

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, 2023:

Friday 3 March at 11am in St Peter's Catholic Church, Pambula
An open invitation is extended to all to join in gathering and enjoy the fellowship. Morning Tea after the one hour service.
Country to be prayed for: Taiwan

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

Mass: will be held at 9:30am on the 1st Saturday of the Month at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula.

Confession: now available after 9:30am Friday Mass in Merimbula, instead of Saturday mornings.

Coastal Parishes Lenten Retreat: 20-23 March, 2023 at Galong
For Laity who would like to join in the Retreat-contact the Parish office for more information.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend: An opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love!
Event Details: 14-16 April 2023 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at www.wvme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wvme.org.au

Palms Australia: Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. On our website you can see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: www.palms.org.au

HELP SYRIA. *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) has launched an emergency appeal for the people in northern Syria desperate for help following the devastating earthquakes. ACN is begging for funds to support their long-time local project partners on the ground in Syria. To read more about what ACN is doing and to make an offering please visit www.aidtochurch.org/syriaearthquake.

HELP CARITAS AGENCIES TO SUPPORT THOSE AFFECTED BY THE DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY AND SYRIA:

You can help communities affected by the Syria and Turkey Earthquake. Our partner Caritas Syria and other Caritas agencies on the ground are coordinating with local authorities and other organisations to see how they can best assist. Your generous support can help provide emergency relief to help families recover and rebuild from disaster. VISIT: <https://www.caritas.org.au/>



CATHOLIC PARISH of
PAMBULA

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 -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.

First Sunday of Lent Sunday 26th February, 2023

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for the First Sunday of Lent act as a kind of overture to the entire season. They enable us to engage in a double confession: a confession of sin and the repentance which follows; and a confession of praise for the mercy of God which is shown us in spite of our sin. The very first reading reminds us of our fragility. We are made of the dust of the ground, the very stuff that represents death and decay. We were reminded of this when ashes were used to sign us on Ash Wednesday. At the beginning of Lent we are invited to acknowledge honestly and realistically our fundamental human weakness. Despite our weaknesses, the situation within which we find ourselves is not hopeless. Somewhere deep within ourselves we know that we are not helpless prisoners of our limitations. God has not deserted us to our guilt. The form that God's compassion takes is outlined in the reading from Romans. It is in the death and resurrection of Jesus that we see the extent of this divine compassion. Its scope is first measured by the yardstick of human sinfulness, and then it outstrips those dimensions. God's gracious gift far exceeds the effects of human transgression. The gospel reading moves us from both the anthropological and the theological considerations to the crowning Christological reflections. As we look to Jesus, we see humanity at its best, tempted but not overcome. There will certainly always be human limitations, human weaknesses that will open the door to temptation. But Jesus shows us that we are not thereby doomed. Jesus is a model for our own journey to new life.

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7/ Rom 5:12-19/ Mt 4:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 4:4

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

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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

Communion Antiphon: Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

FEAST/SPECIAL

DAYS THIS WEEK:

Mon 27 Feb: Collect of St Gregory of Narek, abbot, doctor.

Fri 3 Mar: Autumn Ember Day (Special Day of Prayer and Penance).



Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers ...

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, Shirley Abreu, 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.

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

Br Laurie King, Kevin Cotty, Manfred Neumann, John Copas, Fr Neville Drinkwater; Anniversaries- Petar Grubescic, Janine Capell, Gabrielle England.

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

Planned Giving Collections: First: \$1013.80; Second: Envelopes: \$658.00; Loose: \$330.20.

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.

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

Every last weekday mass of every month, there will be Anointing of the Sick

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

MAN DOES NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT COMES FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.



Rosters for 4/5 Mar 2023

Eden:

Intro & Prayers: Michael G

1st Reader: Marg Hoffman

2nd Reader: Gaye

Pambula:

Commentator/2nd

Reading/Prayers of the

Faithful: Richard Brodie

1st Reader: Elise Brodie

Merimbula:

Commentator/2nd Reader:

Helen

First Reader: Gai

Mt 4:1-11: Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

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

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

5pm on Fridays during Lent in Merimbula Church: All welcome.

You are invited to join one of the following Lenten Discussion Groups:

Mondays 1pm at Tura Beach Library

Tuesdays directly following the 8am Liturgy of the Word at Eden Church

Wednesdays 7pm at the Pambula Church meeting centre

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023:



Caritas AUSTRALIA



After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, **Laxmi** was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Fri 3 March: World Day of Prayer- St Peter's Catholic Church, Pambula at 11am

Sun 12 March: "Year of Walking Together": Walk & Talk to be held at Panboola Wetlands at 3:30pm. All invited to come along.

Sun 9 April: Easter Sunday- Rejoice, the Lord is Risen!

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