



Prayer for Fourth Sunday in Advent (Peace)

Leader: O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

(All four 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:

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

Please Note: There will be no 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 or call/text 0435 036 236 and leave a message.

I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a joyous January! Thank you so much for supporting me in my role at the Parish.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, from Alicia O'Connor.

"If we would please this Divine Infant, we too must become children, simple and humble; we must carry to Him flowers of virtue, of meekness, of mortification, of charity; we must clasp him in the arms of our love." – St. Alphonsus Ligouri

"Rejoice and be glad that so great and good a Lord, on coming into the Virgin's womb, willed to appear despised, needy, and poor in this world, so that men who were in dire poverty and suffering great need of heavenly food might be made rich in him." – St. Clare of Assisi



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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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A) Sunday 18th December, 2022

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Just Man Dreaming

Joseph could not ignore Mary's pregnancy, but he had an exceptional large-heartedness, so that he preserved a future for Mary even though she had apparently wronged him.

If he had gone to sleep in a frame of mind to avenge his honour, he would not have been ready to have the deepest levels of his consciousness stirred in the way God wanted. In the deep sleep of a just and good man, Joseph was enlightened as to the divine dimension of Mary's pregnancy. The old cycle of human history, literally generation after generation, was being broken. Something utterly new had happened.

You and I are just as likely to receive an intuition as to God's plan for us in the depths of sleep: who we really are, who we are destined to be, where we fit in to God's plan for transforming the whole of creation. When we get these instructive moments in our sleep, what can we do when we wake up? We can do what Joseph did: get up and do what is needed to fulfil the message.

We could pause for a moment to thank Joseph for showing what dreams can be made of. Tonight might be the night!

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WELCOME FR REX CURRY.

PEACE

Is 7:10-14/ Rom 1:1-7/ Mt 1:18-24

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-6. R. see w 7. 10

(R.) Let the Lord enter;
he is king of glory.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Is 7:14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:

Wed 21 Dec: Collect of St Peter
Canisius, priest, doctor (Optional).

Fri 23 Dec: Collect of St John of
Kanty, priest (Optional).



Planned Giving Collections: First: \$818.75; Second: Envelopes: \$393.00, Loose: \$309.30.

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 4th 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 - 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

Weddings

By appointment only -

at least 6 months' notice in advance.

Adoration

Every Wednesday at 4:00pm &

1st Friday of the month at 8:30am, Merimbula

1st 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.

MT 1:18-24: *JESUS WAS BORN OF MARY,
THE BETROTHED OF JOSEPH, A SON OF DAVID.*

1st Friday of Month

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

Christmas Mass Times:

Thurs 15th Dec 7pm: 2nd Rite of
Reconciliation at Merimbula.

Sat 24th Dec 5pm: Children's
Christmas Mass at Merimbula
7pm: Christmas Eve Mass at Eden

Sun 25th Dec 8am: Christmas Day
Mass at Pambula

10am: Christmas Day Mass at
Merimbula

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:

Faye Maher, Val Richardson, 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 Iskrac, Ian Mitchell, Marie Radford.

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

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

St Vincent de Paul Merimbula Conference Christmas Appeal

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who has donated to this Appeal over the past few weeks. You can be assured that your gifts and financial donations will be received with gratitude and joy.

Wishing everyone a very happy and holy Christmas, and may God bless you all.

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

More details to follow in the new year.

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2022:

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for 2022 is conducted at all Christmas Masses throughout the Archdiocese and will again have the funds raised split. This year, the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal will be used to support: The ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal and its work in Ukraine, Syria, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and Kenya; Diocesan projects within the Dioceses of Otukpo, Nigeria, Africa, Thamarassery, India and Bougainville in PNG; other international endeavours including support towards projects focused on helping the poor in India and further student assistance for those in need at Bethlehem university in the Holy Land.

