



# CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRES OF PAMBULA

Parish Bulletin

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 25 October 2026*

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.

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**Parish Centres**
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Pambula: St Peter's
Eden: Our Lady Star of the Sea

**Sisters of St Joseph**
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## PARISH CALENDAR/MASS TIMES

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

## 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 Oct 10am
Eden: Thursday 29 Oct 10am
Merimbula: Friday 30 Oct 10am

**Sacrament of Baptism**
Families are warmly invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism in our parish. Baptism is celebrated after Mass on the 4th Saturday/Sunday of the month. For all enquiries and Baptism preparation arrangements, please contact the Parish Office.

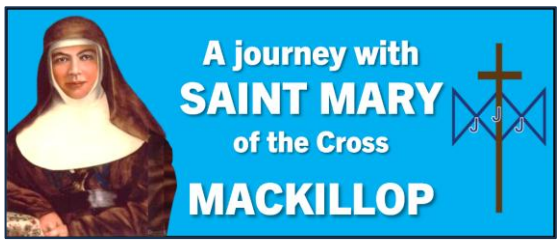
**Weddings**
By appointment only: Minimum 6 months advance notice.

**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.

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




**Bear in mind that we are only poor travelers, that our home is not here. (14.8.1866)**

# COMING EVENTS/NOTICES

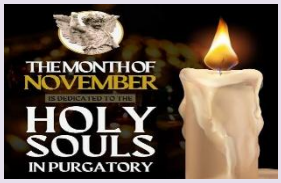
**Aged Care Facility Mass**

3 Nov 2 pm Albert Moore Gardens, Merimbula
5 Nov 11.30am Imlay House Pambula
6 Nov 1 pm Hugh Cunningham Gardens Tura Beach
12 Nov 11.30am Uniting Age Care, Eden

**New Parishioners**

If you are new to the parish, please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Kose so we can include your contact details in our records. Thank you.

# CEMETERY MEMORIAL MASSES and NOVEMBER MASSES




**Memorial masses** will be held on **Wednesday 4 November 10 am at Pambula Cemetery** and on **Thursday 12 November 10 am at Eden Cemetery**. Please note that there will be no mass in the churches on these dates.

Fr. Kose will dedicate the whole **month of November** to offer masses in remembrance of our dearly departed. Envelopes are provided for these special intentions and may be found at the church entrance. You may submit these envelopes to the parish office or give them directly to Fr. Kose.

# SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING 22 NOVEMBER



It has become a cherished tradition in our Parish that, on the Feast of Christ the King, the communities of all three churches, **St. Joseph's, Merimbula; St. Peter's, Pambula; and Our Lady Star of the Sea, Eden**, gather together to celebrate the feast of our King.
Please mark this special occasion in your calendar. There will be **one combined Mass only** that weekend, celebrated on **Sunday, 22 November, at St. Joseph's Church, Merimbula**.

# Parish office closed - Friday 30 Oct

Parish office will be closed on Friday 30 October. For urgent matters, you may ring the parish office mobile @ 0435 036 236 or Fr. Kose

# PRAYER INTENTIONS

**We pray for the recently deceased**

Joe DiPietroAntonio, Julie Bourne, Pixie Olive Crehan, Alvin Ureta, Conrad de Zwart, Peter Geraghty, Ruth Joan Mercieca, Michael Gandon

**And for all the faithful departed who we remember at this time**

Danielle Sou, Max Andrew, Henk Westerlaken, Errol David Cole, Kate Webster, Deborah Joan,

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

John Liston*, Carolyn Meers, Ros Beveridge, Anne Cooper*

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's Collection:**

$1,790.80 - Support Clergy in Parish & Archdiocese & 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.

# CATHECHISM CORNER

## Why do we believe only in 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. (200-202, 228)

If there were two gods, then the one god would be a limit on the other; neither of the two would be infinite, neither one perfect; in these respects neither of the two would be God. Again, and again the prophets exhort the people to abandon their false gods and to convert to the one God: " For I am God, and there is no other."
(Is 45:22)

# MASS COUNTS

Every year during the month of October all parishes in our Archdiocese are required to conduct Mass Counts at all weekend masses for all parish mass centres.
The 4th and last counting will be weekend **24 & 25 Oct.**

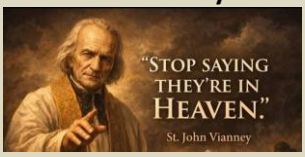
# SOLEMNITIES/FEAST DAYS

**28 Oct (Wed) Sts. Simon & Jude, the Apostles**
**01 Nov (Sun) All Saints Day**
**02 Nov (Mon) All Soul's Day**
**22 Nov (Sun) Solemnity of Christ the King**

# NOVEMBER – MONTH DEDICATED FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY



### St. John Marie Vianney's Message




"When a person die, they do not go straight to heaven, unless they are Saints on Earth. You are doing a great evil to your loved ones, if you don't pray for them. Do not say, my relative is in heaven now! No, they are not!

