



# CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRES OF PAMBULA

Parish Bulletin

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 28 June 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.

## 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

Mr Philip Roach  
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### 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 29 July 10am  
Eden: Thursday 30 July 10am  
Merimbula: Friday 31 July 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

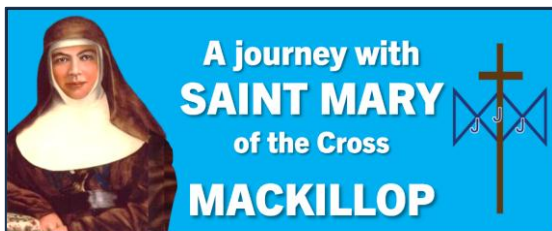
Merimbula: Cenacle & Holy Hour 11am Monday  
Pambula: Wednesday 9:30am  
Eden: Thursday 9.30am followed by Mass at 10am.

## 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

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



**Do have courage. We must all willingly and with constancy suffer all that God sends for our good. (15.1.1872)**

## COMING EVENTS/NOTICES

### Aged Care Facility Mass

- 2 July 11.30am Imlay House, Pambula
- 3 July 1 pm Hugh Cunningham Gardens Tura Beach
- 7 July 2 pm Albert Moore Gardens, Merimbula

### 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.

### CHILD PROTECTION – CODE OF CONDUCT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding requires all parish volunteers to read and acknowledge the Archdiocesan Child Protection Code of Conduct, updated July 2020. The signing lasts for three years. If you are required to sign this, you will be provided a copy of the code. Printed copies of the acknowledgement form will be available in the churches and the parish office. Forms need to be signed and returned by the end of July. If you are working directly with children and are required to have a working with children check, you will be notified.  
Fr Kose

### SOUP NIGHT AT MARY MACKILLOP HALL, EDEN

Please join us for a bowl of hot soup and a friendly get-together after Mass on Saturday, 4 July.



### Requiem Mass for Michael John Gandon

We are deeply saddened by the sudden passing of our dear parishioner and friend. Our parish has been truly blessed by his faithful service, generous spirit, and enduring commitment to our community. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord...

Livestream mass will be held at **Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Eden** followed by interment in Eden Cemetery on **Wednesday 8 July 2026 commencing at 12:00pm.**



## Catechism Corner

### Why can there be only one Church?

Just as there could only be one Christ, there can be only one Body of Christ, only one Bride of Christ and therefore, only one Church of Jesus Christ. He is the Head, the Church is the Body. Together they form the "whole Christ" (St. Augustine). Just as the body has many members yet is one, so too the one Church consists of and is made up of many particular churches (dioceses) (811-816, 866, 870)

**I believe in One Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church**



## PRAYER INTENTIONS

**We pray for the recently deceased**  
Michael Gandon, Sr. Magdalen McDonald, Alec Mocjec, Wendy Kukla, Sr. Myree Harris

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

John Hulme, Anna Maria Weinlich, Kate Webster, Deborah Joan, Cynthia & Martin Walker, Domenic & Gloria, Edward Cutajar

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

Carolyn Meers, Jed Descutido, Monica Paffen, Pat Wong, Ros Beveridge\*, Matilda Blake, John Liston,\* Margot Neilsen, 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:

\$1,150.80 - 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.



### Lumen Christi Staff Spirituality Day - 03 July

As part of their retreat, they will be attending mass on Friday at 10 am at Merimbula church followed by morning tea with the parishioners. Everyone is invited to join.



