



# CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRES OF PAMBULA

Parish Bulletin

Second Sunday of Lent, Year A 1 March 2026

Our mission as a Christian community of the Catholic Parish Centre's of Pambula is 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 honour Elders past, present and emerging, and all First Nations peoples worldwide.

## PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

### Parish Priest

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### Parish Centres

Merimbula: St Joseph's  
Pambula: St Peter's  
Eden: Our Lady Star of the Sea

### Sisters of St Joseph

Sr Marie Carson

### Parish Council Chair

Mrs Bernadette Wood

### Liturgy Coordinator

Ms Sue Heffernan

### Finance Chair

Mr Michael Wood

### Parish Safeguarding Volunteer

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### Lumen Christi Catholic College

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## PARISH INFORMATION

### Reconciliation (Confession)

Merimbula: Friday before Mass,  
Eden: Saturday before Vigil Mass  
Pambula: Wednesday before Mass  
At any other time by request

### Anointing of the Sick

Merimbula: Friday 27 March 10am  
Pambula: Wednesday 29 April 10am  
Eden: Thursday 28 May 10am

### Sacrament of Baptism

Families are warmly invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism in our parish. A Welcoming Mass is held on the 4th Saturday/Sunday of the month prior to Baptism, with the Baptism celebrated during Mass on the 1st Saturday/Sunday of the following month. For all enquiries and Baptism preparation arrangements, please contact the Parish Office.

### Weddings

By appointment only: Minimum 6 months advance notice.

### Adoration

Merimbula: Friday 9am followed by Mass at 10am.

### Divine Mercy Chaplet

Merimbula: Sunday 9:30am & Friday 9am

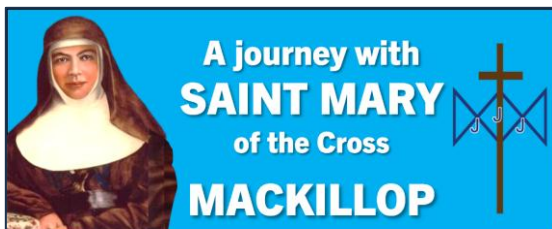
### Rosary

Merimbula: Cenacle & Holy Hour 11am Monday  
Pambula: Wednesday 9:30am  
Eden: Thursday 9am followed by Mass at 10am.



## PARISH CALENDAR/MASS TIMES

**Tuesday:** 5pm Merimbula  
**Wednesday:** 10am Pambula  
**Thursday:** 10am Eden  
**Friday:** 10am Merimbula  
**Saturday:** 5.30pm Eden  
**Sunday:** 8am Pambula  
10am Merimbula



A journey with  
**SAINT MARY**  
of the Cross  
**MACKILLOP**

I saw that God would provide the means, would guide me on the way, and would provide a friend to do for me what I could not do myself.  
(To Monsignor Kirby 1873)

## COMING EVENTS/NOTICES

### Aged Care Facility Mass

3 March 2pm Albert Moore Gardens, Merimbula  
5 March 11.30am (Liturgy) Imlay House, Pambula  
12 March 11.30am Uniting Age Care, Eden

### New Parishioners

Could anyone new to the Parish contact the Parish Office or Fr Kose, so that the Parish has your contact details. Thank you.

### Service for World Day Of Prayer

St Joseph's Church, Merimbula, is hosting this year's World Day Of Prayer. The country of focus is Nigeria. All are welcome on **Friday 6th March**, with the service commencing at **11am**. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

If you are able to assist or would like further information, please contact Alice – 0439200943 or Anne – 0408241230.



### Removal of Tree - Church premises, Merimbula

Subject to the weather, McKill Tree Service will be removing the large grey gum close to the eastern Colourbond fence on Monday, March 09. An exclusion zone will be set up while this happens. The tree has a large dead branch, was heavily cut back when the neighbouring units were built and regularly has debris impacting the neighbour's house in high winds. Removal will open-up the possibility of more parking spaces in that area.



### Meeting and Parish Financial Report Presentation

The presentation of the Parish Financial Report will take place on **Sunday, 1 March**, immediately after the 10am Mass at Merimbula.

All parishioners from Pambula, Merimbula and Eden are warmly invited to attend this important meeting. The Finance Council will present the report and provide an overview of the Parish finances.

We encourage everyone to be present and participate. Thank you.

