



**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 assisting Congolese refugees in Kenya.
- Contributions will be made to support Diocesan projects within the Dioceses of Otukpo, Nigeria, Africa, Thamarassery, India and Bougainville in PNG. - Within Bougainville, our contribution will support the expansion and overhaul of St Joseph's College, Mabiri, to meet and manage the needs of an envisioned increase in students, many of whom, must board away from home.
- Other international endeavours will include support towards projects focused on helping the poor within the La Salette Matha Province, in India and further student assistance for those in need at Bethlehem university in the Holy Land.

Contact: Archbishop's Christmas Appeal  
Attn: Deacon Joe Blackwell  
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**CHANGES TO PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:**

OFFICE NOW 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](mailto: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.

**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.

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON** group will recommence on Wed 18th 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.



**CONTACT DETAILS**

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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.

**The NATIVITY of the LORD (Christmas)  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2022**

**REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Today the Christmas celebration gains a new depth of theological meaning. At midnight, the birth in history was proclaimed. At dawn, the initiative of God's gift was declared and the community's joyful gratitude was announced. In this third celebration, the identity of Christ and the new way of life that he brings is announced.

If our eyes are open and alert, we can see that God has won a victory for us, one that is tangible and realised in our midst. It is an overwhelming victory, one that permanently conquers the enemy. This victory has a profound impact on every place, every time and every people. The birth of the infant, the king in David's line, promises salvation to all who long for it. This salvation is a new vision of wisdom, one that has been realised in Christ, God's agent of grace in the world. It is a new world, one of inclusivity and of righteous honour. It is a new age, one that is ushered in by the child who is leading a victory procession.

Ultimately, only eyes of faith allow us to see the fullness of God's revelation. The glory of the infant king is the very presence of God made flesh. Jesus is the eternal incarnate Word who has pitched his tent among us. Ours is not a distant God; the incarnate wisdom of God is among us, and we are called to a change of heart that will allow us to see this wonder.

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**WELCOME FR REX CURRY.**

**Is 52:7-10/ Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:1-6. R. v.3**

(R.) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us.

Come you nations and adore the Lord.

Today a great light has come upon the earth.

Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 97:3**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:**

Sun 25 Dec: The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity with Octave).

Mon 26 Dec: St Stephen, the first martyr (Feast).

Tues 27 Dec: St John, apostle, evangelist (Feast).

Wed 28 Dec: The Holy Innocents, martyrs (Feast).

Fri 30 Dec: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Feast).

**Planned Giving Collections:** First: \$809.25; Second: Envelopes: \$546.00, Loose: \$327.60.

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:**

**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

THE WORD OF GOD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US, AND WE SAW HIS GLORY.

*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 Iskrice, Ian Mitchell, Marie Radford.

**Mau the souls of the faithful departed. through the mereu of our Lord. rest in Peace. Amen**

**12 Christmas PRAYERS**

**JOY**  
May the joy of Christ be felt through us. **Luke 1:44**

**LOVE**  
Help us see ways to turn love into action this Christmas. **Matthew 25:40**

**PEACE**  
May the peace of Christ cover the busyness of this season. **Isaiah 9:6**

**GRATITUDE**  
Thank you for all of our blessings, not just the gifts under the tree. **Luke 1:49**

**OBEEDIENCE**  
Help us to be obedient to You even when we don't fully understand. **Luke 1:38**

**HOPEFULNESS**  
Fill us with hope for the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ. **Daniel 2:44**

**GENEROSITY**  
Show us what gifts we have to offer and help us give them generously. **Matthew 2:11**

**TOGETHERNESS**  
Thank you that the gift of Jesus makes us one family together in Christ. **John 1:12**

**LIGHT**  
May the light of Christ shine from within us. **Isaiah 9:2**

**FAITH**  
Increase our faith so we fully trust in Your promises. **Matthew 1:24**

**PROMISE**  
Thank you for the promise of eternal life through Jesus. **John 3:16**

**SIMPLICITY**  
You came as a baby in a manger, help us find value in the simple things. **Luke 2:7**

**AMEN!**