



CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRES OF PAMBULA

Parish Bulletin

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 18 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

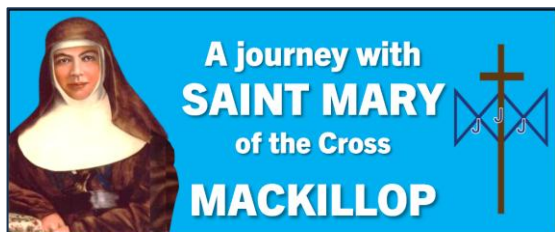
Merimbula: Cenacle & Holy Hour 11am Monday
Pambula: Wednesday 9:30am
Eden: Thursday 9.30am followed by Mass at 10am.

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



**Remember that we must always expect,
from time to time, to receive 'crosses' and
know that we also give them.
(14.4.1882)**

COMING EVENTS/NOTICES

Aged Care Facility Mass

3 Nov 2 pm Albert Moore Gardens, Merimbula
 5 Nov 11.30am Imlay House Pambula
 6 Nov 1 pm Hugh Cunningham Gardens Tura Beach
 12 Nov 11.30am Uniting Age Care, Eden

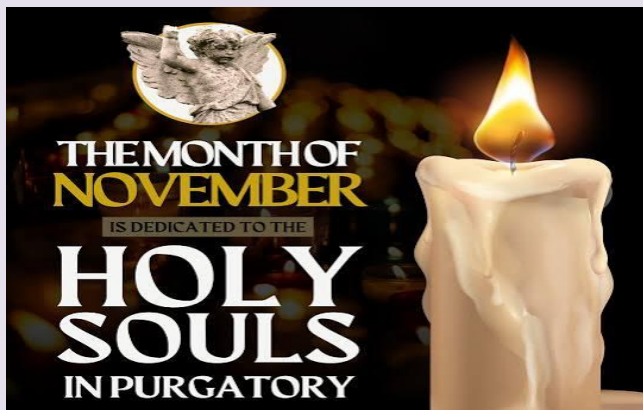
New Parishioners

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 & PARISH OFFICE CLOSED On WED 21 OCT

No Mass on at Pambula Church and Parish office will be closed on Wednesday 21 October due to Deanery Meeting/ Training. For urgent matters, you may ring the parish office mobile @ 0435 036 236 or Fr. Kose.

NOVEMBER MASSES



November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory, focusing on prayer, remembrance, and the communion of saints. Catholics can gain daily plenary indulgences on days 1-8 November for the souls in Purgatory by visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead, under standard conditions (confession, communion, and prayers for the Pope's intentions). Fr. Kose will dedicate the whole month of November to offer masses in remembrance of our dearly departed. Envelopes are provided for these special intentions and may be found at the church entrance. You may submit these envelopes to the parish office or give them to Fr. Kose.

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 3rd counting will be weekend **17 & 18 Oct.**



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:

\$2,105.25- 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

Teacher, what must I do to have eternal life? (Mt. 19:16)

Jesus says, " If you wish to Enter into life, keep the commandments (Mt. 19:17). Then he adds, "then come follow me "(Mt. 19:21) (2052-2054, 2075-2076).

Christianity is more than a correct life and keeping the commandments. Being a Christian is a living relationship with Jesus. A Christian is deeply and personally united with the Lord and with Him sets out on the way that leads to true life.

SOLEMNITIES/FEAST DAYS

22 Oct (Sat) St. John Paul II

23 Oct (Fri) St. John Capistrano

28 Oct (Wed) Sts. Simon & Jude, the Apostles

FEAST OF ST. LUKE, THE EVANGELIST — 18 OCTOBER



St. Luke, Pray for us...



The Eastern Orthodox and Catholic traditions hold that Luke the Evangelist painted the first icons of the Blessed Virgin Mary holding the Child Jesus, the Hodegetria, a Greek word that means "She who shows the way". Other famous icons supposedly painted by St. Luke are the icon of Our Lady of Vladimir (enshrined in Moscow, Russia), the icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa (enshrined in Poland), and the icon of Salus Populi Romani (enshrined in Rome).

According to early accounts, Luke personally knew Mary and gathered intimate details about her life for his Gospel (such as the Annunciation and Nativity).