**Please note there will be no morning tea after Mass due to this meeting**

## SOLEMNITIES/FEAST DAYS

**19 March (Thursday)** St Joseph, spouse of the blessed virgin Mary  
**25 March (Wednesday)** The Annunciation of the Lord  
**29 March (Sunday)** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



## PRAYER INTENTIONS



**We pray for all the faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including:**

Murray Beveridge, Dragan Pelt, John Reynolds, Jenny Reynolds, Frank Elton, Sr June Bath rsj, Marykutty Joseph, Warwick Glendenning, Hugo, Tom Kennedy, Damien Lambourne, Ann Johnston, Irma Kelly

**Let us pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers:**

Pat Wong, John Liston, Jocelyn Petty, Ros Beveridge, Mary Scanlan, Anne Cooper, Monica Paffen, Garry Moorhead, Cristina Embac, Beverley Ann Barr, Bernadette Wright

(The list will be refreshed every first week of the month. If you would like the names to continue, please inform the Parish office via email or phone)

## COLLECTIONS

### Last Week Collection:

First: \$913.85 - Support Clergy in Parish & Archdiocese  
Second: \$959.05 - Support running the Parish

### Planned Giving Collections:

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.



### Way of the Cross

During this Lenten season, the Way of the Cross will be held every Fridays immediately after the 10am Mass at St Joseph's Church, Merimbula

#### Please Note

Way of the Cross – Change of Time (**6 March Only**)  
Friday, 6 March, the Way of the Cross will be held only at **9.15am** (before Mass) due to the World Day of Prayer service.

Thank you for your understanding.

#### Quiet in the Church after Mass

After Mass people are still praying. Could those who wish to talk and catch up with one another please move to outside the Church so that people who are still praying may do so in the quiet of the Church after Mass.

-Thank you-

## Catechism Corner

### In what way is the Holy Eucharist an anticipation of eternal life?

Jesus promised his disciples, and us with them, that we will one day sit at table with him.

Therefore, every Holy Mass is a “memorial of the blessed Passion”

## **"Twinning" - Fundraiser for Our Twin Parish in India**

Our parish is once again holding our *Twinning* fundraiser in support of our twin parish in India. Our parish community has always been incredibly generous in supporting this important cause, and we are very grateful for your continued kindness and compassion.

Tickets are **\$20 each** and will be available for purchase after Mass at all three churches. The draw will take place after Mass in Merimbula on **Sunday, 8 March**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our friends in India.

## **School Opening Mass at Lumen Christi Catholic School**



This year's PALM CROSSES will be made on **Saturday 21 March** in the courtyard of St Joseph's Church, from **11am - 12:30pm**. Helpers most welcome. Please bring a pair of scissors.

## **Lenten, Holy Week & Easter Schedule 2026**

### **Lenten Discussion Groups:**

Merimbula – 12.30pm Mondays during Lent in Meeting Room.  
Eden – 3.30pm Thursdays during Lent at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Eden

### **Solemnity of St Joseph – Thursday 19.03.26:**

10am Mass – Our Lady Star of the Sea, Eden  
5.30pm Mass – St Joseph's Church, Merimbula followed by supper  
Please bring some food to share

### **Holy Week & Easter Mass times:**

Palm Sunday 28.03.26 – usual Saturday/Sunday Mass times.  
Holy Thursday 02.04.26 – 7pm St Peter's Church, Pambula  
Good Friday 03.04.26 – 11am Stations of the Cross at each Mass centre  
2.15pm Commence Divine Mercy Novena – St Joseph's Church, Merimbula  
3pm Good Friday Service - St Joseph's Church, Merimbula  
Saturday 04.04.26 – Easter Vigil – 7pm Our Lady Star of the Sea, Eden  
Invite people to bring –  
Bottles/containers to fill with Easter water after the Vigil  
Candles to light from the Paschal Candle  
Sunday 05.04.26 - Easter Sunday –  
8am Mass – St Peter's Church, Pambula  
10am Mass – St Joseph's Church Merimbula, followed by morning tea  
Bring some food to share/celebrate Easter.

### **Divine Mercy Sunday – 12.04.26**

Usual Saturday/Sunday Mass times  
2.30-3pm Confession  
3pm Divine Mercy Service (short)



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## First Reading Gn 12:1-4

*The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:  
I will curse those who slight you.  
All the tribes of the earth  
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22**

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

## Second Reading 2 Tm 1:8-10

*God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:**

**this is my beloved Son, hear him.**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## Gospel Mt 17:1-9

*His face shone like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

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