#### **PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

**Women's Group Lunch** - for women on their own; those who feel alone and any women who would like to join us - 12 for 12:30pm - Sunday 28th August - Eden Sports & Rec Club - Names to Teresa by Sunday 21st August - 0408 827 794 or <a href="mailto:the49@bigpond.com">th49@bigpond.com</a> (Transport can be arranged if needed).

**Post-Plenary Forum: What happened at the Plenary Council and where to from here...** Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn will host a public forum, 7.30pm Wed 17 August in the Parish Centre, Transfiguration Parish, Curtin. Local Plenary Council participants (Sr Clare Condon, Msgr John Woods, Deacon Gavin Keating, Sally FitzGerald, Francis Sullivan) will reflect on what happened and where this leaves us as a Church. All warmly invited.

### 19-21 August Worldwide Marriage Encounter Virtual Weekend

Worldwide Marriage Encounter conducted by Zoom allowing couple to attend from the comfort of their own home. The weekend starts at 7PM on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August and concludes with Mass at 4PM on Sunday 21 August. Book online at <a href="www.wwme.org.au">www.wwme.org.au</a> or contact Mercy & James Bvirakare on 0409 183 676 or <a href="wicbooking@wwme.org.au">vicbooking@wwme.org.au</a> 22 August Natural Fertility Awareness Week: A free webinar entitled "Fertility Literacy in the Digital World ~ the best use of fertility tracking apps" is being held on Monday 22nd August at 7.30pm. Enquiries: Joanne Widdup 0414 165 848

#### CatholicCare Retirement Villas - Aranda and Campbell

CatholicCare currently has several vacancies at our retirement villas based in Aranda and Campbell. For further information on the vacant villas and to view the villas please contact Dominica McNamara, Retirement Villas Manager, on property.management@catholiccare.cg.org.au or on 6162 6100 to indicate your interest.

Cursillo in the Diocese: Cursillo is an international lay-based faith formation movement that started over 80 years ago. It provides a sound and practical approach for energising, renewing and enlivening our faith lives. As well as annual Cursillo weekends, there are regular small group meetings held for prayer and study. Interested people are invited to check those out by contacting one of the following in your area. • Gungahlin: Joe Jambor, <a href="maintageology:readysetgo@live.com.au">irmandjoe@gmail.com</a> • Belconnen: Alfred Bongi, <a href="maintageology:readysetgo@live.com.au">readysetgo@live.com.au</a> • Belconnen: Gerardo Santosuosso, <a href="maintageology:santosuosso.gerardo@gmail.com">santosuosso.gerardo@gmail.com</a> • Tuggeranong: Amanda Jocumsen, ajocumsen@yahoo.com.au • Tuggeranong: Michael de Raadt, <a href="maintageology:michaelderaadt@gmail.com">michaelderaadt@gmail.com</a>

17 September Caring for Creation: The Social Justice Group of Holy Spirit Parish are holding a one-day conference on Caring for Creation. Keynote speaker is Jacqui Remond, a member of the Vatican Ecology Taskforce. This conference will enable parishes, schools and families to forge practical plans to protect God's creation. The event will be held at John Paul II College, Nichols. Tickets available at <a href="https://www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au/care-for-creation">www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au/care-for-creation</a>



# CONTACT DETAILS

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Ms Sue Heffernan

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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**

Saturday -5pm, Eden
Sunday -8am, Pambula
-10am, Merimbula
Tuesday -4:30pm, Merimbula
Wednesday-9:30am, Pambula
Thursday -9:30am, Eden

-9:30am, Merimbula

Friday

#### 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.

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 14th August, 2022

# Reflection by Fr Michael Tate I have come to bring fire

A fierce fire in a eucalyptus forest bursts open the seed pods, cleanses the soil of smothering undergrowth, and returns nutrients to the soil to germinate the seeds. It is that sort of fire which Jesus brings to the earth.

So, at Pentecost, He sent His Holy Spirit '...

. like tongues of fire', bursting the early disciples out of the protective shell of the 'Upper Room', allowing them to be germinated as seeds of the early Church. It is the same in every generation which has to ask: What personal, family or social situations provide a hard casing which must be cracked open? What is the smothering undergrowth which prevents our germination as fearless disciples?

Jesus himself felt smothered by the small-minded people of Nazareth to which He never returned. He warns that families and good friends can try to smother the spark He wishes to ignite.

We might pause for a moment to pray that the fiery Holy Spirit might enable us to become a stand of tall trees reaching for the Risen Son in all His glory.

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# Jer 38:4-6. 8-10/ Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

Lord, come to my aid!

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon: Ps 129:7** 

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

I have come not to give peace, but discord. Lk12: 49-53. FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:

Mon 15 Aug: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity).
Tues 16 Aug: St Stephen of Hungary (optional).
Fri 19 Aug: St John Eudes, priest (optional).
Sat 20 Aug: St Bernard, abbot, doctor (Memorial).

**Planned Giving Collections**: First: \$699.30; Second: Envelopes: \$348.00; Loose: \$268.50.

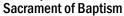
THANK YOU... to ALL parishioners who continually support our Parish through our plate collections at Mass, through the envelopes and direct banking. Without your financial help our Parish could not continue to function.

**PLEASE CONSIDER WEARING A MASK...** Due to an increased number of cases of Covid-19, as well as flu and colds in our Parish community, you are encouraged to wear a mask when inside and are unable to social-distance. Please note that mask wearing is not mandatory.

# 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



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

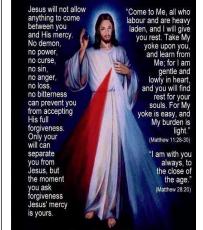
Every Wednesday at 4:00pm & 1st Friday of the month at 8:30am, Merimbula 1st Sunday at 3:00pm, Eden

# 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 Fray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers... Rob Francis, Shirley Abreu, David Smith, Val Richardson, Peter Lewis,

Michael Sheppard, Sandra Bray, Chris Greenwood, Margaret Coates, Irene Spinks, Mary Scanlan, 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:

Ron Anderson, Vincent Heffernan, Monica Wood, John Vucic, Peggy Trower, Moira Tindale, Luke Shortt, Ann Riches, James Geraghty, Shane Geraghty, Julka Iskric, Ian Mitchell, Stumpy Wallis, Peter Grubesic, Marie Radford, Ananias Gonzales, Silvia Taglialatela.

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

# Sacramental Program First Eucharist

We pray for those children that are preparing to receive their First Eucharist later this year. Wednesday 17 August is the Parent Faith Formation session at Merimbula Church. \*6pm Pizza dinner.

\*6:30-7:30pm Formation session.

Child minding available.

# SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2022

This pilgrimage will commemorate Australia's first saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

A summary of the program for the day:

- 11.00am Pilgrim's walk from Eden AFL grounds to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Refreshments will be available at Church.
- 12.00 noon Concelebrated Mass
- 1.00 pm Lunch and fellowship

St Mary has played a very significant role in the establishment of Catholic education in our archdiocese, with many schools staffed by the Sisters of St Joseph. This pilgrimage is an opportunity to give thanks for the work done in Catholic education and honour Australia's first saint.

Students of Lumen Christi Catholic College are encouraged to attend the Pilgrimage in their full school uniform.