



CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRES OF PAMBULA

Parish Bulletin

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 13 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

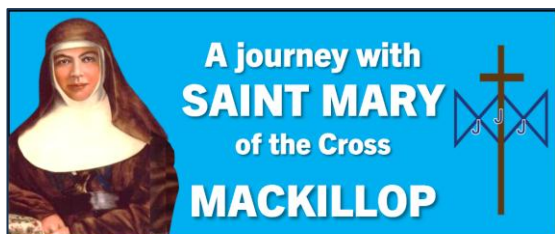
Merimbula: Cenacle & Holy Hour 11am Monday
Pambula: Wednesday 9:30am
Eden: Thursday 9.30am followed by Mass at 10am.

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



**Try always to be generous with God.
(14.4.1882)**

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.

Happy Birthday Sis. Marie! – 8 Sept



This blessed day was chosen by God as the day you entered the world. Created in His image and guided by His loving care, you continue to be a source of joy and inspiration to our parish community. We give thanks for the blessing of your life and celebrate the many ways you touch our hearts. May God continue to bless you abundantly today and always.

MASS IN HONOR OF THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE – 19 Sept @ 10 am Merimbula

Fr. Kose, a priest of the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette, warmly invites everyone to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of La Salette. The celebration will begin with Holy Mass and will be followed by morning tea. To help make this occasion a joyful parish gathering, we kindly ask those attending to bring a plate of food to share as we celebrate Our Lady's feast together.

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

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:

\$1,310.00- 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

Was it part of God's plan for people to suffer and die?

God does want people to suffer and die. God's original idea for us was paradise: life forever and peace between God and human beings and their environment, between man and woman. (374-379. 384-400)

Often, we sense how life ought to be, how we ought to be, but in fact we do not live in peace with ourselves, act out of fear and uncontrolled emotions, and have lost the original harmony that we had with the world and ultimately with God. In Sacred Scripture, the experience of this alienation is expressed in the story of the Fall. Because sin crept in, Adam and Eve had to leave paradise, in which they were in harmony with each other and with God. The toil of work, suffering, mortality and the temptation to sin are signs of this loss of paradise.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE – 19 SEPTEMBER



Core Elements of the Message

- **A Vision of Sorrow:** The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in tears, her face buried in her hands, expressing profound grief over humanity's sins and its growing separation from God.
- **Reverence for God's Name:** She warned against the widespread habit of swearing and using the Lord's name in vain, reminding people of the importance of honouring the Second Commandment.
- **Keeping the Lord's Day Holy:** Mary lamented the neglect of Sunday worship, noting that many treated the Sabbath as an ordinary day of work rather than dedicating it to Mass, prayer, and rest.
- **A Warning of Hardship:** She foretold crop failures, the destruction of potato harvests, and severe famine as consequences of persistent sin and disregard for God's commandments.
- **A Call to Conversion and Hope:** Despite these warnings, Mary's message was ultimately one of hope. She encouraged daily prayer, penance, and a return to her Son, Jesus Christ, assuring the faithful that sincere repentance would bring God's mercy, healing, and renewed abundance.

The Meaning of the La Salette Cross

At La Salette, Mary wore a crucifix suspended from a chain around her neck with instruments used in **Christ's crucifixion**. A hammer was on the right, and a pincers on the left. The hammer was the tool used to drive the nails into Christ's flesh. **It symbolizes sin.** The pincers were the pliers-like tool used to remove the nails when Jesus was taken down from the cross. **They symbolize prayer and penance and reconciliation.**

In essence, the La Salette cross is more than a physical object; it is a **visual representation of Mary's plea for conversion, prayer, and reconciliation.** The **hammer** reminds believers of **the reality of sin**, while the **pincers** encourage active participation in **penance and spiritual restoration.** Together, they encapsulate the **message of hope and divine mercy** central to the La Salette apparition.

ONCE AGAIN, CHEERS FOR THE VOLUNTEERS!



We can't thank you enough for all the good things that you do for our parish. May God bless you a hundredfold for your kindness and generosity.



THANK YOU
Volunteers