

I always remembered what St. Mother Teresa said, **Priest of Jesus Christ, celebrate this Holy Mass as if it were your first Mass, your last Mass, your only Mass...** Let us pray that the Good Shepherd touch the heart of many men and women and respond to the call to priesthood and religious life.

I am overwhelmed with an experience of gratitude as I recall the five years of my priesthood that I have spent here at all Mass centres. I thank God for the gift of holy Priesthood.

I thank you dear parishioners, for your faith, your love, and your devotion to Jesus. My own faith journey has been helped by being part of yours. I am so grateful to each of you for the impact that you have had on me, and my faith as we have grown together as disciples of Jesus Christ. Thank you for accepting me as your brother in Christ. I appreciate your faith, commitment, openness, prayers, encouragements, and support. I am grateful to you for your kindness and generosity, which you have shown me in so many ways. The dedication, support, and laughter. The support and cooperation of different Ministries and Committees and parish contacts. The commitment and enthusiasm of the many involved in the various ministries of our parishes as volunteers. The gift of so many children and their smiling faces and openness. The hope and energy of the young people of the parishes. The wisdom and example of our seniors. The commitment, involvement and cheerfulness of Lumen Christi College principal, teachers, parents, and the students. The opportunity to serve and visit with the sick, nursing homes and hospitals. You have helped me to grow in my relationship with God and His Church. **THANK YOU!**

I'm excited to see what the Holy Spirit has in store for me as I enter the next new and different era.

I also want to say I am sorry. Jesus is perfect, but we are not yet perfect –me included. Please forgive me for any time that I might have treated you with less than the dignity and respect you are owed.

Lastly, I want to say I love you. You are a wonderful community of family and faith, and I treasure each of you. Even as I go forth to my new assignment in Samoa, I will always hold you all in my heart, especially at the altar of God.

I would like to close with two of my favourite Scripture passages from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians: 1:3-6, 9-11 *I thank my God every time I remember you.*

*In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

*And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.*

*Philippians 4:8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*

With a grateful heart,  
*Pale Leota*



CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
**PAMBULA**

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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.**

### **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2022**

#### **REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate The Power of Remembering**

If you memorise a tune or your 'times tables', you are said to 'know it by heart'. The sort of person who will always remember me is someone who 'knows me by heart'. Here, a tortured criminal starts his plea: 'Jesus . . .'. This is one of only two instances where Jesus is addressed by his name which means 'The Lord saves'. The good thief went on: 'remember me when you come into Your Kingdom'. Jesus 'knows him by heart' and promises that He will remember him in Paradise. This is an exercise of sovereignty which befits 'Christ the King'. This is all the Kingly power which you or I will ever need, but to confidently invoke it we need to position ourselves alongside Jesus, like the 'good thief'. We do this by our practical concern for the poor and by coming to Mass which re-memembers the Body of Christ. We could pause for a moment to pray: 'Jesus, remember me, know me by heart, for when you do I will be in Paradise.' © Fr Michael Tate; [mtate@bigpond.com](mailto:mtate@bigpond.com)

#### **NOVEMBER - THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS**

November is dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and those that have departed from this life – our family, friends and loved ones. You may take additional time this month to pray for the souls, they need our prayers, as they too will pray for us when they reach the eternal life in Heaven. If you wish to make an Offering in honour of your dearly departed loved one/s, envelopes will be available in the Church.

**We welcome Fr Rex Curry this weekend.**

**2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2**

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation: Mk 11:9. 10**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon: Ps 28:10-11**

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:**

Sun 20 Nov: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Solemnity).

Mon 21 Nov: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial).

Tues 22 Nov: St Cecilia, virgin, martyr (Memorial).

Wed 23 Nov: St Clement I, pope, martyr; St Columban, abbot (optional).

Thurs 24 Nov: Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs (Memorial).

Fri 25 Nov: St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr (Optional).

A **Funeral Service** celebrating the life of *Sandra Bray* will be held on Tuesday 22 November at 11am at St Peter's Church, Pambula. Livestream link is available at [The service of Sandra Bray](#)

**Planned Giving Collections:** First: \$946.25; Second: Envelopes: \$643.00; Loose: \$327.20.

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.

**Upcoming Vinnies Christmas Appeal:** Nov 26/27. Please see attachment for more info.

**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

**LK 23:35-43 "LORD REMEMBER ME WHEN YOU COME INTO YOUR KINGDOM."**

**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.

**Weddings**

By appointment only – at least 6 months' notice in advance.

**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

*Let Us Pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers...* Don Larkins, Cliff Hamilton, Suzanne Montgomery, Margot Neilson, Lynette Boxall, Rob Francis, Shirley Abreu, Val Richardson, 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:*

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 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**

**Please help:** Do you know of someone who would be willing to help out with mowing and whipper snipping at St Joseph's, Merimbula? We have all the equipment here. We will organise a roster if we get enough volunteers. Please contribute to parish life by caring for our Church grounds if you can! Contact the parish office for more info.

**Women's Lunch:** Next lunch will be at the Lakeview Hotel Merimbula on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov at 12 midday**. Please confirm attendance (0408 827 794) by Tuesday 23 Nov. To make it easier, the chef has asked whether we could preorder. Please see the hotel's website. I will have menus to distribute. Teresa

**Getting ready for Christmas?** What about spiritual preparation? All are welcome to join an Advent discussion group, commencing Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November. We meet at Tura Marrang Library, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm each Monday. For further information, please contact Anne 0408241230. [Parish Mass Link: Parish Mass October 2022](#)

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

I wanted to take this opportunity to send a note of THANKS AND APPRECIATION to you as I move on to my next assignment in ministry. If I could write a letter just filled with the words "thank you" over and over, it seems that I would never be able to write enough of them to truly express how I feel about the time I spent here serving as your Parish Priest. We have managed to see the hand of God at work. I will be forever grateful for your support, kindness, and love. Indeed you revealed the true foundation of this church is kindness and love.

From the joy of baptisms, first communions, confirmations, welcoming visitors and our new Catholics through RCIA, hearing the beautiful sounds of children laughing, visiting your homes, listening to your stories of how Christ has touched your lives, meditating together on the word of God and our celebration of the Eucharist together, to the sadness of praying by the bedside of a loved one and anointing them with the soothing oil of God's tenderness and taking Holy Communion to them, or sharing in the grief of laying a loved one to rest in the hope of eternal life – these and so many more have helped me to grow closer to Jesus and lead you closer to Christ and His Church. I loved the celebration of the Eucharist with devotion and sincere respect so that it would become the real source and summit of our spiritual lives.