

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage to Eden - 19th August, 2023

It's that time of the year again. You are invited to join with Archbishop Christopher Prowse as he journeys to Eden on 19th August for his annual pilgrimage to commemorate Australia's first saint - St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Mass is celebrated at 12.00pm in Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Eden, followed by a shared lunch. As in past years we will be calling upon Parishioners to assist either with some food or just to be there and make our Pilgrims feel welcome.

Please book in via the link below to allow for catering.

[Archbishop's St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage](#) on our web page.

If you would like any further information please contact either Bernadette Wood or Sue Heffernan.

Sacrament of Confirmation Program:

22/23 July: Enrolment masses 5pm Eden/10am Merimbula.

29/30 July, 5/6, 12/13 Aug: Family masses 5pm Eden/10am Merimbula.

Fri 11 Aug: Confirmation Retreat - St Joseph's 4-6pm.

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.

Children wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation please contact the Parish Office for further information.

Rosters for 29/30 July

Eden:

Intro & Prayers: TBA

1st Reader: TBA

2nd Reader: TBA

Pambula:

Commentator/2nd

Reading/Prayers of the Faithful:

Dave Crawford

1st Reader: Pat Went

Merimbula:

Commentator/2nd Reader: Phil

First Reader: Marian

CARDS GROUP: Parishioners and friends are most welcome to join our Wednesday afternoon cards group (Frustration and Canasta) downstairs in the RSL Merimbula from 1 - 3pm. Special thanks to the RSL Club for allowing us to use the room at no cost.



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 -5pm, 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.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 23rd July, 2023

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

When words fail

One loves someone so much – a child, a parent, a spouse or partner – yet when one tries to pray for that person the words seem only a pale shadow of the intensity of feeling and total love one feels. Stop! Simply put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

One's heart is breaking with grief for someone close who is very ill or dying. Or one feels a terrible anxiety or anguish. Words don't come easily even though one wants to pray. Stop! Put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

Perhaps accentuated by the constant messaging of social media, when trying to pray we can get anxious when there is a lull in the noise and no words come.

We could pause for a moment to relax and to allow the Spirit to express our plea in a way which could never be put into words.

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**Wisdom 12:13.16-19/Romans 8:26-27/
Matthew 13:24-43**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Gospel Acclamation: See Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

**FEAST/SPECIAL
DAYS THIS WEEK:**

Sun 23 July: World Day
for Grandparents and
the Elderly (Holy See).

Mon 24 July: St Sharbel
Makhluf, priest
(Optional).

Tues 25 July: St James,
apostle (Feast).

Wed 26 July: Sts
Joachim and Anne,
parents of the Blessed
Virgin Mary (Memorial).

Sat 29 July: Sts Martha,
Mary and Lazarus
(Memorial).

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

Dates to Remember:

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

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



Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$862.95; Second: Envelopes: \$345.50; Loose: \$293.80. **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.

Matthew 13:24-43:

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers...
Anne Cooper, Chris 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, Peter Lewis, 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: Urbana F. Pardinias (RIP); Ingvald Ingebrigtsen (Anniversary).

We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including: Judy Anderson (RIP); John Seberry (Anniversary).

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

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WORKING BEE AT ST JOSEPH'S, MERIMBULA: Saturday 12 August from 9am.

Please come along and lend a hand as we tidy up the grounds of St Joseph's and the Presbytery in preparation for the Archbishop's visit. Bring rakes, gloves, trailers. Tip vouchers will be available for use. Many hands make light work! Cuppa provided. Thanks in advance.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DURING FR GEORGE'S ABSENCE THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES. It is hoped that a Liturgy could be held on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the respective mass centres. We require volunteers to organise these liturgies. A booklet will be provided. If there are enough volunteers, a roster could be arranged. Please contact the Parish Office for more information or to volunteer. Thank you.

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY
23 July 2023**

"This year, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly takes place close to World Youth Day. Both celebrations remind us of the "haste" (cf. v. 39) with which Mary set out to visit Elizabeth. In this way, they invite us to reflect on the bond that unites young and old. The Lord trusts that young people, through their relationships with the elderly, will realize that they are called to cultivate memory and recognize the beauty of being part of a much larger history. Friendship with an older person can help the young to see life not only in terms of the present and realize that not everything depends on them and their abilities. For the elderly, the presence of a young person in their lives can give them hope that their experience will not be lost and that their dreams can find fulfilment. Mary's visit to Elizabeth and their shared awareness that the Lord's mercy is from generation to generation remind us that, alone, we cannot move forward, much less save ourselves, and that God's presence and activity are always part of something greater, the history of a people. Mary herself said this in the Magnificat, as she rejoiced in God, who, in fidelity to the promise he had made to Abraham, had worked new and unexpected wonders (cf. vv. 51-55)."