

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage to Eden - 19th August, 2023

It's not long now till the Pilgrimage on 19th August. The Archbishop will lead the Pilgrimage. Mass will be at 12.00pm and we will have a shared lunch afterwards with all our fellow Pilgrims.

Planning is well underway. We are looking for your assistance as fellow hosts - If you are able to contribute your time and fellowship with those who have travelled from other areas. Lunch will be provided so if you are able to contribute with salads or slices could you please contact Sue Heffernan (045251947) and she can guide you.

Also if you have dietary requests please make them known. Looking forward to seeing you on the day.

Please book in via the link below to allow for catering.

[Archbishop's St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage](#) on our web page.

Sacrament of Confirmation Program:

29/30 July, 5/6, 12/13 Aug: Family masses 5pm Eden/10am Merimbula.
Fri 11 Aug: Confirmation Retreat- St Joseph's 4-6pm.

Sat 19 Aug: St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage + Parish lunch (11am meet at AFL fields, mass at noon) at Eden. Confirmation candidates will play a role in the mass.

Sun 20 Aug: Sacrament of Confirmation- Merimbula 10am.

Children wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation please contact the Parish Office for further information.



Rosters for 5/6 Aug:

Eden:

Intro & Prayers: TBA

1st Reader: TBA

2nd Reader: TBA

Pambula:

Commentator/2nd

Reading/Prayers of the Faithful: Suezanne Bourke

1st Reader: Bill Peterie

Merimbula:

Commentator/2nd

Reader: Helen

First Reader: Gai

CARDS GROUP: Parishioners and friends are most welcome to join our Wednesday afternoon cards group (Frustration and Canasta) downstairs in the RSL Merimbula from 1 - 3pm. Special thanks to the RSL Club for allowing us to use the room at no cost.

1st Tuesday night Ladies:

Each month on the first Tuesday of the month a group of ladies meet to have dinner together and chat. It is a fabulous way to get to know other women. It is a relaxed evening and we have a great chat and laugh together. Everyone is welcome to come along and bring a friend with you if you wish. This month we will meet at the Lakeside Hotel in Merimbula at 6.45pm on Tuesday 1st August. Please contact Bernadette Wood on 0429774119 if you would like any information or would like to come along.



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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

Saturday -5pm, Eden

Sunday -8am, Pambula

-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.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 30th July, 2023

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

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1 Kings 3:5.7-12/Romans 8:28-30/Matthew 13:44-52

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

Gospel Acclamation: See Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

FEAST/SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK:

Mon 31 July: St Ignatius of Loyola, priest (Memorial).

Tues 1 Aug: St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor (Memorial).

Wed 2 Aug: St Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop & St Peter Julian Eymard, priest (Optional).

Thurs 3 Aug: St Dominic, priest (Memorial).

Fri 4 Aug: St John Vianney, priest (Memorial).

Sat 5 Aug: Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major (Optional).

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

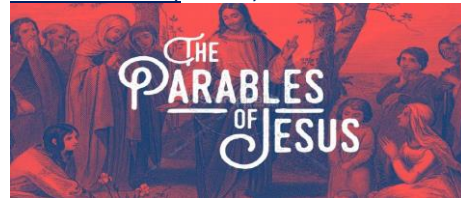
Wednesday 9am in Pambula

Thursday 8:45am in Eden

Dates to Remember:

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

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



Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$783.75; Second: Envelopes: \$439.50; Loose: \$383.25. 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.

Matthew 13:44-52:
He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers...
Anne Cooper, Ray 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: Urbana F. Pardinias (RIP); Ingvald Ingebrigtsen (Anniversary).

We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including: Judy Anderson (RIP); John Seberry (Anniversary).

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

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PLEASE NOTE:

DURING FR GEORGE’S ABSENCE, THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES. WEEKDAY MASS WILL RESUME THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER, 2023. A LITURGY WILL BE HELD AT OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH, EDEN, ON TUESDAYS AT 8AM AND THURSDAYS AT 9:30AM.

A HEARTFELT THANKYOU...

I wish to thank each and every parishioner for the love, support and prayers on the occasion of my priestly anniversary. I am incredibly grateful to all those that gave so generously to help support my upcoming trip and ongoing work in the parish. Words cannot express my gratitude. God bless you all and I will keep you all in my prayers during my time away.

Yours sincerely,
Fr George Ogah.

Thank you to the staff from Lumen Christi Catholic College (Debbie L, Megan, Catherine, Alicia and Debbie C) who cleaned the Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Eden on their recent staff development day!

WORKING BEE AT ST JOSEPH’S, MERIMBULA: Saturday 12 August from 9am.

Please come along and lend a hand as we tidy up the grounds of St Joseph’s and the Presbytery in preparation for the Archbishop’s visit. Bring rakes, gloves, trailers. Tip vouchers will be available for use. Many hands make light work! Cuppa provided.
Thanks in advance.

Bon Voyage Fr George! God bless you and keep you. Can’t wait to hear all about your adventures!

