



CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRES OF PAMBULA

Parish Bulletin

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 21 June 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 24 June 10am
Eden: Thursday 25 June 10am
Merimbula: Friday 26 June 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

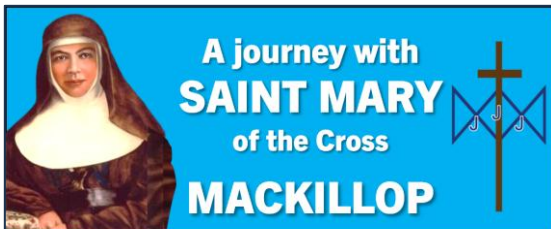
Merimbula: Cenacle & Holy Hour 11am Monday
Pambula: Wednesday 9:30am
Eden: Thursday 9.30am followed by Mass at 10am.

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

**Let us never forget that God has done wonders
for us
and wonderfully protected us in our helplessness.
(3.3.1882)**

COMING EVENTS/NOTICES

Aged Care Facility Mass

- 2 July 11.30am Imlay House, Pambula
- 3 July 1 pm Hugh Cunningham Gardens Tura Beach
- 7 July 2 pm Albert Moore Gardens, Merimbula

New Parishioners

Could anyone new to the Parish contact the Parish Office or Fr Kose, so that the Parish has your contact details. Thank you.

JUNE – Month dedicated to the Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary



**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have Mercy on us...
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for us..**

Funeral Prayer Service for Alojz Mojcec (Alec)

Service will be held at 12pm Friday
26th June at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church,
Eden.

Please remember to include him in your prayers



Catechism Corner

In what way is the Holy Eucharist an anticipation of Eternal Life?

Jesus promised His disciples, and us with them, that we will one day sit at the table with Him. Therefore, every **Holy Mass** is a “**Memorial of the Blessed Passion**” (Eucharistic Prayer 1, called the Roman Canon), the fullness of grace, and a pledge of future glory.
(1402-1405)

SOLEMNITIES/FEAST DAYS

- 24 June (Wednesday) Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- 29 June (Monday) Feast of Saints. Peter & Paul



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for the recently deceased

Michael Gandon, Sr. Magdalen McDonald, Alec Moczec, Wendy Kukla, Sr. Myree Harris

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

Anna Maria Weinlich
, Kate Webster, Deborah Joan, Cynthia & Martin Walker, Domenic & Gloria, Edward Cutajar

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

Jed Descutido, Monica Paffen, Pat Wong, Ros Beveridge*, Matilda Blake, John Liston,* Margot Neilsen, 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:

\$1619 - 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.



Please observe Silence inside the Church

IT IS IN SILENCE THAT
YOU WILL
HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD

ST BENEDICT

The Church is a sacred place where Jesus dwells and is truly present in the tabernacle. We ought Him our utmost reverence and adoration. “The language He understands the best is the **Silence of Love.**”
Saint John of The Cross,

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST – 24 JUNE

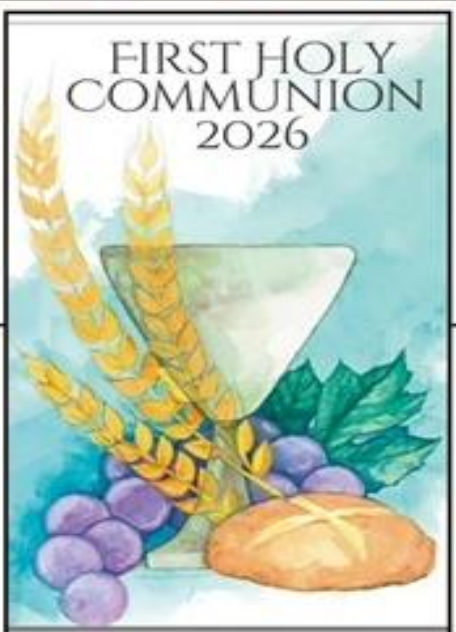


Only three birthdays are celebrated on the Church's liturgical calendar, the Nativity of Our Lord (December 25), the Nativity of His Mother (September 8), and the Nativity of His forerunner, John the Baptist, on June 24.