If they are Catholic and died with confession they went to **Purgatory**. It is **your obligation** to make sure that person receives the last Sacraments, and your obligation if you truly love them, to pray so they may get out of the fires of Purgatory soon.

A Holy Mass once a year, it's cruel! Once a Month is not any better. Think of your time, how will you like people to pray for you? Remember one second in Purgatory feels like years.

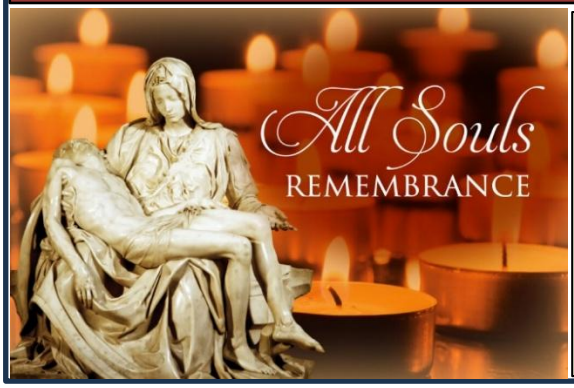
Pray and say many Masses for your love ones. No one goes to heaven not pure. I come to tell you that they suffer in Purgatory, that they weep, and that they demand with urgent cries the help of your prayers and your good works.
I seem to hear them crying from the depths of those fires which devour them:
"Tell our loved ones, tell our children, tell all our relatives how great the evils are which they are making us suffer.
We throw ourselves at their feet to implore the help of their prayers. Ah! Tell them that since we have been separated from them, we have been here burning in the flames!"

- Saint John Marie Baptiste Vianney

### Key Teachings of St. John Vianney on Death and Purgatory

- **No Immediate Entry to Heaven:** St. John Vianney warned against casually presuming a deceased loved one is already in Heaven ("Do not say, my relative is in heaven now! No they are not"), emphasizing that "one must be so pure to enter Heaven" and "nothing impure can enter Heaven".
- **The Reality of Purgatory:** He described Purgatory as a place of deep spiritual suffering and longing where souls weep and cry out for the assistance of the living.
- **Our Duty to Pray:** He stressed that failing to pray for the dead is a grave neglect of charity. Minimal efforts—such as having a Holy Mass offered only once a year or once a month—are far too little to relieve their suffering.
- **The Power of the Mass and Prayer:** He urged the faithful to frequently offer the **Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**, the Rosary, sacrifices, and prayers to shorten the purification of the **Holy Souls in Purgatory.**
- **Intercession from the Holy Souls:** St. John Vianney famously noted that the souls in Purgatory hold great power with the Heart of God, and if we assist them with our prayers, they will intercede abundantly for us in return.

# REMEMBRANCE MASS – 5 NOV.




This year's **Remembrance Mass** will be held at **Our Lady Star of the Sea, Eden, commencing at 10:00am on Thursday 5th November**. After Mass, you are most welcome to join the families of those parishioners who have died in the past 12 months, for a cuppa in the Mary McKillop Hall. **Please bring something to share.**

If you have lost a family member in the past year, and you would like their name inserted in the Remembrance Mass booklet, please contact Teresa (0408 827 794) by Monday 2nd November.





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## First Reading Ex 22:20-26

*If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2**

***(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.***

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
   my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
   My God is the rock where I take refuge;
   my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
   The Lord is worthy of all praise:
   when I call I am saved from my foes. *(R.)*

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
   Praised be the God who saves me.
   He has given great victories to his king
   and shown his love for his anointed. *(R.)*

## Second Reading 1 Thes 1:5-10

*You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

***Alleluia, alleluia!***
***All who love me will keep my words,***
***and my Father will love them and we will come to them.***
***Alleluia!***

## Gospel Mt 22:34-40

*You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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## Reflection *by Fr Michael Tate*

Did you notice that Jesus does not command us to love 'God'? No, we are to love 'the *Lord* your God', the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, 'Love *the Lord* your God'.

Then Jesus does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, 'Love your neighbour as *yourself* .' But who is 'yourself'? In the wonderful story-telling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being. We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being.

The challenge for you and for me is to see 'yourself' in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today's global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant.

We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command.