

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Walking Together: Walk and Talk will be held in Eden on Sunday 9th July, 2023. Meet at Mary MacKillop Hall at 2.00pm.

This is an initiative of the Liturgy and Pastoral Council and is simply a means of getting together. Everyone is invited to join with us as we simply go for a walk and just have a chat along the way. A way for us to get to know one another, meet someone new and get some exercise. No matter your level of fitness there will be someone there who will keep pace with you. Please join us for a time of walking and sharing our journey together. If you would like any further information please contact either Bernadette Wood or Sue Heffernan.

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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES READY FOR COLLECTION:

These are available from each Church from 24/25 June. To help the parish save money and reduce waste, some givers have had their giving numbers changed, therefore it is EXTREMELY important that envelope givers only use the **CURRENT BLUE** envelopes from July onwards. If you have any envelopes left from last year, please throw them in your recycling bin as there is a risk that your generous contribution may be allocated to someone else if these are used in the new financial year. Thank you to all who generously give to assist our Parish and wider Church community.

Aid to the Church in Need: is providing transport to priests, sisters, and catechists to reach the faithful, who are often at great distances and must go through difficult terrain. In 2022, ACN provided 1,253 pastoral vehicles. This included 564 cars, 406 bicycles, 252 motorcycles, 16 boats, 11 buses, and 4 trucks for the pastoral work of the Church – particularly in Latin America and Africa. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/transport or scan the QR code to make an offering and learn more.



CATHOLIC PARISH of
PAMBULA

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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.

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 25th June, 2023**

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate House-tops and Sparrows

Our Gospel reads: '... not one [sparrow] falls to the ground without your Father knowing.'

But that is a bad translation. The Greek simply says 'not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground without your Father.' Full stop! Our Heavenly Father accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! That is the measure of the Creator's love for all creatures. God wants to – does – enter into the moment of death, our moment of death.

Now, that would be consoling if I were facing what Jesus was foreseeing for his disciples in the first century.

One of the first Christian groups to hear this Gospel was that set around the Tigris River running through Baghdad in modern day Iraq. Now they face terrible persecution from fanatical Muslims. We can barely imagine hearing today's Gospel amongst the remnant, left in Baghdad today. How does 'Do not be afraid' really sound to them?

So, we could pause for a moment to pray for those for whom today's Gospel is a challenge beyond our imagining. © Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com

LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC COLLEGE NEWS

Some students are taking part in the NCCA Act For Peace "Ration Challenge", where they eat like a refugee for 3 days. Any donations are most welcome as certain milestones allow students to add rewards like salt and garlic to their ration pack.

<https://schools.rationchallenge.org.au/lumen-christi-2023>

Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,

and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Ps 144:15

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

FEAST/SPECIAL

DAYS THIS WEEK:

Tues 27 June: St Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, doctor (Optional).

Wed 28 June: St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr (Memorial).

Thurs 29 Jun: Sts Peter and Paul, apostles (Solemnity).

Fri 30 June: First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church (Optional).

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

Dates to Remember:

❖ Sat 24 June: Nativity of John the Baptist (Solemnity) - Merimbula at 9.30am.

❖ Sun 25 June: Women's Lunch - Oaklands at 12pm.

❖ Thurs 29 June: Saints Peter and Paul (Solemnity) - Eden at 9.30am.

❖ Sun 9 July: Walk and Talk - Eden at 2pm.

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

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

Planned Giving Collections:

10/ 11 June: First: \$803.95; Second:

Envelopes: \$460.00; Loose: \$267.10. 17/18

June: First: \$700.55; Second: Envelopes:

\$528.00; Loose: \$574.30. 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 ...
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: Don Larkins (RIP), Peter Carson (RIP); Moira Tindale (Anniversary) Stumpy Wallis (anniversary).

We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including: Peter Carson, Don Larkins, Michael Sheppard; Anniversaries- Moira Tindale, Stumpy Wallis.

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

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LADIES WHO LUNCH...THE NEXT WOMEN'S LUNCH WILL BE HELD AT OAKLANDS THIS SUNDAY 25TH JUNE COMMENCING AT NOON. PLEASE CALL OR TEXT TERESA ON 0408 827 794. ALL WOMEN IN THE PARISH ARE MOST WELCOME.



Thank you to Pat Wong and Jan Masters who have put endless time and love into the care of the gardens at St Joseph's in Merimbula. The beautiful plants and flowers bring so much joy to all! We are so grateful for the example you have set of how to be true stewards of creation. If anybody would like to volunteer some time to care for the gardens at St Joseph's, please contact the Parish Office.

A Gardener's Prayer

Grant me, oh Lord,
A plot of fertile ground;
Rain as needed in gentle showers;
Days of warming, nurturing sunshine;
Everlasting patience as the seedlings sprout and grow;
Natural generosity with the bounty of my labour;
Endless gratitude for Your divine blessings, and
Reverence for the miracle of life You show me each day
in my garden.

Amen.

(Anonymous).

Even the very hairs on
your head are numbered.
Matthew 10:30