St. John the Baptist was set apart from the womb to prepare the way of the Lord and was a significant figure connected to the Incarnation and the Redemption. The Church honors him because of his role in preparing the way for Christ.

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
PRAY FOR US**

Such a glorious day as we rejoice for our 13 First Communicants who received Jesus for the first time...





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First Reading Jer 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,
 "Terror from every side!
 Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
 All those who used to be my friends
 watched for my downfall,
 "Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
 Then we will master him
 and take our revenge!"
 But the Lord is at my side,
 a mighty hero;
 my opponents will stumble, mastered,
 confounded by their failure;
 everlasting, unforgettable disgrace
 will be theirs.
 But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe
 with justice,
 who scrutinise the loins and heart,
 let me see the vengeance you will take
 on them,
 for I have committed my cause to you.
 Sing to the Lord,
 praise the Lord,
 for he has delivered the soul
 of the needy
 from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

**(R.) Lord, in your great love,
answer me.**

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my
brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.
(R.)
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.
(R.)
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in
their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give
him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.
(R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man,
 and through sin death, and thus death
 has spread through the whole human race
 because everyone has sinned. Sin existed
 in the world long before the Law was given.
 There was no law and so no one could be
 accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet
 death reigned over all from Adam to Moses,
 even though their sin, unlike that of Adam,
 was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but
 the gift itself considerably outweighed the
 fall. If it is certain that through one man's
 fall so many died, it is even more certain
 that divine grace, coming through the one
 man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an
 abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Spirit of Truth will bear witness
 to me, says the Lord,
 and you also will be my witnesses.
 Alleluia!**

Gospel Mt 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

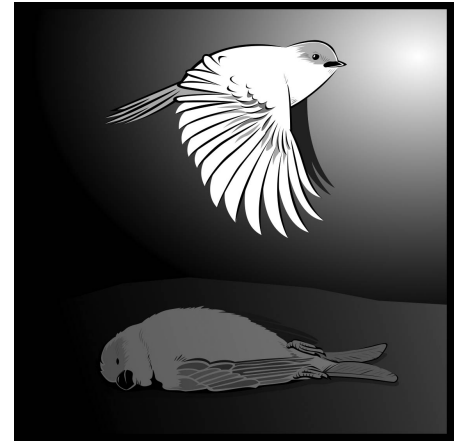
Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:
 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now
 covered will be uncovered, and everything
 now hidden will be made clear. What I say to
 you in the dark, tell in the daylight;
 what you hear in whispers, proclaim from
 the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body
 but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather
 who can destroy both body and soul in hell.
 Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny?
 And yet not one falls to the ground without
 your Father knowing. Why, every hair on
 your head has been counted. So there is no
 need to be afraid; you are worth more than
 hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in
 the presence of men, I will declare myself
 for him in the presence of my Father in
 heaven. But the one who disowns me in
 the presence of men, I will disown in the
 presence of my Father in heaven.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Gospel reads: '... not one [sparrow] falls to the ground without your Father knowing.'

But that is a bad translation. The Greek simply says 'not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground without your Father.' Full stop! Our Heavenly Father accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! That is the measure of the Creator's love for all creatures. God wants to – does – enter into the moment of death, *our* moment of death.

Now, that *would* be consoling if I were facing what Jesus was foreseeing for his disciples in the first century.

One of the first Christian groups to hear this Gospel was that set around the Tigris River running through Baghdad in modern day Iraq. During the warfare that raged there, that Christian community faced terrible persecution from fanatical Muslims. We can barely imagine hearing today's Gospel amongst the remnant, left in Baghdad today. How does 'Do not be afraid' really sound to them?

So, we could pause for a moment to pray for those for whom today's Gospel is a challenge beyond our imagining.

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