

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

DIOCESAN EVENTS:

Tuesday 23 May | Catholic Men's Breakfast | 7:00 - 8:45 am

Have breakfast at Haydon Hall with like-minded men and a Catholic Author, Speaker, and Entertainer, Chris Padgett. From the Diocese of Syracuse (New York), Chris Padgett uses humour and personal stories to inspire and encourage men young and old to take hold of the awesome vision the Church proclaims for developing our lives and relationships to the full. Cost: \$38. (Tables of 8 for schools only at \$220) Enquiries Frank Stanford fstanford200@gmail.com 0417 664 110. Registration: <https://bit.ly/ChrisPadgett>

Tuesday 23 May | Marriage & Family Life Cocktail Dinner | 6:45 pm

Enjoy a fun night out with parishioners from across the Archdiocese while Catholic author, comedian and theologian - Christopher Padgett - helps us laugh our way to a more hopeful vision of the Church's proclamation of marriage and family life. All welcome - single, married, young and old. Tickets are \$45 and include wine, soft drinks, hot finger food and dessert. Venue: Veritas Building, ACU Watson., Enquiries: Lara Kirk lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869

Registration: <http://bit.ly/PadgettCocktail>

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WISHING OUR DEAR PARISHIONER AND FRIEND, JEFF PAFFEN, EVERY BLESSING AND HAPPINESS AS HE CELEBRATES HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY!

Celebrating you and all the lives
you've touched,
all the memories you've made,
and the love and laughter
you've shared...
Celebrating 100 wonderful
years of you!

Happy 100th Birthday



CONTACT DETAILS

Parish Priest

Fr George Ogah

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Parish Office

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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 -5pm, 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 Easter Sunday 7th May, 2023

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Mutual Indwelling

The disciples are full of premonitions that their beloved leader was about to be cruelly done to death, leaving them abandoned. Yet he tells them: 'Let not your hearts be troubled.'

Why shouldn't their hearts, our hearts, be troubled by the disappearance of Our Lord's physical presence? The answer is because there is a purpose to his passage through death. It was to bring about a situation where our Risen Lord could share his life in ever more intimate fashion with his followers.

How does this come about?

At every Mass, after the gifts are brought to the altar, I pour a little water into the chalice of wine, saying: 'By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.'

What a powerful verb! By grace, we can participate in the Divine Life of the Risen Lord.

As the Greek saints of the early church used to say in very daring fashion: 'God became human so that humans might become God.'

We anticipate this at every Holy Communion when, as Pope John Paul II used to say: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.'

We could pause for a moment after Communion to reverence the Divine Life dwelling in us, a truly Holy Communion!

Alleluia!

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Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Pt 2:4-9 / Jn 14:1-12

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

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

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Jn 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty,
alleluia.

FEAST/SPECIAL

DAYS THIS WEEK:

Wed 10 May: St John de Avila, priest, doctor (optional).

Fri 12 May: Sts Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs, St Pancras, martyr (optional).

Sat 13 May: Our Lady of Fatima (optional).

Planned Giving Collections:

MARCH CONTRIBUTIONS:

Online: Direct Debit: \$505.00; Credit Card: \$880.00.

APRIL CONTRIBUTIONS:

Online: Direct Debit: \$895.00; Credit Card: \$880.00;

9/4: First: \$2317.50; Second: Envelopes: \$463.50; Loose: \$685.15;

16/4: First: \$763.60; Second: Envelopes: \$300.00; Loose: \$204.65.;

23/4: First: \$745.65; Second: Envelopes: \$610.00; Loose: \$267.50.;

30/4: First: \$899.40; Second: Envelopes: \$487.50; Loose: \$293.75.

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.

Dates to Remember:

- ❖ **Thurs 15 June:** Sacrament of First Reconciliation at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula from 6:30pm.
- ❖ **Sat 19 Aug:** Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage, 11am, Eden Church.
- ❖ **Sun 20 Aug:** Sacrament of Confirmation, 10am, Merimbula Church.

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

**I AM THE WAY,
THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE.**

Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers ...
David Smith, Jocilyn Petty, Jennifer Crawford, 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: Anne Cooper (Ill Health), Petar Grubescic (RIP), Ben Mills and Angela Plevey (Anniversaries).

We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including: Monica Gleeson; Anniversaries- Mike Aggenbach, Ben Mills and Angela Plevey, Petar Grubescic.

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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.

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.

Note Well: Apologies there will be No Weekday Masses on the following dates: 15th - 19th May, 25th May and 31st May. Parish Office will also be closed Wed 31st May.

TUESDAYS WITH FR GEORGE:

A reminder that 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.

Rosters for 13/14 May	Eden	Reader 1: TBA Reader 2: TBA
	Pambula	Commentator/2 nd Reading/Prayers of the Faithful: Sue Muffler 1 st Reader: Toos Mayberry
	Merimbula	Commentator/2 nd Reading: Suezanne 1 st Reading: Jackie

