



**Prayer for the Third Sunday in Advent (Joy)**

The Third Sunday in Advent is also known as the The Joyful Sunday and it is represented by the rose candle.

*Leader: O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord.*

All: Amen

*(The first, second purple candles and the rose candles are lit).*

**A NOTE REGARDING PLANNED GIVING:**

As the monthly deduction for credit card planned givers falls Friday 23 December, we would like to advise that the December deduction will be made on Wednesday 21 December 2022, to allow time for the transfers before the Christmas closure period.

**CHANGES TO PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:**

Please note the following hours before Christmas:

Wed 14 Dec: 9:30am-1:30pm

Thurs 15 Dec: 9:30am-1pm

Fri 16 Dec: 9:30am-2pm

Mon 19 Dec: 9:30am-1:30pm

Tues 20 Dec: 9:30am-1:30pm

CLOSED OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND WILL REOPEN ON:

Wed 1 Feb: 9am-3pm

Thurs 2 Feb: 9am-3pm

*“It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you.”*

– St. Teresa of Calcutta

*“O Father, in your Truth (that is to say, in your Son, humbled, needy and homeless) you have humbled me. He was humbled in the womb of the Virgin, needy in the manger of the sheep, and homeless on the wood of the Cross. Nothing so humbles the proud sinner as the humility of Jesus Christ’s humanity.”*

– St. Anthony of Padua



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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 have learned so much.

**Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2022**

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

**The Right Question**

John was languishing in prison, held captive by the local agent of the Roman Empire. Perhaps he was looking for evidence that Jesus was the One who would throw off Roman despotism. In answer to his questing, Jesus replied that John should rather look at what was happening on the ground in His healing ministry and orientation to the poor. Those are the signs that the reign of God has begun.

I admire John the Baptist because he was prepared to seek and accept the answer to the question which was crucial to him, even though the answer might upset his preconceptions. He was a true seeker after Truth.

All our activities as a parish in building community, forming faith, serving the poor, participating in the liturgy, should be undertaken so that a seeker after Truth might see and hear the evidence of the presence and mission of the risen Lord Jesus Christ amongst us.

We could pause for a moment to simply pray in the spirit of Advent: ‘Come, Lord Jesus’ to satisfy the restlessness of the questing heart.

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**WELCOME FR ALEX OSBORNE  
CELEBRATING WEEKEND MASS.**

**Is 35:1-6, 10/ Jas 5:7-10/ Mt 11:2-11**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:6-10. R. see Is 35:4**

(R.) Lord, come and save us.

**Gospel Acclamation: Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon: Cf. Is 35:4**

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

### FEAST DAYS

#### THIS WEEK:

Mon 12 Dec: Our Lady of Guadalupe (Optional).

Tues 13 Dec: St Lucy, virgin, martyr (Memorial).

Wed 14 Dec: St John of the Cross, priest, doctor (Memorial).

**Planned Giving Collections:** First: \$754.00; Second: Envelopes: \$538.50, Loose: \$298.60.

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.

#### Christmas Mass Times:

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm: 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation at Merimbula.

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 5pm: Children's Christmas Mass at Merimbula

7pm: Christmas Eve Mass at Eden

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 8am: Christmas Day Mass at Pambula

10am: Christmas Day Mass at Merimbula

MT 11:2-11: ARE YOU THE ONE WHO IS TO COME,  
OR MUST WE WAIT FOR SOMEONE ELSE?

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

*prayers...* 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, 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:*

Fay Maher, Val Richardson, Sandra Bray, Kim Geraghty, Irene Spinks, Asema Tevaga, Josephine Gianfrotta, Danielle Sou, 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*

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### RECONCILIATION FOR CHRISTMAS

**WITH FR REX CURRY ON THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER AT 7PM  
AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, MERIMBULA.**

### JOIN FR GEORGE FOR WEEKDAY MASS:

Tues 13 Dec 5pm at Merimbula

Wed 14 Dec 9:30am at Pambula

Thurs 15 Dec 9:30am at Eden

### St Vincent de Paul Merimbula Conference Christmas Appeal 2022

Once again this year, Christmas Giving trees will be erected in the Merimbula and Pambula churches on Sunday, 27 November. This year, there are only a few children's gifts required, so we are asking for Christmas Cakes and Puddings to go into the food hampers of Christmas goodies, which are given to our companions. Unfortunately, we can only accept commercially made cakes and puddings, not home-made. You are invited to take a tag from the tree and ***RETURN YOUR GIFT, UNWRAPPED, WITH THE TAG ATTACHED, by Sunday 11 December.*** Every year our parishioners have been incredibly generous, enabling those less fortunate in our community to experience the special joy of Christmas. *'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me'*. (Matthew 25:40) Thank you.

**THIS WEEKEND MARKS THE CLOSEST DATE TO THE 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST MASS IN THE NEW CHURCH AT EDEN (13/12/1992). PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF ALL CLERGY, RELIGIOUS AND PARISHONERS WHO HAVE PASSED ON DURING THAT TIME.**

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON PARISH GROUP** will be resuming mid-January 2023.

More details to follow in the new year.