

PROJECT COMPASSION CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND:

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future. As a person with a disability living in remote India, Biru faced the prospect of a life of poverty and discrimination. With your support, he participated in entrepreneurship training and gained the skills to become financially independent. 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 and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL TWINNING 100 CLUB:

13, 20 March at Pambula and Merimbula

We have 2 "twin" villages in remote regions of Southern India. The money raised is used carefully by our "twins" to provide medical assistance, education for the young and food and clothing for the poor.

How can you help Vinnies will have a board outside Church with 100 numbers on it. The plan is to sell the 100 tickets for \$20 each to raise \$2,000 of which nearly half will be returned as prizes - 1st \$400; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$60; 4th-9th \$40.

Draw will be after 10am Mass in Merimbula on 27th March. For any visitors who win, we will ring you and arrange an e-transfer of the prize. The weekly Bulletin will also list the winners.

LENTEN PROGRAM CONTINUES

Eden- 9am Tuesdays or 5:30pm Thursdays; Merimbula- 1pm Mondays;
Pambula- 7pm Wednesdays.

MERIMBULA LENTEN PROGRAM: CHANGE OF VENUE

Please note that the Merimbula Lenten Group will now meet Mondays 1pm at Tura Marrang Library, 15 Tura Beach drive, Tura Beach. This venue will be used for the duration of the Lenten Program.

Archdiocesan Protocols COVID-19 NSW & ACT Parishes

Easing of COVID-19 Restrictions by NSW and ACT Governments

1. Density Limits are terminated: a. Please ensure all pews in Churches are now available.
2. Check-In is terminated.
3. Masks are no longer mandatory for liturgical and parochial gatherings (beginning Friday 25 February 2022).
4. Masks are still required for hospital visitation, aged care visitation, home visitation to the sick, and some school settings (check with primary and high schools).
5. Choirs and singing recommence.
6. Reception of Holy Communion: a. Sacred Host only, not the Precious Blood (to be reviewed in the coming months after feedback is received). b. Communion in the hand and on the tongue (re-instated).
7. Holy Water fonts can be used. **Vicar General 23 February 2022**



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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 -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 learned so much.

2nd Sunday of Lent - 13th March, 2022

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Transfigured Bodysouls

One often hears the conventional wisdom: 'All religions are the same, with somewhat different packaging.' But, do they believe the same thing about the human person?

What if one believed that the most vital part of a person was 'the soul' which alone was destined for Heaven? This is not the Christian belief.

Today's Gospel recounts that Jesus' body was transfigured. This was no out-of-the-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was totally translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Every molecule of his materiality was reverberating in the halo of divine glory.

That is the destiny which God desires for us also. When we are really in harmony with God, when we really participate in the life of God, then that Divine Life envelops and permeates our whole person, bodysoul. That is our ultimate destiny, but can it be anticipated in the lives of those close to God?

You might care to read the story of St Seraphim of Sarov from the Russian Orthodox tradition. A follower recounts the dazzling bodily transformation of the saint with the blaze of light spilling over onto the snow-covered meadow. We might pause for a moment to affirm our Christian hope that, with God's grace, we will be radiant with Divine Light, our bodies immersed in translucent glory, filled with infinite joy in our hearts.

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Gen 15:5-12. 17-18 / Phil 3:17 - 4:1 / Lk 9:28-36

Psalm 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

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

N.B. Communion Antiphon is omitted when a hymn is played.

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 9:30am - 10:00am, Merimbula
Saturday, before Vigil Mass, Eden
Sunday, before Mass, Pambula



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

Adoration

Every Wednesday at 4:00pm & 1st Friday of the month at 8:30am, Merimbula
1st Sunday at 3:00pm, Eden

Weddings

By appointment only – at least 6 months' notice in advance.

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary

Sunday 9:30 & Tuesdays at 4:30pm St Joseph's Merimbula
Wednesday 9am Pambula



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

Peter Lewis, Maureen Goodman, Michael Sheppard, Sandra Bray, Chris Greenwood, Margaret Coates, Ron Anderson, Anabella Morrell, Fraser Cooper, Patricia Kay, Irene Spinks, Mary Scanlan, Lyn Collie, Geoff Heffernan, Mary O'Donnell, Judy O'Donnell, John Reynolds, Max Andrew, David Went, Ros Beveridge, Eric Mangion, Anselmo Guiffre, George William Field, Monica Wood

We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including:

Julka Iskrac, Ian Mitchell, Sergio Corich, Emily Aggarao, Mark Knight, Fr Henry Byrne Blake, Joseph O'Grady, Marina Garcia Sepulvida, Carol Cash, Andrew Brodie, Millie Clear, Ken Clear, Danielle Sou, Richard Klimas, Roy Bugden, Robert Gianfrotta, Sheila Kebby, Leo (Louis) Thiedeman, Wilfredo A. Riosa, Desmond W. Twigg, Errol Cole, John Seberry, Stumpy Wallis, Anne Riches, Colin Riches, Tupa'i Iakopo Nanai, Peter Grubescic, Mary Fenech, John Hulme, James Barry, Glyneth Middlemiss, Brian Middlemiss, Mary D'Arcy, Janine Capell.

Mag the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of our Lord, Rest in Peace. Amen

Feast Days of the Week:

17th March- St Patrick, bishop

19th March- St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary



PLEASE NOTE: The Feast Day of St Joseph (19th March) will be celebrated on Friday 18th March at 9:30am at Merimbula.

Planned Giving Collections:

First: \$687.85; Second: Envelopes \$521.00; Loose \$300.70 **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.

WELCOME EVERYONE

If you are a new parishioner please introduce yourself to the pastor after Mass and call the parish office to register. We are so pleased you're here!

If you know of someone who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please have them contact our Parish Office, so that we may arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to bring them Communion. **GOD BLESS AND THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING PART OF OUR MINISTRY OF FAITH.**

Lk 9:28-36: As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

HOLY HOUR

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FIRST FRIDAY

The Lord invites us to take some time out of our busy lives to spend some time with Him in quiet adoration, prayer and reflection. If you can spare 1/2 hour or more, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the morning every First Friday from 8.30am - 9.30am. **ALL ARE WELCOME**

**The Divine Mercy of Jesus – 3 O'clock Prayer
"The Hour of Great Mercy"**

Jesus said: Call upon My mercy on behalf of sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give that person the grace of conversion. This is the prayer; "O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fount of Mercy for us, I trust in you."