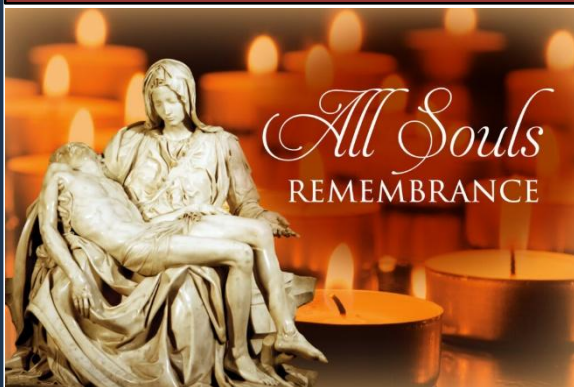


Luke's unique perspective on Jesus can be seen in the six miracles and eighteen parables not found in the other gospels. Luke's is the gospel of the poor and of social justice. He is the one who tells the story of Lazarus and the Rich Man who ignored him. Luke is the one who uses "Blessed are the poor" instead of "Blessed are the poor in spirit" in the beatitudes. Only in Luke's gospel do we hear Mary's Magnificat where she proclaims that God "has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty" (Luke 1:52-53).

It is only in Luke's gospel that we hear the story of the Annunciation, Mary's visit to Elizabeth including the Magnificat, the Presentation, and the story of Jesus' disappearance in Jerusalem. It is Luke that we have to thank for the Scriptural parts of the Hail Mary: "Hail Mary full of grace" spoken at the Annunciation and "Blessed are you and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus" spoken by her cousin Elizabeth. We know from his Gospel that St. Luke had a special love for Mary, the mother of Jesus. Luke gives more information about her than all the other evangelists, and it is mainly because of him that we have a special insight into the greatness and beauty of her soul. St. Luke's Gospel reveals Mary's simple steadfast faith, her child-like trust and obedience to God's will, her generosity and readiness to serve others, her gratitude for the gifts she has received, her acceptance of God's plan, even when she doesn't understand it, and her prayerfulness, pondering the ways of God and keeping the truth of God always close to her heart.

(Extract from churchofstlukes.com 2016/06/Homily for Feast of St. Luke)

REMEMBRANCE MASS — 5 NOV.



This year's **Remembrance Mass** will be held at **Our Lady Star of the Sea, Eden, commencing at 10:00am on Thursday 5th November**. After Mass, you are most welcome to join the families of those parishioners who have died in the past 12 months, for a cuppa in the Mary McKillop Hall. **Please bring something to share.**

If you have lost a family member in the past year, and you would like their name inserted in the Remembrance Mass booklet, please contact Teresa (0408 827 794) by Monday 2nd November.



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First Reading Is 45:1.4-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to
Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not
know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to
the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

- 1 O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the
peoples. (R.)
- 2 The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.
(R.)
- 3 Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.
(R.)
- 4 Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.
(R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the
Church in Thessalonika which is in God the
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing

you grace and peace from God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers
and thank God for you all, and constantly
remember before God our Father how you
have shown your faith in action, worked for
love and persevered through hope, in our
Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and
that you have been chosen, because when
we brought the Good News to you, it came
to you not only as words, but as power and
as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:15-21

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God
the things that are God's.*

The Pharisees went away to work out
between them how to trap Jesus in what
he said. And they sent their disciples to
him, together with the Herodians, to say,
'Master, we know that you are an honest
man and teach the way of God in an honest
way, and that you are not afraid of anyone,
because a man's rank means nothing
to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it
permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?'
But Jesus was aware of their malice and
replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this
trap for me? Let me see the money you pay
the tax with.' They handed him a denarius,
and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose
name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then
said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar
what belongs to Caesar – and to God what
belongs to God.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus first cleverly throws his
questioners on the defensive. *They*
are the ones carrying the coinage,
not him. Then he poses the crucial
question, 'Whose image is it and
whose inscription?' They said to
him, 'Caesar's'. Then he said to
them: 'Render to Caesar what is
Caesar's and to God what is
God's.'

The coin bore the image and
inscription of Caesar. Genesis
teaches us that human beings are
made in the image and likeness of
God. Our Lord is saying, 'Let the
political and financial authorities
have their coinage. It is their legal
tender. But they cannot have
human beings. Human beings
belong to Another. They belong to
God.'

We are fortunate to live in a
wonderful democracy. But even a
democracy can violate the dignity
of a human being created in the
image and likeness of God. As
Pope John Paul II said: 'Authentic
democracy is possible only in a
state ruled by law, *and on the
basis of a correct conception of the
human person.*' (Italics added)

We could pause for a moment to
thank God for the inscription, 'Child
of God', effectively engraved on our
hearts by baptism.

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