



**Prayer for Second Sunday in Advent (Love)**

*Leader: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord.*

All: Amen

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



**A very special THANK YOU**

to John and Dara Reynolds for donating the stainless cable and associated fittings to make the Convent hand rail safe.

**9th to 12th Dec: North Canberra Ecumenical Nativity Festival:** Exhibition of 200 Nativity scenes - an entrée to family discussion on the true meaning of Christmas. From 45 countries, they show diverse cultures that embrace the Christian story: from the Palestinian Territories to Vietnam, from India to the Inuits of the Canadian Arctic. Fri 9th: 12 noon to 5pm; Sat 10th & Sun 11th: 10am–7pm; Mon 10th: 9am–5pm St Margaret’s Hall, Cnr Antill St & Phillip Ave, Hackett. Contact: Keith at [linard.keith@gmail.com](mailto:linard.keith@gmail.com)

**Sat 10th DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Looking Glass Percussion: Join members of the Canberra Symphony Orchestra & others for a free Christmas Concert. Initiative of Holy Rosary Catholic, Holy Cross Anglican & St Margaret’s Uniting Churches Saturday, 7pm Holy Cross Anglican Church, Antill St. HACKETT.

**Sun 11th DECEMBER – ECUMENICAL SAUSAGE SIZZLE & CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT:** Sun 11th @ 6:30pm - Free Community BBQ / Sausage Sizzle (& Nativities Viewing) followed @ 7:30pm by Carols by Candlelight. Venue: St Margaret’s & Holy Cross Church Grounds, Hackett. Initiative of Holy Rosary Catholic, Holy Cross Anglican & St Margaret’s Uniting Churches.

“In this day, this season, miracles will grow within, unfurl, bear fruit. And the heart that makes time and space for Him to come will be a glorious place. A place of sheer, radiant defiance in the face of a world careening mad and stressed. Because each day of Advent, we will actively wait. We will wait knowing that the remaking of everything has already begun.” - Ann Voskamp, The Greatest Gift



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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.

**Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2022**

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

**Inaugurating a New Humanity**

John proclaimed that the reign of God was ‘at hand’ as he immersed and plunged followers into the waters of the Jordan River. (His nickname was John the Immerser, or ‘baptiser’ in the Greek.) He used flowing water to symbolise the washing away of the past for those who repented so that they could be totally focused on the ‘at hand’ person who would inaugurate God’s kingdom.

In this passage, John does not identify the ‘Someone’! But he realised that this ‘Someone’ would have divine power to affect the future by immersing, baptising, his followers with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

At this stage of Advent, we should be like John’s disciples, filled with a sense of anticipation, looking forward to the coming towards us (‘Advent’ in Latin) of the One who can flood our minds and bodies with the Holy Spirit and can immerse our hearts in Divine Fire. We could pause for a moment to thank God that, even though we are unworthy to carry His sandals, there is One who is coming towards us wanting to transform us with Divine Power.

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

**Is 11:1-10/ Rom 15:4-9/ Mt 3:1-12**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7**

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

**Gospel Acclamation: Lk 3:4. 6**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon: Bar 5:5; 4:36**

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:**

Tues 6 Dec: St Nicholas, bishop (Optional).

Wed 7 Dec: St Ambrose, bishop, doctor (Memorial).

Thurs 8 Dec: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity).

Fri 9 Dec: St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, hermit (Optional).

Sat 10 Dec: Our Lady of Loreto (Optional).

**Planned Giving Collections:** First: \$693.70; Second: Envelopes: \$490.50 Loose: \$286.55.

Online Contributions for November: Credit Card: \$850.00, Direct Debit: \$665.00;

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.

**Mt 3:1-12: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.**

**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

*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, 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

### RECONCILIATION FOR CHRISTMAS

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

### 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.

**A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:** Christmas orders from Aid to the Church in Need's online store, "That Catholic Shop" can still be made all the way up to 19 December! Choose from our broad range of religious gifts and receive free shipping for orders over \$100. Peruse our Christmas range at

[www.thatcatholicshop.com](http://www.thatcatholicshop.com)

