

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dear Parishioners

At our PPC meeting we have proposed to act on the Pope's encyclical - Laudato Si - Care for our Common Home. Over the next few weeks a summary of Laudato Si will be sent out to you in instalments, with your newsletter. Please take the time to read it and consider what you feel is your role in Care for our Common Home.

Once we have all had a chance to ponder the message from Pope Francis - we will gather and discuss our hopes and wishes for our community.

If you are inclined, there is much on the internet about how others have responded to the Pope's call. The following link is for the Archdiocese website. <https://www.care4ourcommonhome.org/home>

Any questions please feel free to speak to any of the members of the PPC - currently Sr Marie Carson, Sue Heffernan, Dave Crawford, Phil Roach, Fr Pale, Pat Went or myself, Bernadette Wood.

I thank you for taking the time and interest in this most important message from Pope Francis.

God Bless,

Bernadette (Chair) PPC

## PROJECT COMPASSION CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND:

**Janice 44**, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL 100 CLUB: 20 March at Pambula & 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> \$400; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$100; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$60; 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> \$40.

Draw will be after 10am Mass in Merimbula on 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Caritas Ukraine Appeal

Caritas Ukraine is on the ground during the unfolding humanitarian crisis.

Caritas' appeal for the Ukraine will help provide assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and support to people affected by this crisis. Donate today at [www.caritas.org.au/ukraine](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine) or call 1800 024 413.



## CONTACT DETAILS

### Parish Priest

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### Parish Secretary

Mrs Alicia O'Connor

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Mrs Bernadette Wood

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Mr Neil Ffrench

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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.**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent – 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

**Feast Days of the Week:  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup>- The Annunciation of the Lord**

**REFLECTION** by *Fr Michael Tate*

*Politics, Economics, and the Gardener*

There was a terrible disaster when a building fell down killing eighteen people. Some said, 'Oh, those killed must have been sinners, they or their parents.' Jesus repudiates that notion: 'No, it wasn't for anything they did.' It was clear to Jesus that they were the victims of construction and conditions at Siloam. Look at the builder.

Responsibility needs to be brought home to those who would otherwise hide behind a religious ideology, or the sheer self-interest of evading blame for a situation. To identify those really responsible may well require major changes to the way society is organised.

Does it all seem too difficult? Jesus helps us with a metaphor: You are like a fig tree which may not be bearing much fruit just now, but, I am a terrific gardener: I will water you, dig around you, make sure you are well nourished so that you will bear the fruits I desire.

Our Lord does that by: watering us with the waters of baptism; pruning us, especially during Lent; nourishing us with the bread of life in Holy Communion.

We might pause at various times during Lent to allow Our Lord to garden us so that he may create a heavenly botanical garden, a new Eden, of the whole of humanity. (© Fr Michael Tate; [mtate@bigpond.com](mailto:mtate@bigpond.com))

**Ex 3:1-8, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 / Lk 13:1-9**  
**Psalm 102:1-4, 6-8, 11: The Lord is kind and merciful.**  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
 Repent, says the Lord; the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
 Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
**Communion Antiphon:** The sparrow finds a home,  
 and the swallow a nest for her young:  
 by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
 Blessed are they who dwell in your house,  
 for ever singing your praise.  
**N.B. Communion Antiphon is omitted when a hymn is played.**



**Planned Giving Collections:**

First: \$994.30; Second: Envelopes \$728.50; Loose \$237.70 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.

**Children's Liturgy**

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 10am, Merimbula

**Reconciliation (Confession)**

Saturday, 9:30am - 10:00am, Merimbula

Saturday, before Vigil Mass, Eden

Sunday, before Mass, Pambula

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Welcoming Mass – 4<sup>th</sup> Sat/Sun of the month prior to Baptism during Mass on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday/Sunday of the month. Please ring office for all Baptism preparation enquiries

**Adoration**

Every Wednesday at 4:00pm & 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at 8:30am, Merimbula

1<sup>st</sup> 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

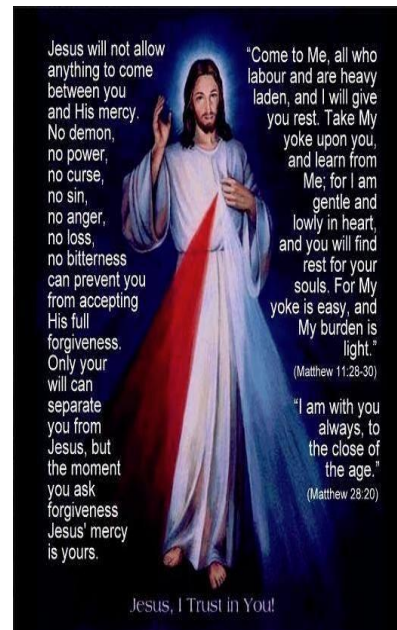
**Archdiocesan Protocols COVID-19 NSW & ACT Parishes**

- \* No density limits. \* No check-in required. \* Masks no longer mandatory in Church.
- \* 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).
- \* Choirs and singing recommence. \* Holy Water fonts can be used.
- \* 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).

**Vicar General 23 February 2022**



*Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayer*  
 Peter Lewis, Maureen Goodman, Michael Sheppard, Sandra Bray, Chris Greenwood, Margaret Coates, Ron Anderson, Irene Spinks, Mary Scanlan, Lyn Collie, Geoff Heffernan, Mary O'Donnell, Judy O'Donnell, John Reynolds, Max Andrew, Ros Beveridge, Eric Mangion, Anselmo Guiffre, Monica Wood  
**We pray for all the Faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including:**  
 Betty Pease, Shane Geraghty, Julka Iskric, Ian Mitchell, Stumpy Wallis, Peter Grubestic, Danielle Sou.  
**May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of our Lord, Rest in Peace. Amen**



**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."

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES:**

**Holy Thursday:** 7pm Pambula

**Good Friday:** 11am Stations of the Cross, Merimbula

3pm Passion of the Lord, Merimbula

**Easter Vigil:** 6:30pm Eden

**Easter Sunday:** 8am Pambula

10am Merimbula



*We extend a warm welcome and pray for ZIGGY MICHAEL GRUBESIC on his **Baptism** this weekend. May Ziggy be blessed in Christ on this holy day, the beginning of a wonderful life in faith, hope and love.*

**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.

**"Chrism Mass": 11 April (5:00 pm)**

Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese at St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is this Mass that the Holy Oils used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.