

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



We welcome and pray for **JACINTA KYLIE BRAIM**, her parents, Scott and Rebecca, and their family, as they prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism occurring on Saturday 15 April at Eden at 6pm.

### Dates to Remember:

- ❖ **FRI 31 MARCH: STATIONS OF THE CROSS- 4: 15PM BEFORE RECONCILIATION AT MERIMBULA.**
- ❖ **FRI 31 MARCH: LENTEN RECONCILIATION- 5PM AT MERIMBULA CHURCH (WITH FR GEORGE AND FR ADRIAN).**
- ❖ Sun 9 April: Easter Sunday- Rejoice, the Lord is Risen! (Morning Tea will follow mass in Merimbula).
- ❖ 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.

**No Morning Tea on 2 April at Merimbula; it will be on 9 April instead this month.**

**MASS OFFERING AND EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN EACH CHURCH.**

### **3 April – Chrism Mass and Blessing of the Oils**

Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 3 April at 5.00pm in St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is this Mass that the Holy Oils used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.

### **16 April – 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.

### **22 April 2023 - Women Alive Retreat**

Come journey with us at the Women Alive Retreat on 22nd April at Greg Collin's Centre, St Benedict's Catholic Church and discover the hidden strength in you. A strong woman knows she has strength enough for the journey. But a woman of strength knows it is on the journey that she will become strong.

Date: Saturday, 22nd April 2023 (9:30 am - 4.00 pm)

Venue: Greg Collins Centre, St Benedict's Catholic Church, 10 Tallara Pkwy, Narrabundah, ACT. Admission is FREE, BYO lunch.

For enquiries please contact: Mission Centre 02 6295 7879; Winniefred: 0451015527



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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 -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.**

### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2023**

#### **REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate LOWLY PRINCE OF PEACE**

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to non-violent revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love.

Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, another Gospel (Luke) recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.'

He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace. © Fr Michael Tate; [mtate@bigpond.com](mailto:mtate@bigpond.com)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** 4:15pm this Friday before Reconciliation at Merimbula.

**Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Mt 26:14 - 27:66**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2**

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**Gospel Acclamation: Phil 2:8-9**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death  
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Communion Antiphon: Mt 26:42**

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,  
your will be done.

### FEAST/SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK:

Sun 2 Apr: Palm Sunday  
of the Passion of the Lord  
(Holy Week).

Thurs 6 Apr: Thursday of  
the Lord's Supper.

Fri 7 Apr: Friday of the  
Passion of the Lord (fast  
and abstinence).

Sat 8 Apr: Holy  
Saturday/The Easter Vigil  
in the Holy Night (Easter  
Time).

#### 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

**"Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord".**

#### Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$813.25; Second: Envelopes:  
\$420.50; Loose: \$803.10. **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.



## Holy Week

#### 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, 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:

Peter Carson (ill health), David Smith (ill health).

*We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including:*

Fr. John Boyd-Boland OFM, Shirley Abreu; Anniversaries- Nil.

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

#### Rosters for Holy Week 2023

##### Eden 8 April Easter Vigil:

Intro & Prayers: TBC

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: TBC

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: TBC

##### Pambula 6 April Holy Thursday:

Commentator/2<sup>nd</sup>

Reading/Prayers of the

Faithful: Bill Peterie

1<sup>st</sup> Reader: Anne Atkins

##### Pambula 9 April Easter Sunday:

Commentator/2<sup>nd</sup>

Reading/Prayers of the

Faithful: Bill Peterie

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Pat Went

##### Merimbula 2 April Palm Sunday:

Commentator/2<sup>nd</sup>

Reading/Prayers of

Intercession: Phil

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Marian

Gospel: Brian, Pat

##### Merimbula 7 April Good Friday:

Commentator: nil required

(TBC)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Anne

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Marian

Gospel: Phil, Gai

General Intercessions:

Teresa

##### Merimbula 9 April Easter Sunday:

Commentator/2<sup>nd</sup>

Reading/Prayers of

Intercession: Suezanne

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Brian

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#### 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.

**Thurs 30th March - Parent Formation Evening at St  
Joseph's Church, Merimbula 6:30-7:30. Pizza from  
6pm.**

**6th/7th May - Enrolment Masses at Eden at 5pm on  
Saturday and Merimbula at 10am on Sunday**

**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.**

#### PROJECT COMPASSION 2023:

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on  
school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2  
billion people cannot access clean drinking water. With  
your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help  
millions of vulnerable people around the world, through  
the Project Compassion appeal. **Please donate to  
Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering  
vulnerable communities around the world to lift  
themselves and their communities out of poverty.** You  
can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes  
/envelopes available from your parish, or visit  
[caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or phone 1800024413