



# CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRES OF PAMBULA

Parish Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A

Our mission as a Christian community of the Catholic Parish Centres 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 Office

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### Parish Secretary

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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  
Eden: Thursday 9.15am

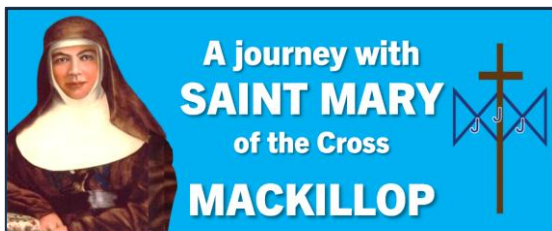
### Rosary

Merimbula: Cenacle & Holy Hour 11am Monday  
Pambula: Wednesday 9:30am  
Eden: Thursday 9.30am 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**

Let us ask ourselves if we give God the perfect service to which God has the right. (12.3.1899)

## COMING EVENTS/NOTICES

### Aged Care Facility Mass

26 March 11.30am Imlay House, Pambula  
7 April 2pm Albert Moore Gardens, Merimbula  
9 April 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.

### Weekend Mass Collection – New Arrangement from 28–29 March

From the weekend of 28–29 March, our parish will move to one collection at all weekend Masses. This is in line with the common practice across the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, where parishes with one collection share the funds between the Parish and the Central Presbytery Fund (CPF), which supports the clergy of our Archdiocese.

How the Collection Will Be Split

To the Parish:

- 100% of Planned Giving envelopes
- 70% of loose cash collections
- 70% of tap machine donations
- 100% of any special appeals (these will be transferred to the relevant appeal account)

To the Central Presbytery Fund (CPF):

- 30% of loose cash collections
- 30% of tap machine donations
- 100% of donations specifically marked for CPF

All money will be banked into the parish account by the counters, and the 70/30 split will be processed accordingly.

This new arrangement is a simpler and clearer system. It ensures that our parish continues to meet its local needs while also supporting the priests of our Archdiocese.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of our parish and clergy.

### Congratulations to the Winners

The **Vinnies Twinning 100 Club** draw was held **last Sunday**, The winners are,

**1st Prize – \$400:** Liam Cameron (Star of the Sea)

**2nd Prize – \$200:** Lyn Carson (Star of the Sea)

**3rd Prize – \$100:** Mari Lou (St Joseph's)

**4th Prize – \$50:** Deepa Jose (St Peter's)

Thank you to our wonderful parishioners and visitors for their continued support.

A special thank you to the winners who kindly donated their prize back to our program. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



## 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, Marykitty Joseph, Warwick Glendenning, Hugo, Tom Kennedy, Damien Lambourne, Ann Johnston, Irma Kelly, Jocilyn Petty

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

Pat Wong, John Liston, 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: \$1089.40 - Support Clergy in Parish & Archdiocese

Second: \$1157.60 - 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

### 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-

### St Paul's Holy Week Missal

If you would like to purchase St Paul's Holy week Missal Please contact **Amanda** at 0400959195.

Price is \$10 each.

## Catechism Corner

### Why does Mary have such a preeminent place in the communion of saints?

Mary is the Mother of God. She was united with Jesus on earth as no other human being was or could be in an intimacy that does not cease in heaven. Mary is the Queen of Heaven, and in her motherhood she is quite close to us.



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.



### **LCCC library – 3:30pm for 3:45pm Monday 23rd March**

All parishioners are invited to come and meet Sr Quintilia Trotta FSSA, who will talk about her life as a Franciscan Missionary Sister. I will also talk about the time I spent with the Sisters in Tanzania.  
-Teresa-

## **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)

### **Position Vacant – Parish Officer Narooma-Cobargo Parishes**

People are invited to apply for the position of Parish Officer for Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Cobargo, and Star of the Sea Parish Narooma. This is a permanent part time position of 10 hours per week and will be based in the Parish Office, Narooma. Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award. For a copy of the Duty Statement please email Leanne Boyd, Parish Support Manager [leanne.boyd@cg.org.au](mailto:leanne.boyd@cg.org.au) Applications addressing the Selection Criteria and current CV to be sent to Fr George Azhakath, Parish Priest [george.azhakath@cg.org.au](mailto:george.azhakath@cg.org.au) by CoB Friday 20 March 2026.

Essential Requirements for Parish Officer position:

- Experience with database packages & Microsoft Suite
  - Strong communication and liaison skills
  - Strong organisational skills
- Ability to work on your own, as part of a team, and take direction
- Understand and administer areas of church and regulatory compliance (eg. Parish sacrament registers, Working With Children Check, WHS, child protection, copyright)
  - Recent experience in an office environment
- Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching.



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### First Reading 1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

*In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.*

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 22 R. v.1**

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your  
staff;  
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
In the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
My cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall  
follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. (R.)

### Second Reading Eph 5:8-14

*Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.

### Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### Gospel Jn 9:1-41

*The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.



### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Lord, by the power of his word alone, could have healed the disease of this man, blind since birth. Yet, he made a paste with spittle and put it over the eyes of the blind man. Just as God would have moistened the dust of the earth to shape the first human being, for the blind man, it was as though he had been created anew.

God rarely works by telepathy but has a preferred way of working through the elements of creation, especially in the Sacraments. So, with the Anointing of the Sick, pressing olive oil onto the forehead and hands of the sick or dying symbolises the Holy Spirit entering the very pores of the sick person, relieving that person of undue anxiety and giving strength for the next stage of life.

This sacrament is a formal ritual of healing by the Church. But there are a million informal ways, such as putting one's arm around someone who is lonely or unwell, which are sacramental to the world.

We could pause for a moment that we might go into the world like the man healed by Jesus, eyes wide open to see where we might exercise the healing power of the Lord of the Gospel.

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