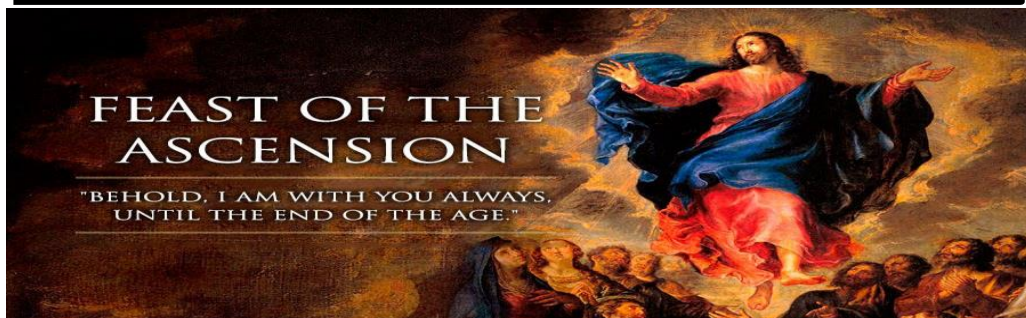


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ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE, MERIMBULA - good works

We are seeking new members to assist locals who bring their needs before the Conference. This work is done from our room at the Vinnies store on Tuesday and Friday mornings. There is also a meeting of the Conference one Monday afternoon a month. The monthly time commitment is approximately six hours. If you want more information or can help out, speak with any of us after Mass or leave your name and contact details with the Parish Office and one of us will be in contact with you.

Frank Davey, Gai Jacobs, Garry Clear, Gwenda Blake, Warren Thomas, Teresa Hamer and Phil Roach

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Jesus. Mt 25:40

Women's Eucharistic Retreat Day Canberra: 24 June

Women of all ages are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a retreat day. This day will help you grow in your love for and devotion to the gift of the Holy Eucharist. In addition to talks and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided. (Cost: \$20) register here at (<https://www.trybooking.com/CGYGI>)

Laudato Si week: 16-24 May

The theme for this year's 16-24 May is **Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity**. The Archdiocese will launch its draft Laudato Si action plan at 11am Sunday Mass in the Cathedral on 21-May (streamed live at and recorded at <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>). The draft Laudato Si action plan is at <https://cgcatholic.org.au/services-directory/caring-for-creation/> and aims to encourage and enable action plans by parishes, schools and other bodies. With consultation (LaudatoSiACT@gmail.com) the draft Plan will be finalised in September 2023 (for Season of Creation) and will be regularly reviewed.



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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 -5pm, 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.

The Ascension of the Lord Sunday 21st May, 2023

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Where is the Body?

Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ could have continued to appear to groups of followers, century after century – until now!

But, he didn't, because the disciples had to be weaned of his Risen-mode of appearance among them lest they think that the victory over Death is meant for human beings alone. But, as St Paul says, the Risen Lord is the One who 'fills all creation' with His power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

However, dis-appearance is not the same as absence. We believe that Our Risen Lord is present in many modes, including as St Paul says '... the Church which is His Body'.

That is why the figures in white rebuke the disciples: 'Why do you stand looking into Heaven?'

The Disciples had, rather, to ready themselves to be the Spirit-filled body of Jesus Christ in their own time and place. As we do.

We might pause for a moment to stop staring into Heaven, to ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit as at Pentecost in order to be 'The Church which is His Body.'

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Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 / Mt 28:16-20

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v. 6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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

*All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me.*

FEAST/SPECIAL

DAYS THIS WEEK:

Sun 21 May: The Ascension of the Lord (solemnity).

Wed 24 May: Our Lady, Help of Christians (solemnity).

Thurs 25 May: St Bede the Venerable, priest, doctor; St Gregory VII, pope; St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, virgin (optional).

Fri 26 May: St Philip Neri, priest (memorial).

Sat 27 May: St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop (optional).

Dates to Remember:

❖Thurs 15 June: Sacrament of First Reconciliation at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula from 6:30Pm.

❖Sat 19 Aug: Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage, 11am, Eden Church.

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



Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$974.65; Second: Envelopes: \$282.50; Loose: \$440.35. 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 ...
Jocelyn Petty, Jennifer Crawford, , 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: Trevor Ballintyne (anniversary), Keith Brown (RIP), Vince Miskelly (anniversary) and his wife Ronda Miskelly (bereaved), Anne Riches (anniversary), Anne Cooper (ill health).

We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including: David Smith, Henrietta Voermans, Keith Brown, Monica Gleeson; Anniversaries- Anne Riches, Mike Aggenbach.

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

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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.

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.

Note Well: Apologies there will be No Weekday Masses on the following dates: 25th May and 31st May.

Parish Office will also be closed Wed 31st May.

TUESDAYS WITH FR GEORGE:

A reminder that 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.

MAY THE MONTH OF MARY:

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED BEFORE SATURDAY/SUNDAY MASS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY FOR MERIMBULA AND EDEN AND AFTER SUNDAY MASS IN PAMBULA, COMMENCING 1/2 HOUR BEFORE SUNDAY MASS.

Lumen Christi Catholic College Open Day & Information Session –
Wednesday, 24 May 2023, 9:00am to 5:00pm, Information session for prospective parents and their families will commence at 11:45am.
Contact 6495 8888 or lccc@catholic.edu.au