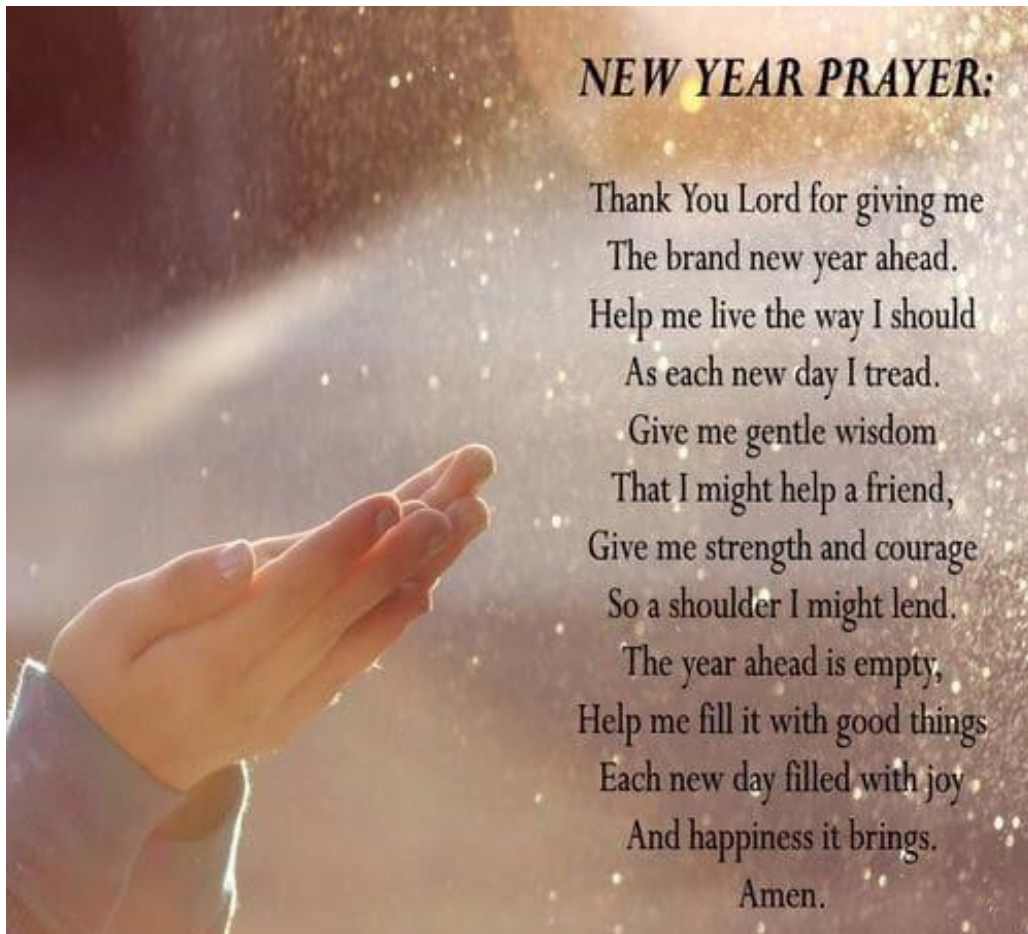


**CONGRATULATIONS TO**  
*Kathleen Bautista and Joseph*  
*Mulvanerty as they celebrate their*  
*Wedding day on Saturday 7 January in*  
*St Peter's Church, Pambula.*  
**GOD BLESS AND WELCOME**  
*Eleonora Skye Mulvanerty who will be*  
*baptised the same day.*



**NEW YEAR PRAYER:**

Thank You Lord for giving me  
 The brand new year ahead.  
 Help me live the way I should  
 As each new day I tread.  
 Give me gentle wisdom  
 That I might help a friend,  
 Give me strength and courage  
 So a shoulder I might lend.  
 The year ahead is empty,  
 Help me fill it with good things  
 Each new day filled with joy  
 And happiness it brings.  
 Amen.



CATHOLIC PARISH of  
**PAMBULA**

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**Churches**

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Eden

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**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 have learned so much.

