

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**Cleaners needed:** if you are able to join the roster of clever cleaners at St Joseph's Church, please contact the Parish Office.

**PARISH CALENDAR:** Over the next few weeks, Fr George and Alicia will be working on a Parish Calendar for 2024. We aim to display one at each Church. Please email any important dates, feast celebrations, masses, liturgies, bible study sessions, morning teas, etc, that occur during the year and we will endeavour to include it in the calendar. Email suggestions to [pambula@cg.org.au](mailto:pambula@cg.org.au)

**Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal:** An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. *'This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.'* Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia  
With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413

**LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC COLLEGE: Orientation Kindergarten 2024 (For enrolled students)**

Day 1 Thursday 2 November 2023 – 9am to 10:15am  
Day 2 Tuesday 7 November 2023 – 9am to 10:15am  
Day 3 Thursday 16 November 2023 – 9am to 10:30am  
Day 4 Tuesday 21 November 2023 – 9am to 10:30am  
Children attend all 4 days and bring a drink. Parents drop off Days 1 – 3 and invited to stay Day 4 for an Info Session

**Year 7 2024 (For enrolled students)**

Wednesday 22 November 2023 – 9:00am to 3:20pm  
Students wear their primary sports uniform and runners. Bring a pencil case, recess, lunch, drink & hat. A sausage sizzle will be held at lunchtime. For further information please contact the Enrolments Officer on 6495 8888 or email [lccc@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lccc@cg.catholic.edu.au)



<https://goodnewsshared.wordpress.com/tag/matthew-2234-40/>

Reading Rosters for 4/5 Nov:

Eden:	Pambula:	Merimbula:
Intro & Prayers: TBA 1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: TBA 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader: TBA	Commentator/2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading/Prayers of the Faithful: Grace, Lily & Fiona Spinks 1 <sup>st</sup> Reader: Grace, Lily & Fiona Spinks	Commentator/2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader: Helen First Reader: Jackie

**LOVE *thy* NEIGHBOUR**



**CONTACT DETAILS**

**Parish Priest**

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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**

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of Month

-9:30am, Merimbula

Saturday -6pm, 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.**

**30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2023**

**REFLECTION**

**True Perspectives**

Did you notice that Our Lord does not command us to love 'God'? No, we are to love 'the Lord your God', the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, 'Love the Lord your God'. Then Our Lord does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' But who is 'yourself'? In the wonderful story-telling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being. We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being.

The challenge for you and for me is to see 'yourself' in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today's global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant. We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command.

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**Matthew 22:34-40**

*You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.*

**Exodus 22:20-26 / 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 / Matthew 22:34-40**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2**

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

**Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 19:6**

We will ring out our joy at your saving help

and exult in the name of our God.

**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

**FEAST/SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK:**

**Wed 1 Nov:** All Saints (Solemnity).

**Thurs 2 Nov:** The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day).

**Fri 3 Nov:** St Martin de Porres, religious (Optional).

**Sat 4 Nov:** St Charles Borromeo, bishop (Memorial).

**Sat 4 Nov:** Anglican-Roman Catholic Reconciliation day (Australia).

**Dates to Remember:**

❖ Wed 1 Nov: All Saints Day: Mass 10am at St Peter's, Pambula.

❖ Thurs 2 Nov: All Souls Day: Mass 10am at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Eden.

❖ Fri 3 Nov: Remembrance Mass at 10am at St Joseph's, Merimbula.

**PLEASE BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE FOR MORNING TEA.**

❖ Sun 12 Nov: Walk n Talk in Pambula at 2pm (details to come).

❖ Sun 19 Nov: World Day of the Poor (Holy See).

❖ Sun 26 Nov: Feast of Christ the King/ Parish Mass/St Joseph's Church 60<sup>th</sup> birthday at 10am at Merimbula.

❖ Fri 8 Dec: Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass & Dinner, Merimbula.

❖ Sun 10 Dec: Walk n Talk in Merimbula at 2pm.

❖ Sun 17 Dec: Sausage Sizzle 5:30pm & Carols at 6:30pm in St Joseph's.

❖ Sun 11 Feb: Walk n Talk in Eden at 2pm.

**Planned Giving Collections:**

First: \$769.60; Second: Envelopes: \$490.60;

Loose: \$364.20.

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.

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

Conrad De Zwart, Jake Alcock, Anne Cooper, Jocelyn Petty, Jeff and Monica Paffen, Glen Alcock, Lynette Robert, Patricia May Bills, Cliff Hamilton, Suzanne Montgomery, Margot Neilson, Rob Francis, 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:* Maria Rech (RIP), Jennifer Crawford (RIP), Danielle Sou (Anniversary 10 Oct), Irene Spinks (Anniversary 17 Oct), Norm Gresch (RIP), Thomas Bryan Maher (Anniversary 8 Oct), Pamela O'Grady (RIP).

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

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Thank you for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs, like supporting Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters and their work through the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste.

**Your gift is helping the Sr Carolina continue to provide life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.**

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work), where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor). Your action will make a real, lasting impact.

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO MASS TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER AS FR GEORGE WILL ATTEND A MEETING. THANKS FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.**

**A NOTE AS WE APPROACH NOVEMBER - THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS**

If you wish to make an Offering in honour of your dearly departed loved one/s, envelopes are in the Church.

**Lunching with ladies: November lunch is cancelled due to the Parish Mass on Nov 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**Nov 4, 2023:** "Come Holy Spirit! You are warmly invited to the **Archbishop's Teaching Day for Charismatic Renewal** on Saturday 4 November from 8:30am to 2pm at Haydon Hall, Franklin Street, Manuka ACT. Speakers are Archbishop Christopher Prowse and Lalith Perera (founder of Community of the Risen Lord, Sri Lanka). Holy Mass, worship, preaching, prayer ministry and free BBQ lunch. To register, <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1133486>. For more information call/text Susanna 0419 902 293 or Tim 0404 805 082."