

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



We welcome and pray for **JACINTA KYLIE BRAIM**, her parents, **Scott and Rebecca**, and their family, as they prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism. Welcoming Mass Saturday 25 March at Eden at 6pm. Baptism occurring on Saturday 15 April at Eden at 6pm.



PALM CROSSES will be made on Thursday 30 March from 1-3pm in the courtyard at St Joseph's. Any assistance is greatly appreciated. Please bring a pair of scissors.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ❖ Sat 25 March: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord – 9am Rosary; followed by 9:30am Mass at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula.
- ❖ Thurs 30 March: Sacrament of First Reconciliation: Parent Formation Evening- 6pm pizza, 6:30-7:30pm session.
- ❖ Fri 31 March: Lenten Reconciliation- 5pm at Merimbula Church (with Fr George and Fr Adrian).
- ❖ Sun 9 April: Easter Sunday- Rejoice, the Lord is Risen! (Morning Tea will follow mass in Merimbula).
- ❖ 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.

NB: APOLOGIES, THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS: TUES 28 MARCH / WED 29 MARCH

No Morning Tea on 2 April at Merimbula; it will be on 9 April instead this month.

MASS OFFERING AND EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN EACH CHURCH.

Tuesdays with Fr George:

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.

3 April – Chrism Mass and Blessing of the Oils

Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 3 April at 5.00pm in St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is this Mass that the Holy Oils used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are



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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent Sunday 26th March, 2023

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Rage against Death

This Gospel tells us that Our Lord was moved with compassion in an almost violent way, raging against the seeming finality of death. The raising of Lazarus was a demonstration of his power to rob death of its supposed supremacy.

But, Our Lord did not set Lazarus completely free! You may think that to be raised from the dead was not a bad start, but Lazarus was still shuffling: bound, constrained, constricted by the past. To those gathered around the tomb Jesus issued the command: 'Set him free, unbind him.' It was the collective effort of others which enabled Lazarus to walk as a liberated son of God.

You may find yourself commanded by the Lord to help unbind a person who has had a deadening experience which has drained them of life. We get the courage to respond because it is the command of the One who definitively conquered death. We could pause for a moment to resolve to help liberate others already helped by the grace of Him whom we believe to be the Resurrection and the Life.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS:
5pm on Fridays during Lent
in Merimbula Church: All welcome.

Ez 37:12-14/ Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 129. R. v.7

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Gospel Acclamation: See Jn 11:25. 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
Communion Antiphon: Cf. Jn 11:26
Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

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

LENT
WALKING WITH CHRIST

FEAST/SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK:

None this week.

Rosters for 1/2 April 2023

Eden:

Intro & Prayers: Eileen McRae

1st Reader: Mick Wood

2nd Reader: Sue

Pambula:

Commentator/2nd

Reading/Prayers of the
Faithful: Suezanne Bourke

Gospel Reader: Pat Went

1st Reader: Celi Kennedy

Merimbula:

Commentator/2nd Reader:

TBC

First Reader: TBC

Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$1182.85; Second:
Envelopes: \$275.50; Loose:
\$793.55. 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.

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

Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers...
Jennifer Crawford, Patricia Barnard, 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, 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:

Nil.

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

Fr. John Boyd-Boland OFM, Shirley Abreu, Manuel Bambalan; Anniversaries- Nil.

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.

Thursday 30th March - Parent Formation Evening at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula 6:30-7:30. Pizza from 6pm.

6th/7th May - Enrolment Masses at Eden at 5pm on Saturday and Merimbula at 10am on Sunday

13th/14th, 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.

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PLEASE DONATE TO PROJECT COMPASSION 2023:

Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations. 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 and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.