

Dear Parishioners,

In the coming months, as social distancing measures are relaxed in NSW, we can be sure that life will not magically snap back to how things were before COVID-19. For many people, the impacts of continuing isolation, job losses and strained family relationships will endure for some time.

RECOMMENCEMENT OF MASS – Maximum of 10 people

From Saturday 30th May, public Masses will recommence at 9:30am in Merimbula with the limitation that up to 10 people attend apart from the priest and assistants. **You will be required to register and provide your contact details beforehand** to ensure that, if needed, contact tracing can occur. Please do not **“just turn up”** as it will contravene current NSW Government permissions. By following these guidelines we will maintain a safe environment for you and your fellow parishioners.

You must register for a particular Mass by contacting the **parish office** between 9.30am to 1.30pm Wednesday & Thursday, and between 10am – 1pm on Friday (64951880). If your chosen Mass already has 10 people, please choose an alternative day/time.

Entry into Merimbula church will be through the side doors near the courtyard, which will be open 30 minutes before Mass begins. **Please sign the registry as you enter.** Hand sanitiser will be provided and appropriate markings will be placed on the pews to ensure correct distancing between people of 1.5meters. Someone will be at the door to assist you.

Eden and Merimbula Churches will be open every day from 9am – 4pm. Daily cleaning occurs to comply with restrictions and to create a safe environment. Mass will be suspended in Pambula Church due to restoration work until further notice.

Until numbers attending Mass are increased the faithful are dispensed from their Sunday Obligation of physically attending Mass. You can continue to keep holy your Sunday by

- Setting aside time for prayer at home,
- Reading the Scriptures of the day,
- Watching Mass on television or online, and
- Asking God for the graces they would normally receive in Holy Communion (canon 87 §1, canon 1248 §2).

This is a great joy to be able to start celebrating Holy Mass publicly once more, and we must respect the requirements to ensure everyone’s health and safety.

Thank you for your co-operation, and may God enable us to return to greater numbers attending as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

“Peace be with you”

Best wishes,

Fr Pale

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	30th May	9:30am 5pm	Merimbula Eden
Sunday	31 May	8:30am 10am	Merimbula Merimbula
Monday	1st June	9:30am	Merimbula
Tuesday	2nd June	4:30pm	Merimbula
Wednesday	3rd June	9:30am	Merimbula
Thursday	4th June	9:30am	Eden
Friday	5th June	9:30am	Merimbula
Saturday	6th June	9:30am 5pm	Merimbula Eden
Sunday	7th June	8:30am 10am	Merimbula Merimbula