



CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRES OF PAMBULA

Parish Bulletin

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 4 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

Merimbula: St Joseph's
Pambula: St Peter's
Eden: Our Lady Star of the Sea

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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

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

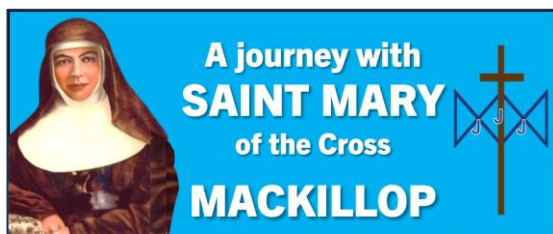
Merimbula: Cenacle & Holy Hour 11am Monday
Pambula: Wednesday 9:30am
Eden: Thursday 9.30am followed by Mass at 10am.

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



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP

**Value your crosses
as the most precious presents
from a good and loving God.
(26.2.1890)**

COMING EVENTS/NOTICES

Aged Care Facility Mass

1 Oct 1.30am Imlay House Pambula
8 Oct 11.30am Uniting Age Care, Eden
6 Nov 1 pm Hugh Cunningham Gardens Tura Beach

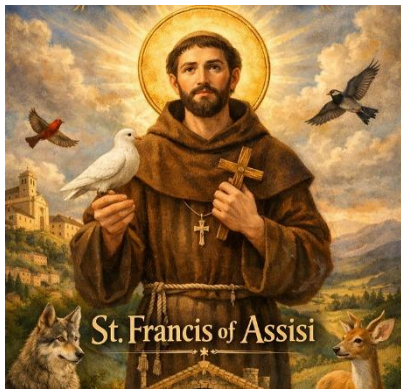
New Parishioners

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.

NO MASS THESE WEEKDAYS

Please be advised that there will be no Mass on Tuesday-Friday, 6-9 October as Fr. Kose will be away for the week.

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI -4 OCT



The Catholic Church celebrates the feast of St. Francis of Assisi every year on Oct. 4. Known as the patron saint of animals and ecology, the 13th-century Italian friar is often remembered for his deep humility, his life of prayer, and for founding the Franciscan order.

Francis was the first recorded person to receive the stigmata. In 1224, while on retreat at Mount La Verna, Francis experienced a vision of a seraph bearing the image of Christ crucified. When the image ended, the wounds of Christ appeared on his body — piercings in his hands, feet, and side.

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 first weekend will be **3 & 4 Oct.**

SOLEMNITIES/FEAST DAYS

04 Oct (Sun) St Francis of Assisi
05 Oct (Mon) St. Faustina Kowalska (Divine Mercy)
07 Oct (Wed) Our Lady of the Rosary
15 Oct (Thur) St. Teresa of Avila



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for the recently deceased

Julie Bourne, Pixie Olive Crehan, Alvin Ureta, Conrad de Zwart, Peter Geraghty, Ruth Joan Mercieca, Michael Gandon, Sr. Magdalen McDonald, Alec Mocjec, Wendy Kukla, Sr. Myree Harris

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

Max Andrew, Henk Westerlaken, Errol David Cole, Kate Webster, Deborah Joan, Cynthia & Martin Walker, Domenic & Gloria,

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

John Liston*, Carolyn Meers, Jed Descutido, Monica Paffen, Pat Wong, 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:

\$1,753.15 - Support Clergy in Parish & Archdiocese & Support running the Parish

Planned Giving Collections:

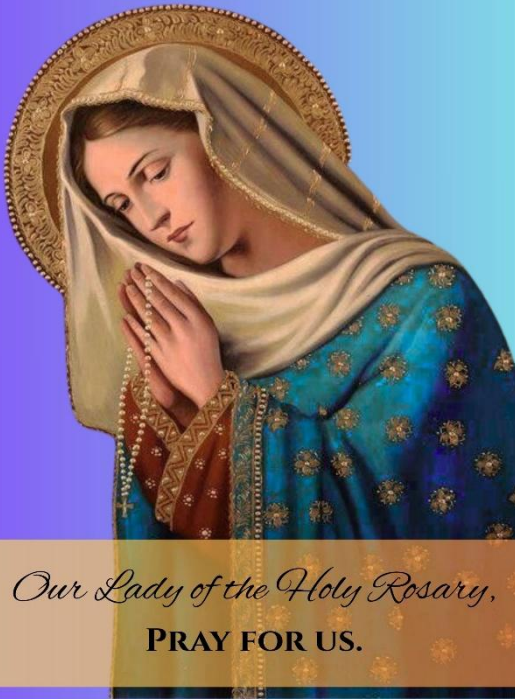
THANK YOU to ALL parishioners who continually support our Parish through our plate collections at Mass, through the envelopes and direct banking. Without your financial help our Parish could not continue to function.

CATHECHISM CORNER

What are the "Five Precepts of the Church"?

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and Holy days of Obligation and abstain from work or activities that offend against the character of the day.
2. You shall receive the sacrament of Penance at least once a year.
3. You shall receive the Holy Eucharist at least during the Easter season.
4. You shall observe the prescribed seasons of fasting and days of abstinence (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday).
5. You shall contribute to the material support of the church

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY — 7 OCT



The **Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary** was instituted to honour Mary for the **Christian victory over the Turks at Lepanto on October 7, 1571**. Pope St. Pius V and all Christians had prayed the Rosary for victory. The **Rosary, or the Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, is one of the best prayers to Mary, the Mother of God.