**Mary, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2023**

**REFLECTION**

**The Calendar-Shattering Mary**

It is fitting that on New Year's Day we celebrate the calendar-shattering event in human history: the extraordinary role that a young woman in Galilee played in God's plan for the human race. In the Western Church, the young woman is titled 'Mother of God'. This signifies a relationship, a loving, nurturing relationship. We know that it encompassed a mother's horror of seeing her son tortured and done to death on the Cross. Yes, she was a mother, but Mother of God. How can this be portrayed for our minds to grasp? In the Book of Genesis, the creative act which began all reckoning of the passage of time and seasons was signalled by the Divine Wind hovering over the formless void.

When that Holy Gust hovered over Mary, and she responded: 'Be it done unto me according to thy Word', the human existence of Our Lord Jesus Christ began, the fulcrum of history from which our calendar begins.

We could pause for a moment to pray that at the end of all history, at the end of all calendars, we may share in Divine life with Mary of Galilee, Mother of God.

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**WELCOME**  
**FR TRENTON VAN REESCH.**

**Nm 6:22-27/ Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66:2-3. 5. 6. 8. R. v.2**

(R.) May God bless us in his mercy.

**Gospel Acclamation Heb 1:1-2**

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;

now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon: Heb 13:8**

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:**

**Sun 1 Jan:** MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD

(Solemnity).

**Mon 2 Jan:** Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors (Memorial).

**Tues 3 Jan:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus (Optional).

**Sat 7 Jan:** St Raymond of Penyafort, priest (Optional).

**Planned Giving Collections:** 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

**Weddings**

By appointment only -

at least 6 months' notice in advance.

**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

**Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary**

Sunday 9:30 & Tuesdays at 4:30pm

At St Joseph's Merimbula

Wednesday 9am Pambula

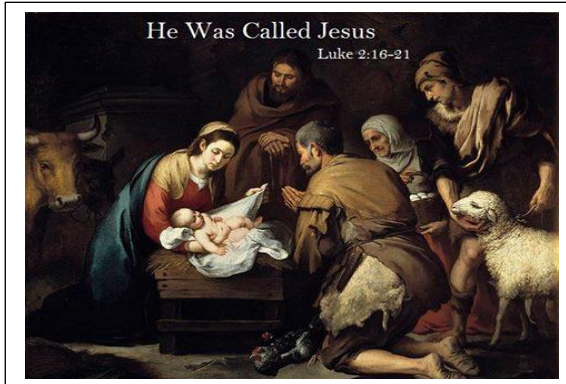
**Rosary**

Mondays at 11am at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula

All are invited to take part in praying the Holy Rosary. It is important that we pray the Holy Rosary as requested by Our Lady and offer these prayers for Our Lady's intercession for the troubles of the world. We hope you can join us in this Holy Rosary Cenacle of Prayer.

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of Month**

Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 8:30am onwards, followed by Mass at 9:30am.



He Was Called Jesus  
Luke 2:16-21

LK 2:16-21: THE SHEPHERDS FOUND MARY AND JOSEPH, AND THE INFANT LYING IN THE CRIB... WHEN THE EIGHTH DAY CAME THEY

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

*prayers...* Glen Alcock, Lynette Robert, Robyn Roberts, Patricia May Bills, David Smith, Don Larkins, Cliff Hamilton, Suzanne Montgomery, Margot Neilson, Lynette Boxall, 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:*

Val Richardon, Sandra Bray, Kim Geraghty, Irene Spinks, Asema Tevaga, Eufracia Gonzales, John Patrick Murnane, Glen Lambourn, Ron Thornton, Zdenka Bogut, Walter John Kalitzky, Vincent Heffernan, Monica Wood, Julka Iskric, Ian Mitchell, Marie Radford.

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



**CHANGES TO PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:**

CLOSED OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND WILL REOPEN ON:

Wed 1 Feb: 9am-3pm & Thurs 2 Feb: 9am-3pm

**Please Note:** There will be no further Bulletins over January. If you need to contact Fr George or notify him of any announcements, prayer list additions, etc, please email [pambula@cg.org.au](mailto:pambula@cg.org.au) or call/text 0435 036 236 and leave a message.

Happy New Year, from Alicia O'Connor.

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON** group will recommence on Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Jan from 1-3pm in St Clement's Parish Centre, Main St. \$3/session. Ring Teresa 0408 827 794 for more details.

**The Monday Discussion Group** meets each week at the Tura Marrang Library, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our meetings resume on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, commencing with study of the Book of Exodus. For more information, please contact Anne on 0408241230. All are welcome.