



CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRES OF PAMBULA

Parish Bulletin

Pentecost Sunday, Year A 24 May 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 27 May 10am
Eden: Thursday 28 May 10am
Merimbula: Friday 29 May 10am

Sacrament of Baptism

Families are warmly invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism in our parish. A Welcoming Mass is held on the 4th Saturday/Sunday of the month prior to Baptism, with the Baptism celebrated during Mass on the 1st Saturday/Sunday of the following 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

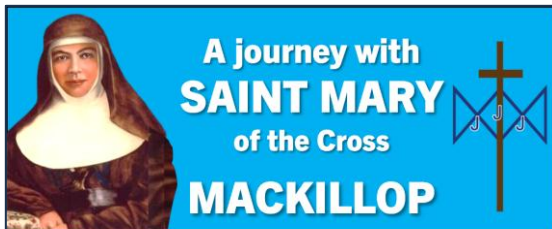
Rosary

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



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP

**God is good and has brought light and help
when all was very dark. (18.1.1899)**

COMING EVENTS/NOTICES

Aged Care Facility Mass

2 June 2pm Albert Moore Gardens, Merimbula
4 June 11.30am Imlay House, Pambula
11 June 11.30am Uniting Age Care, Eden

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.

May is the month of the Rosary

Rosary will be prayed before Saturday Mass in Eden and before Sunday Masses in Pambula and Merimbula, beginning thirty minutes prior to the start of Mass.

Invitation from the Parish Council



Dear Parishioners,

As many of you know, our Parish Assembly is coming up soon. In the lead-up to this important gathering, we will be praying a Prayer for the success of the Assembly at all weekend Masses.

Our Parish Assembly, with the theme *Encountering Jesus Together*, is an opportunity for us to come together as a parish family to listen, share, and reflect on where Jesus is calling us on our Pilgrim journey. It will be a relaxed and welcoming afternoon of conversation, prayer, and community.

The Assembly will be held on Saturday, 20 June, at Mary MacKillop Hall in Eden. We will begin at 2.15pm with small group discussions, enjoy some afternoon tea together, and finish by around 5.15pm before evening Mass at 5.30pm. Everyone is warmly invited and encouraged to come along. Whether you are new to the parish or have been part of our community for many years, your voice and presence are important.

To help with planning, please add your name to the sheet at the entrance of the churches, or contact the Parish Office with your name, email address, and phone number. You are also welcome to speak with one of our Pastoral Council members: Sue Heffernan, Pat Went, or Bernadette Wood for further information.

We hope you can join us and look forward to sharing this special afternoon together.

God bless,
Parish Pastoral Council

SOLEMNITIES/FEAST DAYS

24 May (Sunday) Pentecost Sunday

25 May (Monday) Our Lady, Help of Christians, Patron Saint of Australia (mass to be announced)



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for all the faithful departed or whose anniversaries occur including:

Cynthia & Martin Walker, Domenic & Gloria, Marcel (Mike) Aggenbach, Edward Cutajar, Ann Johnston, Irma Kelly, Jocilyn Petty, Paul Geraghty

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*, Carolyn Mears

(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:

\$1,288 - 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 does the Holy Spirit do in my life?

The Holy Spirit makes me receptive to God. He teaches me to pray and helps me to be there for others. (738-741).

St. Augustine calls the Holy Spirit "the quiet guest of our soul." Anyone who wants to sense His presence must be quiet. Often, He speaks very softly within us and with us, in the voice of our conscience or through other interior and exterior promptings