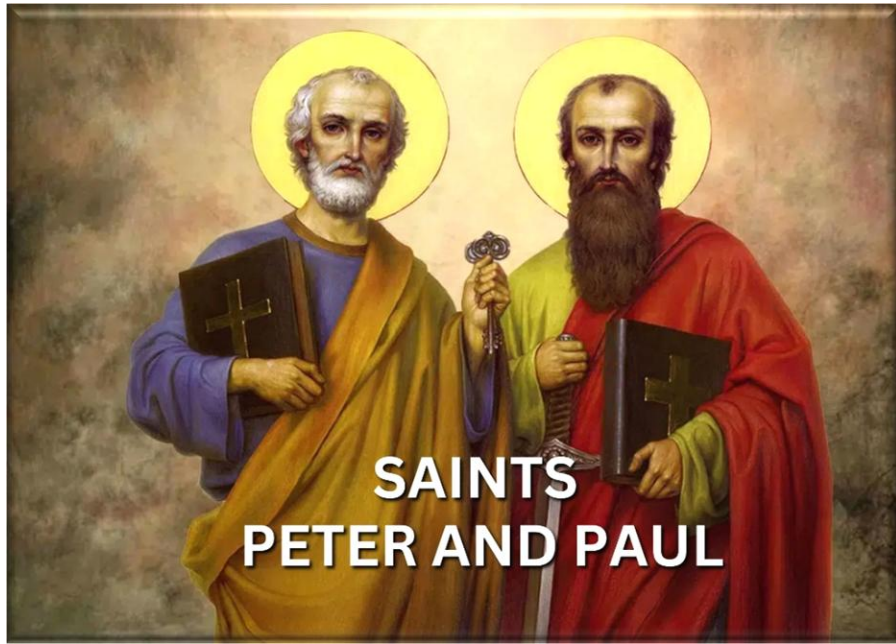
### Come and Join the Archdiocesan Assembly

The Archdiocesan Assembly gathers the Church on our journey of synodal evangelization. It is an opportunity to listen to the Holy Spirit and discern how we are called to walk together in life and mission. It will be held on Saturday 22 August (9:00am - 4:00pm) 2026 at our local hub in Bega

## SOLEMNITIES/FEAST DAYS

- 29 June (Monday) Feast of Saints. Peter & Paul
- 11 July (Saturday) Feast of St. Benedict

# THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL – 29 JUNE



The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul honors the martyrdom of the two pivotal apostles who laid the foundations of the early Church in Rome.

Peter and Paul are pillars that hold up the doorway of the Church. So staunch are they that the rest of the faithful must celebrate their feast days together as one. They shared their life for the Faith, and so, to this day, they share it also in the observation of their glorious entrance into life eternal. May, like Saints Peter and Paul, we be united in Christ and united in His Church.

**SAINTS PETER AND PAUL,  
PRAY FOR US**

Amazing! Even the rainbow appeared in support of our Parish Assembly. Thank you, everyone, for your unwavering support.



Thank you so much to all those who attended our Parish Assembly last weekend. It was fabulous to see so many attending and join in small group discussions. There was lots of sharing, a couple of tears but importantly laughter and community gathering together.

We now have to collate responses and write up a report for you to view. We're working on that. Your feedback was invaluable and it seems you want to keep up the conversation.

Our next event the Pastoral Council is organizing is a Mass and BBQ to honour and thank our wonderful volunteers in July. Details to follow.

Bernadette Wood




Please observe Silence inside the Church at all times.



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## First Reading 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

*That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2**

**(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
who find their joy every day in your name,  
who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;  
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:  
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;  
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

## Second Reading Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

*Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by

the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

## Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 2:9

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.**

**Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Mt 10:37-42

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the early Church, Christianity ripped families apart. Good Jewish families would have been appalled to see their sons and daughters go off to follow a crucified blasphemer. Good reason to keep apart in the synagogue, avoiding damnable pollution. This sectarianism contrasted with the Christians who fearlessly went out into the world.

St John Paul II personified what it is to be Catholic. But, he pressed a prayer into a crack in the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and as an old man shuffled across the floor of a Mosque in Syria.

Of course, there was no compromise of belief and faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, denied by both Jews and Muslims. But his actions were not those of one with the siege mentality of the member of a cult. Rather, he was able to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to take these steps recognising what was good amongst the adherents of those faiths.

We could pause for a moment to implore the Holy Spirit to break us out from any constricting cult-like tendencies so that we can go out into the world powerfully proclaiming the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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