

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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.

HELP NEEDED: We need help with the gardening around the Eden Church, Convent and Mary MacKillop Hall. If you are able to help, please pop in and see Jenny Horton on a Thursday or ask the parish office for more information. We would love for you to help at your own leisure any time/day it suits you.

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

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to provide sisters in Romania with a new heating system. The Sisters of the Mother of God are the oldest congregation of sisters in the Romanian Greek Catholic Church. The history of their community has long been one marked by persecution, particularly when Romania was under communist rule. Today the sisters continue to aid their local community with youth groups, spiritual support and counselling, as well as providing the poor with basic necessities. But they are facing a major problem. Their ancient heating system has finally broken down and needs to be replaced, but they cannot afford the cost. The sisters need your help! To make an offering and learn more visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST – 9 MARCH; 7.30 am

Canberra Seniors Centre, 10 Watson St, Turner. Canberra's international authority on human rights, Dr Helen Watchirs, will be the guest speaker at the annual International Women's Day Breakfast hosted by the Archdiocese's Women's Taskforce. Dr Watchirs is both the President of the ACT Human Rights Commission and the ACT Human Rights Commissioner. With 19 years in the role of Commissioner, Dr Watchirs has national and international expertise in health and human rights and has built a formidable career in fostering the rights of all. Among many prestigious awards, she has received an OAM for human rights in 2010 and was ACT Senior Woman of the Year in 2020. The event is free but any monies raised will go to MacKillop House, a CatholicCare project and a place of safety for women and children. Always a lively and happy morning, everyone is invited to hear Dr Watchirs and to catch breakfast with new and old friends. Date: Thursday, 9 March 2023 from 7.30 am. Registrations can be made by phone 0487388873 or online <https://www.cgwomen.com.au>



CONTACT DETAILS

Parish Priest

Fr George Ogah

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Marriage Preparations

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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.

Second Sunday of Lent Sunday 5th March, 2023

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Transfigured Bodysouls

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'. © Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

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

Gen 12:1-4/ 2 Tm 1:8-10/Mt 17:1-9
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

**FEAST/SPECIAL
DAYS THIS WEEK:**

Tues 7 Mar: Collect of Sts
Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs
(optional).

Wed 8 Mar: Collect of St John of
God, religious (optional).

Thurs 9 Mar: Collect of St
Frances of Rome, religious
(optional).

LENT
WALKING WITH CHRIST

Planned Giving Collections: First: \$1022.00; Second: Envelopes: \$418.50; Loose: \$379.50.
February online contributions: Credit Card: \$960.00; Direct Debit: \$465.00. **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



Rosters for 11/12 Mar 2023

Eden:

Intro & Prayers: Mick Wood

1st Reader: Michael G

2nd Reader: Sue

Pambula:

Commentator/2nd

Reading/Prayers of the

Faithful: Richard Brodie

1st Reader: Elise Brodie

Merimbula:

Commentator/2nd Reader:

Pat

First Reader: Anne

Mt 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun.

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 ...
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:

Manuel Bambalan, Br Laurie King, Kevin Cotty, Manfred Neumann; Anniversaries- Petar
Grubestic, Gabrielle England.

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

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Change to Parish Office
Opening hours for next
week only: Open on
Tues 7/3 and Wed 8/3.
Closed on Thursday 9/3.
Thank you.

Come join one of the following Lenten Discussion Groups:

Mondays 1pm at Tura Beach Library

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

Wednesdays 7pm at the Pambula Church meeting centre

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023:

Teresa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with
homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave
school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with
homelessness, Teresa's only concern was finding stability for her children.
Seeking a better future for her family, Teresa joined Baabayn Aboriginal
Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia.
Baabayn helped Teresa access housing and psychological support. Today, Teresa
is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills
and give back to her community. Teresa now works at Baabayn, providing support
to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.
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