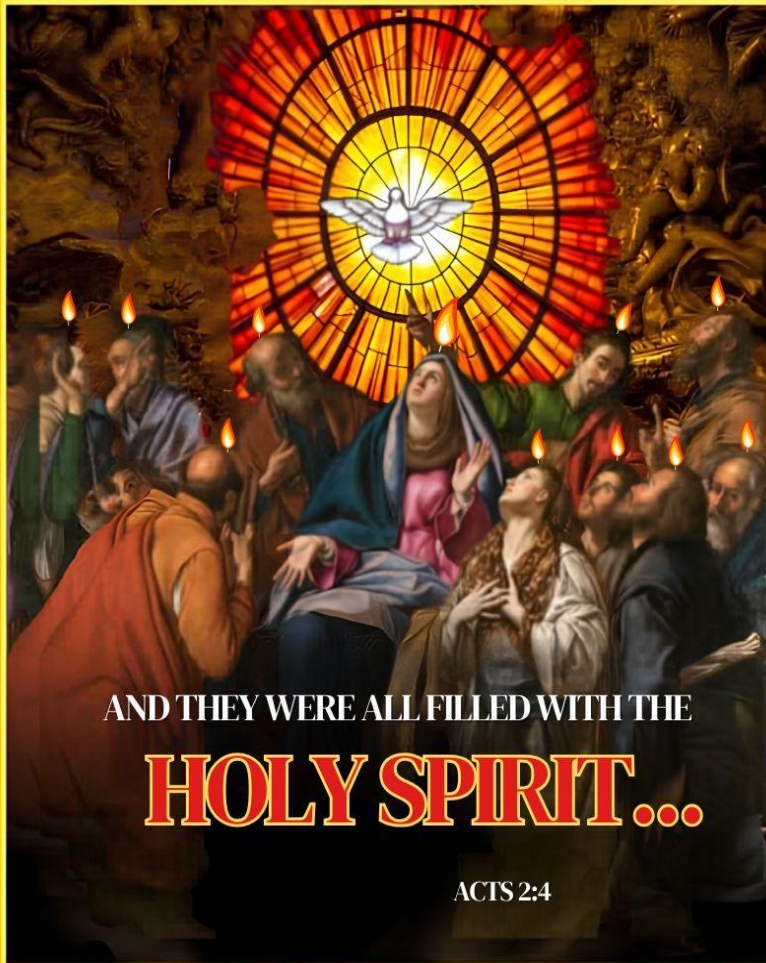
2026 National Count of Attendance at Mass and Sunday Assemblies

Counting continues. You may notice someone taking this count at the Mass.

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

Pentecost Sunday



AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE
HOLY SPIRIT...

ACTS 2:4

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest,
and in our souls take up Thy rest;
come with Thy grace and heavenly aid
to fill the hearts which Thou hast made.
O comforter, to Thee we cry,
O heavenly gift of God Most High,
O fount of life and fire of love,
and sweet anointing from above.
Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts are known;
Thou, finger of God's hand we own;
Thou, promise of the Father,
Thou Who dost the tongue with power imbue.
Kindle our sense from above,
and make our hearts overflow with love;
with patience firm and virtue high
the weakness of our flesh supply.
Far from us drive the foe we dread,
and grant us Thy peace instead;
so shall we not, with Thee for guide,
turn from the path of life aside.
Oh, may Thy grace on us bestow
the Father and the Son to know;
and Thee, through endless times confessed,
of both the eternal Spirit blest.
Now to the Father and the Son,
Who rose from death, be glory given,
with Thou, O Holy Comforter,
henceforth by all in earth and heaven. Amen.

ENCOUNTERING JESUS TOGETHER



PARISH ASSEMBLY

Saturday 20th June, 2026
2.30pm - 5.15pm
Mary MacKillop Hall
Calle Calle Street, Eden

All Welcome

Our Parish Assembly is a time to explore the opportunities to discern where Jesus is calling us to walk together on our Pilgrim Journey.

PRAYER FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE PARISH ASSEMBLY

Heavenly Father, As we gather together to pray for the success of the Parish Assembly, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit to unite us. Open our hearts to listen to each other with humility and empathy and guide our minds to discern your will for our Parish.

Help us to build a community that is vibrant and welcoming,
working together for the glory of God.
May the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for us.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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First Reading Acts 2:1-11

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When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

**(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.**
or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they
came.
You send forth your spirit, they are
created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your
faithful**

and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again,

'Peace be with you.
'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

As summer progresses in Australia, invariably great bushfires break out. Those who report the infernos speak not only of the flames, but often of a mighty roar like a great windstorm heralding the approaching fire.

The earth had quaked at the death of Jesus, but death had been conquered and the earth was supercharged with divine energy and vitality. Into all this the Risen Lord sent his Holy Spirit like a lightning strike. Divine energy was unleashed and St Luke portrays this particular event in our bushfire terms. The Holy Spirit, he says, was 'like tongues of fire' and 'like the sound of a mighty wind' accompanying the descent of the Holy Spirit on a gathering of a fearful group of followers of Our Lord.

The tangled undergrowth of fear, anxiety and timidity was cleared away. The new life of the church was germinated, took root and has been growing ever since, listening to the core message preached by St Peter: Jesus of Nazareth had conquered death and Peter and others were witnesses to the Risen Lord.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the successor of St Peter that he may preach the resurrection in a way which is understandable by people of every culture, every ethnicity, every language group around the world.

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