



CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRES OF PAMBULA

Parish Bulletin

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 11 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

Sisters of St Joseph

Sr Marie Carson

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Mrs Bernadette Wood

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Ms Sue Heffernan

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Mr Michael Wood

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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

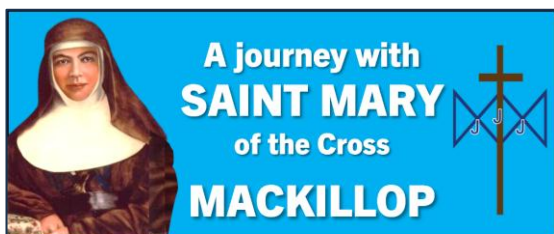
Merimbula: Cenacle & Holy Hour 11am Monday
Pambula: Wednesday 9:30am
Eden: Thursday 9.30am followed by Mass at 10am.

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

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



**Look upon your crosses as
stepping stones
to the eternal life of happiness.
(28.2.1890)**

COMING EVENTS/NOTICES

Aged Care Facility Mass

13 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.

PFC COMMITTEE REPORT

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – Tuesday, September 29

Maintenance updates were provided for Eden, Merimbula and Pambula. The faulty heater at Pambula has been replaced and the fuses in the switchboard upgraded as required when such work is done. The confessional upgrade at Eden has commenced. The annual audit of all properties for Workplace Health and Safety is underway.

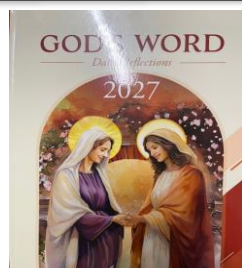
The clearing of Lot 7 at Pambula in readiness for sale has been continuing and the Finance Committee thanks those who have given their assistance to this work. A quote has been accepted for vegetation clearance so that the sale can proceed.

Fr Kose presented the bill for all parish insurances for this financial year. As parishioners have been previously informed, insurance is a significant annual cost to the parish. The finance committee is taking up the invitation to discuss this with the Archdiocese with the goal of reducing the bill.

Next PFC meeting – Thursday, October 29 (Moved from the 4th Tuesday of the month due to meeting clash)

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 2nd counting will be weekend **10 & 11 Oct.**



God's Word 2027 is now available for purchase at the Parish Office or thru Fr. Kose.

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



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:

\$1,880.90 - 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 is the purpose of the Precepts of the Church and how binding are they?

The Five Precepts of the Church with their minimum requirements are supposed to remind us that one cannot be a Christian without making a moral effort, without participating personally in the sacramental life of the Church and without union with her in solidarity. They are obligatory for every Catholic Christian (2041,2048)

