



# CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRES OF PAMBULA

Parish Bulletin

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 18 January 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 Office

Open to the public on Wed & Fri from 10am-2pm

### 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

Mr Philip Roach  
pambula.safeguarding@cg.org.au

### Lumen Christi Catholic College

Mr Shane Giles 02 6495 8888

## 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

Pambula: Wednesday 28 January 10am  
Eden: Thursday 26 February 10am  
Merimbula: Friday 27 March 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

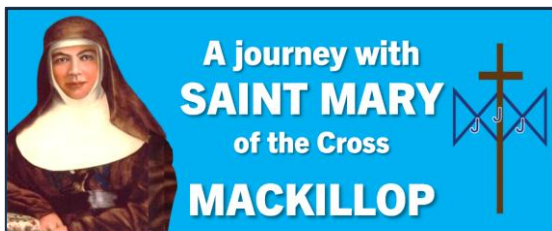
Merimbula: Sunday 9:30am & Friday 9am

### 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**

God is good and has brought light and help when all was very dark.  
(18.1.1899)

Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel, North Sydney, blessed & opened  
by Archbishop Michael Kelly. 18.1.1914.

True charitable humility is open. It is generous in its motives. It  
troubles not about either the esteem or censure of people.  
(21.1.1870)

## COMING EVENTS/NOTICES

3 February 2pm Albert Moore Gardens, Merimbula  
5 February 11.30am Imlay House, Pambula  
12 February 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.

### Looking for daily inspiration in the New Year?

"God's Word Daily Reflections 2026" is available for purchase. Only a few copies remain. You can purchase a copy for \$20 at the Parish Office or by contacting Fr Kose.

### 21 January (Closing Date) | Marriage Enrichment - Ministry to the Newly Married

About to be married or recently married? Then this may be for you!

Ministry to the Newly Married (MNM) is a mentoring program for couples who have married in the last 2 years or about to be married in the next 6 months. This unique program aims to foster the development of relationship skills and supports living the sacrament of marriage. Closing date for registrations for the 2026 program is 21 January 2026.

Enquiries: Contact Ralph & Angela on 0401 994 081 OR Helena on 0405 440 463

### Amendment consent for the sale of parish land

Back in April 2025 the Parish Finance Committee asked for your consent to sell the excess non income land behind St Peters church Pambula for the purpose of investing the money into residential properties to generate income for the Parish and to build a new Parish Centre. The Finance Committee has since decided to concentrate on the residential properties only and put the Parish Centre on hold depending on finances. The Finance Committee require your consent in order to tender the projected plan to the Trustees of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn for approval. If you have any concerns, please contact Fr Kose

### Please Note

Fr Kose will be away for a few weeks to be with his family. During his absence, Fr Daniel will be celebrating the Masses. We thank and warmly welcome Fr Daniel to our Parish.

## SOLEMNITIES/FEAST DAYS

**2 February (Monday)** The Presentation of the Lord  
**18 February (Wednesday)** Ash Wednesday  
**19 March (Thursday)** St Joseph, spouse of the blessed virgin Mary



## PRAYER INTENTIONS



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

Shirley Aldridge, Lynette Robert, JGanette Robert, Murray Beveridge, Dragan Pelt, John Reynolds, Jenny Reynolds, Frank Elton, Sr June Bath rsj, Marykutty Joseph, Robert Gianfrotta, John Tela, Warwick Glendenning, Hugo, Tom Kennedy

### 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 (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: \$922.85 - Support Clergy in Parish & Archdiocese  
Second: \$1218.50 - 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.



## Catechism Corner

### Who Is God "father"?

We revere God as Father first of all because he is the creator and cares lovingly for his creatures. Jesus, the son of God, has taught us, furthermore, to regard his Father as our Father and to address him as "our Father"

"Whoever who has seen me has seen the Father" - Jn 14:9

St Peter's Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people to have their say, to be listened to and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all of our thinking.

**COMMUNICATING CONCERNS:** You are encouraged to raise any concerns by emailing Fr Kose, the Parish Office, the Parish Safeguarding Volunteer or directly to Maria Hicks at the Institute Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) on [ipss@cg.org.au](mailto:ipss@cg.org.au)

## Thank you!

I sincerely thank everyone who joined me in celebrating my mum's memorial Mass. Your prayers, presence, and support meant so much to me and my family. I am also very grateful to those who stayed and gathered after the Mass. Your kindness and fellowship made the occasion truly meaningful and memorable.

Special thanks to Fr Mike for celebrating this special occasion with me.  
-Fr Kose



## 23-27 January | Trendsetters 2026 - A Jesus Youth Discipleship Retreat

Navigating your faith into adulthood can be challenging, especially in a fast-paced world! Trendsetters is a time for you to set your eyes on God through ENCOUNTER of His Love and a RENEWAL of your faith!

Dates: 23-27 Jan 2026 (5 DAYS)

Location: YWAM Canberra, Watson, ACT 2602

Who: Highschool Graduates and Uni students (ages 18-23)

Registration closes 11 Jan so book fast using the QR code!



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## First Reading **Is 49:3, 5-6**

*I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.**

**(R.) Here I am, Lord;  
I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. (R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

## Second Reading **1 Cor 1:1-3**

*The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

## Gospel Acclamation **Jn 1:14. 12**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.**

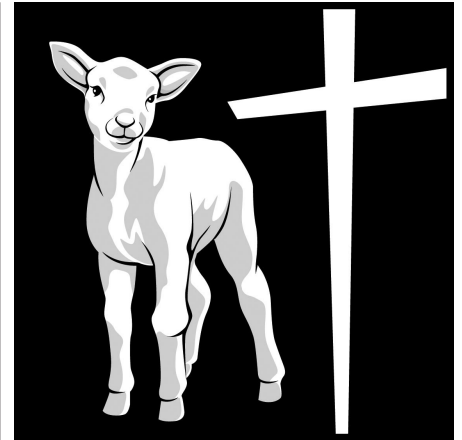
**He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel **Jn 1:29-34**

*This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

What does it mean to be 'holy'? It does not mean 100% morally correct, or separate from the great mass of people: 'Holier than thou'! It means being so close to God that God's holiness rubs off.

We are adopted members of the Holy Family, and something rubs off.

Each one of us has heard at our baptism 'You are my beloved son/daughter'. We have been adopted into God's family and that brings us into close proximity to God.

So, if St Paul were writing to us today, as he did to the Corinthians, this is how it would run: '... to the church of God that is in [your town], made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.'

But, we are not alone. In a multitude of places there are people who have also been baptised and therefore share a certain family resemblance. How is the 'togetherness' held together? By being in communion with the Bishop of Rome, the official role of the Pope.

We might pause for a moment to thank God that we are amongst the baptised who can receive St Paul's greeting: 'Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'

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