

Sunday Scavenger Hunt:
Can you spot this new addition in St Joseph's Church?

AN ADVENT PRAYER

Lord God, we adore you because you have come to us in the past.
You have spoken to us in the Law of Israel.
You have challenged us in the words of the prophets.
You have shown us in Jesus what you are really like.

Lord God, we adore you because you still come to us now.
You come to us through other people and their love and concern for us.
You come to us through men and women who need our help.
You come to us as we worship you with your people.

Lord God, we adore you because you will come to us at the end.
You will be with us at the hour of death.
You will still reign supreme when all human institutions fail.
You will still be God when our history has run its course.

We welcome you, the God who comes.
Come to us now in the power of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Caryl Micklem, "Contemporary Prayers for Public Worship"

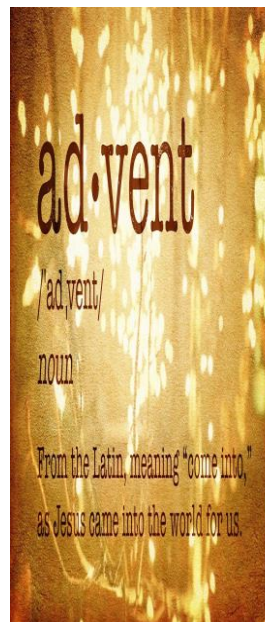
Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
All: Who made heaven and earth.
Leader: O God, by whose Word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from You abundant graces. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. *May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

All: Amen.
(Blessing with holy water is optional).

Prayer for First Sunday in Advent (Hope)

Leader: O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.
(The first purple candle is lit).



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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.

**First Sunday of Advent (Year A)
Sunday 27th November, 2022**

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
Wake up to the Poetry**

Our Lord loved to unfurl the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah in his local synagogue. The poetic image of swords being hammered into ploughshares reverberated into his renouncing violence against the Roman occupying army in his own time. When will this picture come true for all human beings for all time?

Only God knows! We don't know any more than we know when a burglar might target our home. But our ignorance of God's timetable is no excuse for being fatalistic and sleepy. We have our own span of life providing the timetable for our own contribution to the hammering of swords into ploughshares.

Recent Popes, especially St John Paul II, have taken up this theme for our times, teaching more restrictive criteria for using armed force, even dropping the term 'just war' to very small print in the Catechism. We could pause for a moment to pray to be awake to our opportunities to shape society in the light of the vision of Isaiah and the practice of Jesus the Prince of Peace.

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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.

Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Ps 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:

Wed 30 Nov: St Andrew, apostle (Feast).

Sat 3 Dec: St Francis Xavier, priest (Memorial).

ADVENT FAMILY PRAYER

God of Love,

Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.

He is a sign of your love.

Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,

As we wait and prepare for his coming.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

- *Author Unknown*

Planned Giving Collections: First: \$727.55; Second: Envelopes: \$350.50; Loose: \$324.20.

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.

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.

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... Robyn Roberts, 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

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.

Remembrance ribbons will be burnt after this Sunday's 10am Mass and the ashes buried in the gardens behind the Church.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to Frank Davey for installing our new Holy Water Font inside St Joseph's Church. Thank you so much, Frank! And also a **BIG Thank You** to our many Christmas Elves who have transformed the Churches so lovingly for the Season of Advent.

Advent Discussion Group Continues: All are welcome to join an Advent discussion group, meeting at Tura Marrang Library, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm each Monday. For further information, please contact Anne 0408241230.

Incarnate: Advent Daily Reflections: Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to purchase a copy. \$5 each.

St Joseph's Grounds Maintenance: Thank you to those that have offered to help with maintaining the grounds of St Joseph's. Many hands make light work! If you would like to be added to the roster, please contact the parish office for more information.

To view the Parish Mass follow the link: [Parish Mass October 2022](#)