

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

St Vincent de Paul Merimbula Conference Christmas Appeal 2023- Giving Trees in Pambula and Merimbula: There are envelopes on the trees, requesting a donation of a Woolworths **ESSENTIAL Card** to the value of \$20. They can be purchased at Woolworths in Merimbula or Tura Beach. Please return the envelopes with cards enclosed by Sunday, 10 December, at the latest, when they will be distributed to those in need. Thank you all once again, St Vincent de Paul Merimbula Conference

Vinnies Christmas Appeal: Collections will be taken up after Masses at Pambula and Merimbula this Sunday.

Eden now has a Christmas Giving Tree. We are calling upon your generosity to help make a brighter Christmas for those in our community, finding daily living challenging, and unfortunately we do know there are many. The greatest need this year is for food and so this request is for either food items or a gift voucher from IGA - marked no alcohol or cigarettes. A toy or game will certainly find a wonderful home too. Thank you for your support and generosity. Eileen Cameron and her wonderful band of supporters will distribute to those in need.

Our **Parish Mass** was wonderful way to celebrate the end of the liturgical year and Christ the King. It was fabulous to come together as a Parish family and enjoy each other's company. The weather was very kind to us. As always, our combined efforts saw us feast on a magnificent meal together. Many thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the day.

I have received much good feedback and it's all due to the team effort to prepare and oversee the Liturgy and Lunch. While it's fresh in your mind - any feedback about how we can improve next time is most welcome.

Thank you, Bernadette Wood, PPC

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: O God, by whose Word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from You abundant graces. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen. *(Blessing with holy water is optional).*

Prayer for First Sunday in Advent (Hope)

Leader: O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen. *(The first purple candle is lit).*

HOPE



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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-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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday 3rd December, 2023

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate *Timely Living and the End of History*

Our Lord portrays himself as the Master who goes away on a journey. It is certain that he will return, even if no-one in his household knows exactly when. That is *our* situation. What do we do in anticipation? Our Lord, the Master, indicates we have a choice. We can close our eyes and enter into the world of dreams where we create our own fantasy futures, or we can stay awake and alert to do what Our Lord wants us to do: 'He left his *servants* in charge, giving to each his work.' You and me – his servants – have a particular role or work in and for this phase of human history. A deep down intuition, prompted by the Holy Spirit, indicates what this is. We must be true to this assignment.

We could take a moment to pray that, when the Lord returns, we may hear: 'Come, good and *faithful* servant, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.'

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PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

No 1st Saturday Mass this Saturday 2 Dec in Merimbula.

NO MORNING TEA on Sun 3 Dec AT Merimbula.

No Mass Tuesday 5 Dec.

No Mass on Thursday 7 Dec.

Mark 13:33-37: Stay awake!
You never know when the Lord will come.

**Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8 / 1
Corinthians 1:3-9 / Mark 13:33-37
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4**

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation: Psalm 84:8
Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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:

Sun 3 Dec: First Sunday of Advent.

Mon 4 Dec: St John Damascene, priest, doctor (Optional).

Wed 6 Dec: St Nicholas, bishop (Optional).

Thurs 7 Dec: St Ambrose, bishop, doctor (Memorial).

Fri 8 Dec: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity).

Sat 9 Dec: St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, hermit (Optional).

Dates to Remember:

❖ Sun 3 Dec: Filipino/Aussie Mass, St Joseph's Church at 4pm, with Fr George & Fr Loi.

❖ Fri 8 Dec: Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Merimbula at 5pm.

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

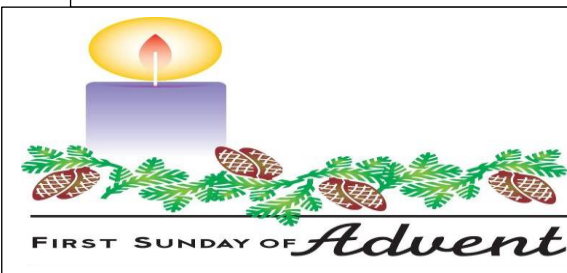
❖ Sun 17 Dec: Sausage Sizzle 5:30pm & Carols at 6:30pm in St Joseph's.

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

Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$599.00; Second: Envelopes: \$420.50; Loose: \$247.35.

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.



Reading Rosters for 9/10 December:

Eden:	Pambula:	Merimbula:
Intro & Prayers: Michael G 1st Reader: Mick Wood 2nd Reader: Sue	Commentator/2nd Reading/Prayers of the Faithful: Bill Peterie 1st Reader: Celi Kennedy	Commentator/2nd Reader: Gai First Reader: Pat

Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers... Frank Elton, John Liston, 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 Broddrick, John Reynolds, Max Andrew, Ros Beveridge, Eric Mangion, Anselmo Guiffre, David Went.

This Week's Mass Intentions: nil.

We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including: Giuseppina Gianfrotta (Anniversary), Sandra Bray (Anniversary 13 Nov).

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

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

- 4TH Sunday of Advent Mass
- Sat 23 Dec Eden Vigil 6pm
- Sun 24 Dec Pambula 8am
Merimbula 10am
- Christmas Eve Mass
- Sun 24 Dec 5pm Children's Mass
Merimbula
7pm Eden
9pm Pambula
- Christmas Day Mass
- Mon 25 Dec 8am Pambula
9am Merimbula

SOME 2024 RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE PARISH OFFICE:

- * 2024 Josephite Calendars- \$10
- * Columban Art Calendar 2024- \$9
- * The Sign Advent Reflection- \$5
- * Daily Mass Book- \$26

All are welcome to come along to a FILIPINO/AUSSIE MASS officiated by Fr George and Fr Luis (Loi) Viovicente, on Sunday 3 December at 4pm, at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula.



YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations.
Through the same Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Please join in the Prayer to the Holy Spirit for the Archdiocese which will be prayed at each weekend Mass.