



# CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRES OF PAMBULA

Parish Bulletin

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 25 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

Fr Kuriakose Chennelil Joseph MS (Fr Kose)  
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### Parish Office

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

### Parish Secretary

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Merimbula NSW 2548

### 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

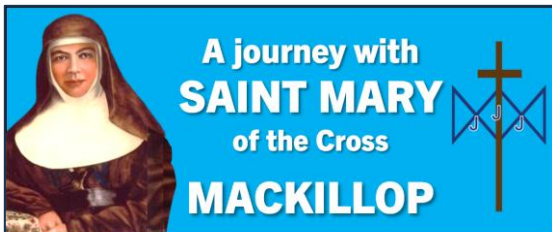
Merimbula: Sunday 9:30am & Friday 9am

### 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**

Divine Spirit of Wisdom and Goodness, enlighten my mind, penetrate its blindness. Make me in all things what I ought to be. (Retreat notes 1877)

Have a pure heart and be faithful (1871)

Penola School begun in a stable, 1866.

Keep up your courage, we do not live here forever. (27.1.1877)

Let not your crosses make you unhappy. (28.2.1890)

## 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.

### LUNCHING WITH LADIES

please contact me by Monday, February 9 if you are interested in coming to lunch at Metro, market St. Merimbula on Sunday February 22 All ladies most welcome! Teresa (0408 827 794)

### 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

### Lenten Discussion Group

A Lenten Discussion Group will commence on Monday, **16 February, at 12.30 pm**, in the Parish Meeting Room. Please register your interest by contacting Anne on 0408241230.

### Special Mass – Presentation of the Lord

A special Mass for the Presentation of the Lord will be celebrated on Monday, **2 February at 10am**, at St Joseph's Church - Merimbula. This Mass will include the Blessing of Candles. Parishioners are warmly invited to bring a candle to be blessed and to join in this special celebration. All are most welcome.



## 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, Damien Lambourne

**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: \$1076.45 - Support Clergy in Parish & Archdiocese  
Second: \$882.20 - 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

### Why do we believe in only one God?

We believe in only one God because, according to the testimony of Sacred Scripture, there is only one God and, according to the laws of logic, there can be only one.

“For I am God, and there is no other”  
(Is 45:22)

### Office Hours Update:

This week, the office will be **closed on Wednesday and Friday** and **open on Tuesday and Thursday**.

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)

## Tribunal of the Catholic Church



Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Canberra Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process.

For further information please phone the Canberra Office of the Tribunal Office on 6239 9813 or email [tribunal@cg.org.au](mailto:tribunal@cg.org.au)



### *You're invited*

Whether you've been married six months or 40 years, whether you're in a good place or struggling, The Marriage Course offers practical support to strengthen your relationship.

#### The course helps couples to:

- Strengthen connection
- Communicate more effectively
- Resolve conflict
- Recognise how upbringing affects your relationship
- Build a stronger, more supportive family environment
- Develop greater sexual intimacy
- Put love into action
- And much, much more...

#### Details:

7 Sessions | 7-9pm Thursdays via Zoom | 12 Feb - 26 March 2026  
For more info visit <https://www.marriagecourse.org.au>  
or contact [cathy.madsen@cg.org.au](mailto:cathy.madsen@cg.org.au)

Scan QR code to  
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## First Reading Is 8:23-9:3

*In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1**

**(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; Before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. (R.)
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

*I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From

what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.**

**Alleluia!**

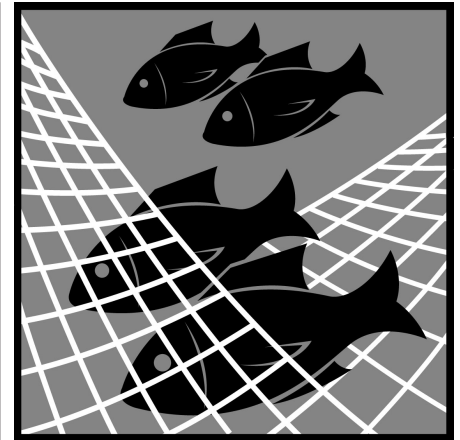
## Gospel Mt 4:12-17 (or longer form Mt 4:12-23)

*He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.*

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!  
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,  
Galilee of the nations!  
The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;  
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Two sets of two brothers were running successful family businesses. But once Jesus passed by and called them, the Gospel says, at once they left their boats and followed him. I think because, hearing his voice, they realised that Jesus was the true vocalist of God.

Irish author and mystic, John O'Donohue, once wrote, 'Something in us senses and knows how perfectly the contours of the soul fit the divine embrace.' \*

Maybe Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John sensed that, in this Jesus, there was a Soul whose contours perfectly fitted the divine embrace. They were prepared to risk everything for the chance to have their souls contoured along the same lines.

The call: 'Follow me ...', was not to an isolated individual promising to save his soul, but to two brothers and then another two brothers. Immediately, a community was being formed and its task was to bring others into that Jesus-following community.

We could pause for a moment to hear the brothers beckoning us to follow the call of that voice sounded by Our Lord Jesus Christ.

\*John O'Donohue, *Divine Beauty: The Invisible Embrace*, Bantam Press, 246.

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