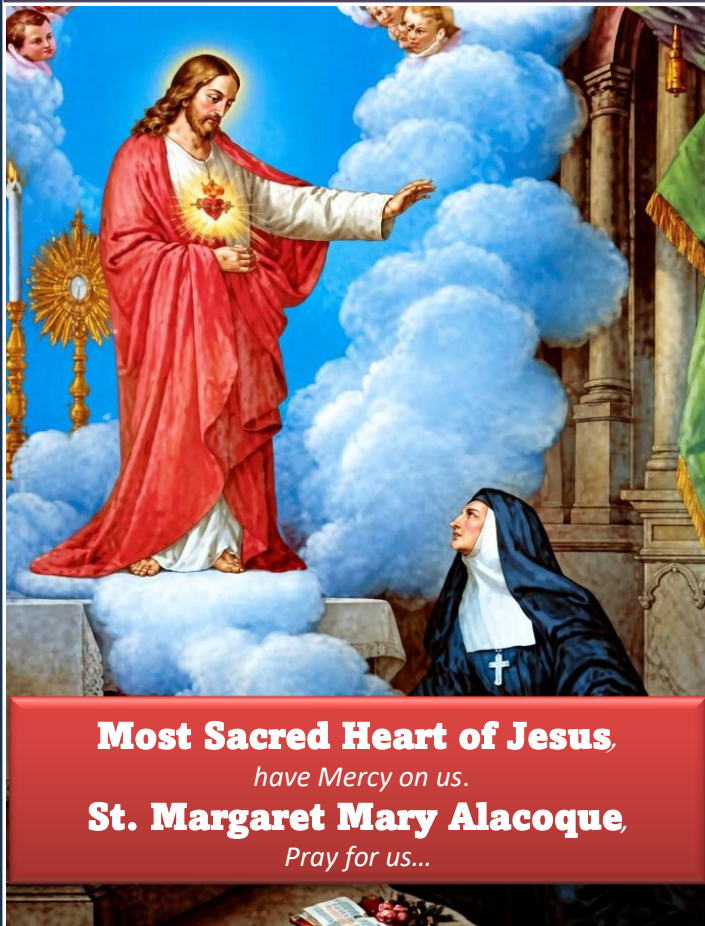
SOLEMNITIES/FEAST DAYS

15 Oct (Thur) St. Teresa of Avila

16 Oct (Fri) St. Margaret Mary Alacoque of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

17 Oct (Sat) St. Ignatius of Antioch

FEAST OF ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE — 16 OCT



Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
have Mercy on us.
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque,
Pray for us...

In 1673 Margaret Mary began receiving **revelations from Christ** which continued for 18 months. During the first revelation Jesus invited Margaret Mary to rest her head on his heart while he spoke to her about His immense love for mankind and his desire that she spread devotion to his Sacred Heart. She saw his heart on fire and surrounded by a crown of thorns.

In July 1674, Jesus said to her: **"This is more grievous to Me, than all that I endured in my Passion. If they would only give Me some return of love, I should not reckon all that I have done for them, and I would do yet more if possible. But they have only coldness and contempt for all My endeavors to do them good. You, at least, can give Me the happiness of making up for their ingratitude, as much as you can."**

Jesus requested that a feast day dedicated to his Sacred Heart be established and that devotees receive **Holy Communion** on the **first Friday of each month**.

In 1765, seventy-five years after her death, the Church officially approved of **devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**, and the **Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** was established in 1856.

Let every knee bend before You, O greatness of my God, so supremely humbled in the Sacred Host. May every heart love You, every spirit adore You and every will be subject to You!

-St. Mary Margaret Alacoque-

The Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honored.
10. 10) I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart.
12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

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.



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First Reading Is 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine
wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.6

**(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to
be rich too. I have been through my initiation
and now I am ready for anything anywhere:

full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or
plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with
the help of the One who gives me strength.
All the same, it was good of you to share
with me in my hardships. In return my God
will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as
lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our
Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart**

**that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of
the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who gave a feast for his
son's wedding. He sent his servants to call
those who had been invited, but they would
not come. Next he sent some more servants.
"Tell those who have been invited" he said
"that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen
and fattened cattle have been slaughtered,
everything is ready. Come to the wedding."
But they were not interested: one went off
to his farm, another to his business, and
the rest seized his servants, maltreated
them and killed them. The king was furious.
He dispatched his troops, destroyed those
murderers and burnt their town. Then he
said to his servants, "The wedding is ready;
but as those who were invited proved to be
unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town
and invite everyone you can find to the
wedding." So these servants went out onto
the roads and collected together everyone
they could find, bad and good alike; and the
wedding hall was filled with guests. When
the king came in to look at the guests he
noticed one man who was not wearing a
wedding garment, and said to him, "How did
you get in here, my friend, without a wedding
garment?" And the man was silent. Then the
king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand
and foot and throw him out into the dark,
where there will be weeping and grinding
of teeth." For many are called, but few are
chosen.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The servants of the king went out
and gathered in 'all whom they
found, good and evil alike'. They
respond, drawn by the attractive
prospect of sharing in the life of
the Lord of the Feast, and they are
welcomed, whether good or evil.

What about the king's (God's)
question to the wedding guest? 'My
friend, how come you are here
without a wedding garment?' The
guest might have replied: 'Because
of dire poverty', or 'Lack of time',
but the story goes on, 'But the
guest was silent'. The guest was
tongue-tied because he was caught
out having decided not to enter
into the spirit of the occasion.

That is why, at every baptism, we
look for a signal of commitment to
respond to the spirit of the
occasion, by the wearing of a white
garment. This anticipates the later
receiving of Holy Communion which
is a foretaste of the Feast of
Heaven.

We could pause for a moment at
this Mass to enter into the Spirit of
the occasion wearing the garment
of our baptismal commitment.

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