



CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRES OF PAMBULA

Parish Bulletin

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 6 September 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 23 Sept 10am
Eden: Thursday 24 Sept 10am
Merimbula: Friday 25 Sept 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

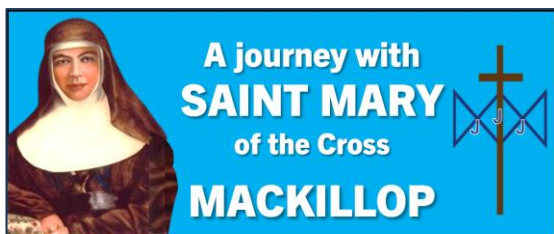
Merimbula: Cenacle & Holy Hour 11am Monday
Pambula: Wednesday 9:30am
Eden: Thursday 9.30am followed by Mass at 10am.

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



**True happiness here below depends
on ourselves not on those around us.
(1907)**

COMING EVENTS/NOTICES

Aged Care Facility Mass

10 Sep 11.30am Uniting Age Care, Eden
 1 Oct 1.30am Imlay House Pambula
 6 Oct 2 pm Albert Moore Gardens, Merimbula
 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.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL



Father's Day Appeal – Collection for our retired priests: Please give generously to the **Father's Day Appeal** conducted at all Masses this weekend. Special envelopes are provided in the church, and donors will be issued with a tax-deductible receipt. Donations can also be made at www.cgatholic.org.au/donate or you could call Financial Services on 6239 9876 to donate over the phone.

Envelopes for your generous donations may be found at the foyer of the church.
 Please remember to our keep beloved priests in your prayers.

FATHER'S DAY: Prayers of The Faithful

For priests who are elderly, sick or retired, that they may experience the loving gratitude of God's people for their years of service.
 We pray to the Lord.



SOLEMNITIES/FEAST DAYS

08 Sept (Tues) The Nativity the Blessed Virgin Mary
 14 Sept (Mon) The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 15 Sept (Tues) Our Lady of Sorrows
 19 Sept (Sat) Our Lady of La Salette



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for the recently deceased

Alvin Ureta, 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

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:

\$1,310.00- 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.

CATECHISM CORNER

What is Sin?

At the core of sin is the rejection of God and the refusal to accept His Love. This is manifested in a disregard for his commandments. (385-390)

Sin is more than an incorrect behaviour; it is not just a psychological weakness. In the deepest sense every rejection or destruction of something good is the rejection good in itself, **the rejection of God**. In its most profound and terrible dimension, sin is separation from God and, thus separation from the source of life. Only through Jesus do we understand the abysmal dimension of sin: Jesus suffered God's rejection in His own flesh. He took upon himself the deadly power of sin so that it would not strike us. the term that we use for is **Redemption** (224-237, 315-318, 348-469)

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – 8 SEPTEMBER



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! DEAR MOTHER AND QUEEN

Today, we celebrate the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
whose splendid life has illumined the Church

As the life of Christ began with Mary,
so too the life of the Christian begins with Mary.
(Extract from godinallthings.com)

*"Today the Virgin is born,
tended and formed
and prepared for her role as Mother of God,
who is the universal King of the ages.
... Therefore, let all creation sing and dance
and unite to make worthy contribution
to the celebration of this day.*

*... Let everything, mundane things
and those above, join in festive celebration.*

*Today this created world is raised
to the dignity of a holy place
for Him who made all things.
The creature is newly prepared
to be a divine dwelling place for the Creator."*
St Andrew of Crete (650-740) Bishop

VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU DAY

No words
can fully
describe all
the
wonderful
things you
have so
willingly
given to this
parish...

THANK
YOU ALL
FOR BEING
SUCH A
BLESSING!



MASS OFFERED...



CELEBRATED WITH SMILES...

GIFTS GIVEN...



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First Reading Ez 33:7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

**(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading Rom 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your

fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

**God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.**

Alleluia!

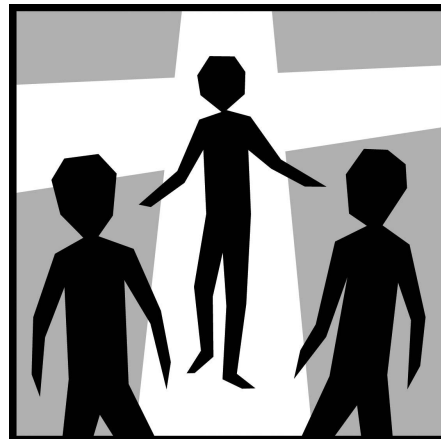
Gospel Mt 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'



Reflection by Nick Brodie

This Gospel is clearly about becoming part of team Jesus. There's the bit about gathering in twos and threes to find agreement about what we – including Jesus – want or need. Then we (the Greek 'you' is plural) are told we can jointly bind and loose, literally from the ground up.

This is, therefore, a profoundly synodal passage. It's an instruction manual for dealing with the messy realities in which the Church sometimes finds itself, and a reminder of the importance of community. There is even a plan for dealing with the odd recalcitrant brother who just won't listen! Jesus' key takeaway is about persistence and working together.

In our own times, where there is lots of scope for collective action on important issues, Jesus' frequent mention of 'earth' resonates. We are called to be the salt of the earth, a grounded people whose decisions can have heavenly effects.

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