincent de Paul Merimbula Conference

PLEASE NOTE: NO MORNING TEA ON SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER AT MERIMBULA. THIS IS DUE TO THE PARISH MASS FALLING ON THE PREVIOUS SUNDAY. THANK YOU.

How will you prepare for Christmas? Need a little extra spiritual preparation? All are welcome to join the Advent Discussion Group, commencing on Monday 27 November, for 4 weeks. We will use the prayer guide "The Sign". The group meets at St Clement's Anglican Church, Main Street, Merimbula, from 12.45 - 2.45pm each Monday. For more information, contact Anne on 0408241230.

2023 Parish Mass – Sunday 26th November, 10am, Merimbula.

Remember, only one Mass for the Parish, at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula, Sunday at 10am. Please come along, as we celebrate our Parish and the end of the Liturgical year together. After Mass, it's time share lunch together and a good catch up 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 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.*

Parish Groups: We are still looking for details of Parish Groups for our register. I have only three responses and I know there are many of you out there doing marvellous things. Please email me details to mickbern1@bigpond.com so we can share details with the whole Parish.

Bernadette Wood -PPPC Chair

SOME 2024 RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE PARISH OFFICE:

* 2024 Josephite Calendars- \$10 * Columban Art Calendar 2024- \$9 * The Sign Advent Reflection- \$5 * Daily Mass Book- \$26

"Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord".



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-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.

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 19th November, 2023

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

This Gospel, Pope Francis says, highlights that 'not doing good is not good'.

The Pope points out that goodness is more than the absence of harm. Burying our talent and passively neglecting our gift is not what God wants. And, the Pope adds, we have been given many gifts: Faith, the Gospel, the Sacraments, even the Holy Spirit!

We Christians cannot, therefore, be a people who respond to God by turning in on ourselves and burying our treasures because we are fearful of losing them. Having been 'entrusted' with God's property – the Church, the Earth, even our very lives – we will be called to account for our custodianship of it.

But as this Gospel indicates, our judgment will not be measured by numbers, be they five or two talents (or converts!). Rather, the biggest question is whether we recognise the reality of being God's servants. As the Pope noted, the man in the parable was very quick to characterise the master as 'a hard man', justifying inaction. But with gifts already in hand our options are simple: we can make the excuse that God will be more concerned with punishing us for what we might do wrong and therefore do nothing; or we can try doing the best we can to do good and do something. © Nick Brodie



**Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31/1
Thessalonians 5:1-6/Matthew
25:14-30**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1
(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: John 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says
the Lord;

my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 72:28

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

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:

Sun 19 Nov: World Day of the Poor (Holy
See).

Tues 21 Nov: The Presentation of Blessed
Virgin Mary (Memorial).

Wed 22 Nov: St Cecilia, virgin, martyr
(Memorial).

Thurs 23 Nov: St Clement I, pope, martyr
(optional); St Columban, abbot (optional).

Fri 24 Nov: Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest,
and Companions, martyrs (Memorial).

Sat 25 Nov: St Catherine of Alexandria,
virgin, martyr (optional).

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. If you wish to make an
Offering in honour of your dearly departed
loved one/s, envelopes are in the Church.

Dates to Remember:

- ❖ Sun 19 Nov: World Day of the Poor.
- ❖ 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.

Readers 26 Nov Merimbula:

Commentator/2nd Reader: Suezanne
First Reader: Gai

Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$906.90; Second: Envelopes:
\$433.50; Loose: \$250.35.

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: Peter Carson, Sr Petra Ries, Carson Family, Fountain Family, Tess Carson.

Pambula: Sandra Bray, Rosemary Sinclair.

Merimbula: Ken Clear, Millie Clear, Harriet Garnar, William Garner, George E. Worth,
Alice Clear, Anna Maria Weinlich, Joe & Joy Jansen, Peter & Martina Lammers.

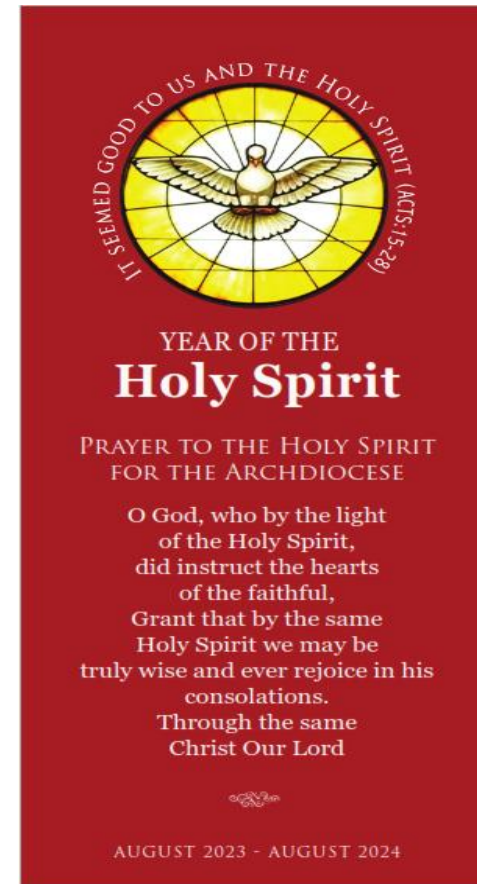
We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including: Sandra Bray
(Anniversary 13 Nov); Rosemary Sinclair (RIP), John Kelly (RIP), Maria Rech (RIP).

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.*



THIS WEEKEND: Fr George will be informing you of the ongoing
discussion regarding the sale of the Church in Wyndham and
will be happy to get your thoughts on this matter.