



CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRES OF PAMBULA

Parish Bulletin

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 27 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 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

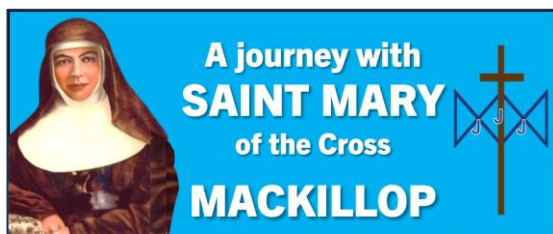
Merimbula: Cenacle & Holy Hour 11am Monday
Pambula: Wednesday 9:30am
Eden: Thursday 9.30am followed by Mass at 10am.

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

**The prayer of a humble heart
is a powerful weapon
(26.4.1873)**

COMING EVENTS/NOTICES

Aged Care Facility Mass

1 Oct 1.30am Imlay House Pambula
8 Oct 11.30am Uniting Age Care, Eden
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.

Such a joyful occasion to celebrate the FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE



It was truly a blessed and joyous day! Thank you to everyone who joined me for the Thanksgiving Mass and the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of La Salette, the patroness of our congregation. Your presence made the occasion even more meaningful!

May Our Lady continue to guide us on our journey of faith and keep us always under her loving mantle of protection. God bless you all. Fr. Kose

**Our Lady of La Salette, Reconciler of sinners,
Pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to you.**

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 first weekend will be **3 & 4 Oct.**

SOLEMNITIES/FEAST DAYS

28 Sept (Mon) St. Lorenzo Ruiz & companions
29 Sept (Tue) Feast of St. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
30 Sept (Wed) St. Jerome



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for the recently deceased

Pixie Olive Crehan, Alvin Ureta, Conrad de Zwart,
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:

\$1,593.30 - 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.

Funeral Mass for Pixie Olive Crehan

Mass will be held at Our Lady
Star of the Sea Church in Eden
on Wednesday 30th
September @ 11am.
Please remember Olive in
your prayers.

**Eternal Rest grant unto
Pixie , O Lord...**



LIVING ROSARY – SAT. 03 OCT.@10am

Every year, on the first Saturday of October, it has
become our parish tradition to gather and pray the
Holy Rosary in front of the grotto of Our Lady Star
of the Sea church in Eden. Please come and join
as we pray a living rosary to honor of Our Lady
and to ask for her intercession.

FEAST OF STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGELS – 29 SEPTEMBER

SAINTS MICHAEL, RAPHAEL, AND GABRIEL,



PRAY FOR US...



When you are before the altar where Christ reposes,
you ought no longer to think that you are amongst
men;
but believe that there are troops of angels and
archangels
standing by you, and trembling with respect
before the sovereign
Master of Heaven and earth.
Therefore, when you are in church,
be there in silence, fear, and veneration."

- Saint John Chrysostom-

The Liturgy celebrates **the feast of these three archangels** who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. **Michael (Who is like God?)** was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. **Gabriel (Strength of God)** announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. **Raphael (Medicine of God)** is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.

(Extract from Catholic Culture)

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of **October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary**. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, **Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206** after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then **gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon**, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

"Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — **from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture**, and from the Church — it is not surprising that **the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven**.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING THE ROSARY
30 MINUTES BEFORE MASS DURING THIS
MONTH OF OCTOBER



If you say **the Rosary faithfully** until death, I do assure you that,
in spite of the gravity of your sins, you shall **receive a never-fading crown of glory**. Even if you are on the brink of damnation, even if you have one foot in hell, even if you have sold your soul to the devil, sooner or later you will be converted and will amend your life and save your soul if — and mark well what I say — **if you say the Rosary devoutly every day until death** for the purpose of knowing the truth and obtaining contrition and pardon for your sins."

-St. Louis Marie de Montfort-



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First Reading Ez 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading Phil 2:1-11

or shorter form Phil 2:1-5

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling

to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the
underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of
Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

**My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;**

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'



Reflection by Nick Brodie

In today's parable where a son said yes but did nothing, Jesus offers a striking indictment of empty lip-service. In our age, one of the Church's most insistent calls has been for people to work for the protection of the vineyard of the earth. Speaking of climate change, deforestation and chemical pollution, Pope Saint John Paul II declared in 1990 'that the ecological crisis is a moral issue' and called on all people to 'recognise their obligation to contribute to the restoration of a healthy environment'. In 2009 Pope Benedict XVI insisted that 'technologically advanced societies can and must lower their domestic energy consumption'. In 2015 Pope Francis called on all of humanity 'to recognise the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming' of the world's climate which we are currently facing.

Successive Popes have therefore called us all to work for the protection of our planet and its people. But it is up to every Christian to ensure that these words are not just empty rhetoric.

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