

**WORKING BEE AT ST JOSEPH'S - A HUGE THANK YOU** to those parishioners who came Saturday morning and raked up leaf litter, cut down branches, trimmed bushes, “blower vacced" the courtyard and surrounds, took the leaf litter away and provided morning tea - and to those who came through the week and sprayed the weeds, cleaned the windows of the Church and levelled off the pavers in the courtyard.

**LADIES WHO LUNCH.** Come along to the Tathra Pub at Noon on SUNDAY 27th AUGUST. If you wish to car pool please meet in the carpark at the back of St Joseph’s at 11:30am. Name(s) to Teresa (0408 827 794) by Monday 21st August.

**Archdiocesan Vocations Awareness Week**: 24-31 August has been nominated as Archdiocesan Vocations Awareness Week. Join us as we begin the week with a special prayer vigil on Thursday, 24 August at St Christopher's Cathedral from 6 -7 pm. More Vocations information can be found at [www.facebook.com/cgvocations](http://www.facebook.com/cgvocations)

**27 – 29 October | Marriage Enrichment Weekend:** Join other couples in an opportunity for to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid-safe environment at a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.

Location: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Enquiries: Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or [nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au) Book online: at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au/)

**CARDS GROUP:** Frustration and Canasta: Please join us on Wednesdays from 1-3pm downstairs in the RSL club. No cost.

Wednesday 23rd August – Lumen Day.

On Wednesday 23rd August, – Lumen Christi Catholic College will be celebrating Lumen Day.  This is their special day they celebrate yearly and Lumen has invited Parishioners to come and share in the celebration. There will be Mass at 11:30am.

Afterwards they will have some food stalls/stations if there is anyone who would like to help out you will be most welcome.  Lots of activities have been planned for the day.

It would be fabulous to see as many Parishioners as possible to attend and support our young people.  I’m sure you will love the day. Hope to see you there.

Bernadette Wood - Pastoral Council

Rosters for 26/27 Aug:

Eden:

Intro & Prayers: Sue

1st Reader: Michael G

2nd Reader: Eileen McRae

Pambula:

Commentator/2nd Reading/Prayers of the Faithful: Richard & Elise Brodie

1st Reader: Richard & Elise Brodie

Merimbula:

Commentator/2nd Reader: Suezanne

First Reader: Brian





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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 -5pm, Eden

Sunday -8am, Pambula

-10am, Merimbula



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.

St Peter’s Catholic Parish

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 20th August, 2023

WELCOME ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER PROWSE

REFLECTION

by Fr Michael Tate

***On Catholic Dogs***

A *pagan woman* approaches a *Jewish man* and she begs Jesus to heal her daughter.

Jesus gives a dismissive answer to the woman: ‘It is not fair to take the children’s bread and throw it to the house dogs.’ The children are obviously the Jewish people.

This remarkable *pagan* woman stands her ground and engages in a verbal joust with Jesus! She argues: ‘Yes, Lord, but even the house dogs get the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.’

Jesus recognises *her* faith and the daughter was healed. This story was put in the Gospels to show how Jesus extended his saving mission to non-Jews in Pagan territory.

That is Good News for billions of non-Jewish people over the course of history since then and into the future. That is why we are truly ‘Catholic’, which, as you know, is the Greek for ‘world-wide’.

We could pause for a moment to celebrate this Canaanite woman as the first ‘Catholic’!

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The Divine Mercy of Jesus – 3 O’clock Prayer

“The Hour of Great Mercy”

Jesus said: Call upon My mercy on behalf of sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give that person the grace of conversion. This is the prayer; “O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fount of Mercy for us, I trust in you.”

Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers… Jake Alcock, Judy Bottom, Anne Cooper, Ray 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, 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: Leonie Corkhill (RIP); Jake Alcock (prayers).

We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including: Peter Lewis (RIP), Allan O’Connell (RIP); Leonie Corkhill (RIP).

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

[Isaiah 56:1.6-7](https://www.liturgyhelp.com/ritual/lectionary/LectionaryList%7Cisa#isa056)/[Romans 11:13-15. 29-32](https://www.liturgyhelp.com/ritual/lectionary/LectionaryList%7Crom#rom011)/ [Matthew 15:21-28](https://www.liturgyhelp.com/ritual/lectionary/LectionaryList%7Cmtw#mtw015)

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4](https://www.liturgyhelp.com/ritual/lectionary/LectionaryListPsalm%7Cpsm)

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation: [Matthew 4:23](https://www.liturgyhelp.com/ritual/lectionary/LectionaryListGosAc%7Cmtw#mtw004)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom

and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy;

in him is plentiful redemption.

***We welcome and thank the following priests who will lead us in Mass:***

***26/27 Aug: Fr Bernie Patterson***

***2/3 Sept: Fr Alex Osborne***

FEAST/SPECIAL Days this Week:

Mon 21 Aug: St Pius X, pope (Memorial).

Tues 22 Aug: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial).

Wed 23 Aug: St Rose of Lima, virgin (Optional).

Thurs 24 Aug: St Bartholomew, apostle (Feast).

Fri 25 Aug: St Louis (Optional); St Joseph Calasanz, priest (Optional).

Joachim



PLEASE NOTE: DURING FR GEORGE’S ABSENCE, THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES.

Weekday mass will resume the week beginning Monday 11 September, 2023.

* Liturgy will be held at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Eden, on Tuesdays at 8am and Thursdays at 9:30am.
* Rosary, quiet prayer and Divine Mercy Chaplet at St Joseph’s Church, Merimbula, on Fridays at the new time of **3pm.**

ADJUSTED WEEKEND MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEKEND ONLY ARE:

Sat 19 Aug: 12pm Eden

Sun 20 Aug: 10am Merimbula

No Pambula Mass

**Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage to Eden – this Saturday 19th August, 2023**

Archbishop Christopher Prowse will lead the Pilgrimage. Pilgrimage at 11am; Mass will be at 12.00pm and we will have a shared lunch afterwards with all our fellow Pilgrims. Lunch will be provided so if you are able to contribute with salads or slices could you please contact Sue Heffernan (0405 251 947) and she can guide you. Also if you have dietary requests please make them known. Looking forward to seeing you on the day.

**Dates to Remember:**

Sat 19 Aug: Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage at 11am and Mass at 12pm, Eden Church.

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

Wed 23 Aug: Lumen Day Mass and Stalls, 11:30am, Lumen Christi Catholic College.



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

**Sacrament of Confirmation:**

**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.**

***Congratulations to the children receiving their Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday. Thank you to Archbishop Christopher Prowse and all the parents, teachers and catechists who have helped prepare the children for this special day.***



[Matthew 15:21-28](https://www.liturgyhelp.com/ritual/lectionary/LectionaryList%7Cmtw#mtw015):

Woman, you have great faith.

Planned Giving Collections:

First: $834.70; Second: Envelopes: $380.50; Loose: $402.90. 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.

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1st Reader: Elise Brodie

Merimbula:

Commentator/2nd Reading: Gai

1st Reading: Marian