Excerpts from The Secret of the Rosary

“At this point, the Blessed Virgin appeared to him, accompanied by three Angels of heaven, and she said: “My dear Dominic, do you know which weapon the Blessed Trinity has used to reform the world?” “My Lady,” replied St. Dominic, “you know better than I because next to your Son Jesus Christ you were the chief instrument of our salvation.”

Our Lady added: “I want you to know that the principal means has been the Angelic Psalter (Rosary), which is the foundation of the New Testament.

That is why, if you want to win these hardened hearts for God, preach my Psalter.” The Saint arose, comforted. Filled”

— **Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort**

Quotes from the Saints:

Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother.” -St. Padre Pio

“The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin...If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors.” – Pope Pius XI

SPECIAL NOTES

Parish Support Finance Officer

People are invited to apply for the position of **Parish Support Finance Officer**. This is a permanent full-time position supporting parishes across the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn with the **inputting of financial data and reporting** requirements.

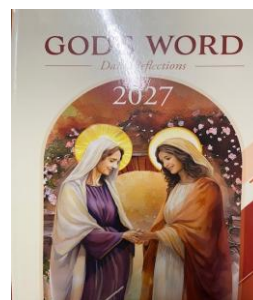
Essential Requirements:

- Bookkeeping experience
- Accurate data entry skills
- Experience with financial packages
- Awareness of GST legislation and reporting requirements
- Experience with Microsoft 365 and excel
- Strong verbal communication skills to be able to serve as the primary point of contact for financial queries

Salary will be subject to qualifications and experience. The position will be based in the Archbishops Office for Evangelisation, Canberra.

For a copy of the Duty Statement and to submit an application please email Leanne Boyd, Parish Support Manager
leanne.boyd@cg.org.au

Applications close Friday 16 October 2026.



God's Word 2027 is now available for purchase at the Parish Office.
Price: \$20



Columban Calendar for 2027 is now available. For orders, you may directly contact them thru:
Phone: [+61 3 9375 9475](tel:+61393759475)
Email: info@columban.org.au

November | Marian Procession | 10:00 am

The Marian Procession is an ecumenical event hosted by the Goulburn Parish of Sts Mary Queen of Apostles, from the Old Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul's. This year it will process on All Saints Day, Sunday the 1st of November. Save the date!



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First Reading Is 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9. 12-16.19-20. R. Is 5:7

**(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the
House of Israel.**

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.
(R.)
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be
saved. **(R.)**

Second Reading Phil 4:6-9

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything
you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer
and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which
is so much greater than we can understand, will
guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ
Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with
everything that is true, everything that is noble,
everything that is good and pure, everything that
we love and honour, and everything that can be
thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing
all the things that you learnt from me and have
been taught by me and have heard or seen that I
do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!**

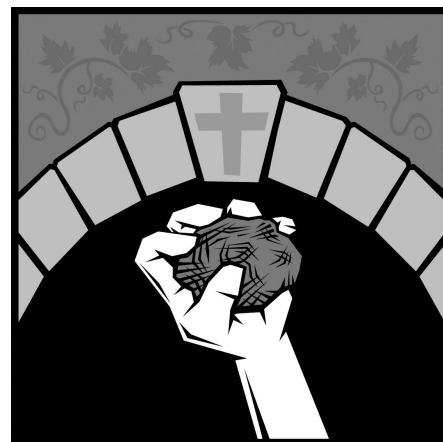
Gospel Mt 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of
the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was
a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he
fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built
a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went
abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent
his servants to the tenants to collect his produce.
But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one,
killed another and stoned a third. Next he
sent some more servants, this time a larger
number, and they dealt with them in the same
way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will
respect my son," he said. But when the tenants
saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the
heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his
inheritance." So they seized him and threw him
out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the
owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to
those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring
those wretches to a wretched end and lease
the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver
the produce to him when the season arrives.'
Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the
scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be
taken from you and given to a people who will
produce its fruit.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the Hebrew scripture, Israel is
spoken of as the Vineyard of God.
We can say that now the Church is
the vineyard of God. God is the
Landlord, we are the tenants. It is
our job to faithfully tend it and
make sure it bears good fruit. If we
are unfaithful, then God *will* find
other people to carry on his plan,
other tenants to tend his vineyard.

Certainly, we see that within the
Universal Church. With the decline
of the Eurocentric church, who has
God turned to as new tenants for
his vineyard? Look at the surging
numbers of Catholics in sub-
Sahara Africa, Nigeria, the
Philippines, Korea. The persecuted
Church in Vietnam and China is
surviving and growing despite the
severity of oppression.

I think we may agree that the
vineyard of the Church in Australia
is not as fruitful as it could be. This
is a challenge for us. It is wonderful
to see the energetic work of the
new immigrants and refugees in
our parishes (including the Bishop
of Parramatta!).

We could pause for a moment to
commit to taking up the privilege
and duty to work in the vineyard of
the Church.

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