



# CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRES OF PAMBULA

Parish Bulletin

*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 30 August 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.

## PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

### Parish Priest

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### Parish Centres

Merimbula: St Joseph's  
Pambula: St Peter's  
Eden: Our Lady Star of the Sea

### Sisters of St Joseph

Sr Marie Carson

### Parish Council Chair

Mrs Bernadette Wood

### Liturgy Coordinator

Ms Sue Heffernan

### Finance Chair

Mr Michael Wood

### Parish Safeguarding Volunteer

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### Lumen Christi Catholic College

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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: Tuesday 29 Sept 5pm

### 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

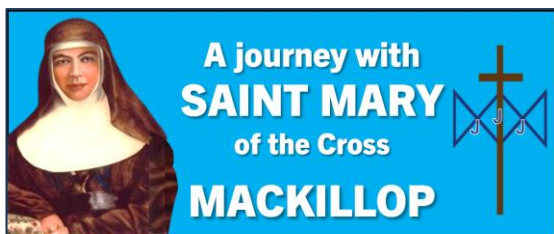
Merimbula: Cenacle & Holy Hour 11am Monday  
Pambula: Wednesday 9:30am  
Eden: Thursday 9.30am followed by Mass at 10am.

## 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



**My one constant prayer for those that I love, is that God in his love, may grant them a happy death. (7.1.1868)**

## COMING EVENTS/NOTICES

### Aged Care Facility Mass

1 Sept 2 pm Albert Moore Gardens, Merimbula  
3 Sept 1.30am Imlay House Pambula  
4 Sept 1 pm Hugh Cunningham Gardens Tura Beach  
10 Sept 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.

## FUNERAL MASS FOR CONRAD DE ZWART

Mass will be held  
at St. Joseph's Church,  
Merimbula on Monday 31<sup>st</sup>  
August 2026 at 1:30pm.  
Please remember to include  
Conrad in your prayers.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO  
HIM O LORD...



## PFC Meeting Highlights

### PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – Tuesday, August 25

Maintenance updates were provided for Eden,  
Merimbula and Pambula.

- The water supply to and the waste pipe from the cleaner's room at St Joseph's have been disconnected as part of the required confessional upgrade. Overflow outlets added above the porch to prevent flooding at the entrance when downpipes are blocked as happened earlier this year. The confessional upgrade at Eden is currently delayed due to the builder being unavailable at the moment.
- The boundaries of Lot 7 at Pambula have been pegged and legal documents are being finalised prior to the property going on the market. Continuing the site clean-up is the priority in order to generate more interest and, hopefully, a higher price.
- The move to the one collection model as used by other parishes has resulted in an increase in income for the parish. This is despite the amount of money being collected being slightly less than for the first six months of 2025. Parishioners' generosity through the collections, direct giving and tap and go, continues to be very important in meeting the financial needs of the parish.

**Next PFC meeting** – Tuesday, September 29 (Moved from the 4th Tuesday of the month)



## 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

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:

Fay McCisker, John Liston\*, Carolyn Meers, Jed  
Descutido, Monica Paffen, Pat Wong, Ros Beveridge\*,  
Matilda Blake,  
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:

\$1,480.20- 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.

## 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**

## CATECHISM CORNER

**"Teacher...what must I do to have Eternal Life?"  
(Mt. 19:16)**

**Jesus says**, "If you wish to enter into eternal life, keep  
the commandments" (Mt. 19:17). Then He adds, "Then  
come follow me" (Mt. 19:21)

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

We rejoice with grateful hearts as we celebrated Lumen Christi's 25th Anniversary of being the Light of Christ.

With thanksgiving and praise, we offered Mass to give glory to God for the countless blessings He has graciously bestowed upon our school. For 25 years, Lumen Christi has faithfully upheld the spirit, culture, and traditions rooted in faith in God, while forming future leaders who will serve and strengthen our community.



with Fr. Adrian and Fr. Kose leading the way...



With Vicar General, Fr. Richard Thomson as the Main Celebrant



Celebration of Mass at the Hall



## FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

**"What tongue, human or angelic, may ever describe a power so immeasurable as that exercised by the simplest priest in Mass? Who could ever have imagined that the voice of man, which by nature hath not the power even to raise a straw from the ground, should obtain through grace a power so stupendous as to bring from Heaven to earth the Son of God?"**  
St. Leonard of Port Maurice



### FATHER'S DAY: Prayers of The Faithful

We pray for our priests, especially those we have known, who have now entered a new phase of their priestly ministry in retirement.  
Bless them Lord with peace, rest and joy. We pray to the Lord...



**Father's Day Appeal** – The annual collection for our retired priests

There are 22 priests of our Archdiocese who after years of faithful and generous service now come under the care of the Clergy Retirement Foundation.

The annual Father's Day Appeal raises much needed funds to meet the needs of these priests and to give them security in their retirement years. At next weekend's Masses, you will have the opportunity to donate to this Appeal. All gifts are tax deductible. Please give generously as you have in the past. Donations can also be made at [www.cgatholic.org.au/donate](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/donate)



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## First Reading Jer 20:7-9

*The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.*

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;  
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,  
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him,  
I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,

imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,

I could not bear it.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2**

**(R.) My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God.**

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. For you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

## Second Reading Rom 12:1-2

*May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.*

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled

by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

## Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ**

**enlighten the eyes of our heart,  
that we might see how great  
is the hope**

**to which we are called.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Mt 16:21-27

*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.*

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

We have to get one terrible thought out of our heads, i.e. that the Heavenly Father of Jesus *wanted* him to suffer a tortured, agonising death. Yet we do say: 'It was necessary that Jesus suffer and die.' What can this mean? I believe this refers to the necessity of divine mission and the necessity of divine love.

First, it was the Father's will that Jesus remain true to the mission to preach and embody the gospel of mercy and forgiveness. It was inevitable that powerful elites would find this intolerable and have Jesus eliminated. Secondly, God so loved the world where death ravages human beings, that God determined to absorb the suffering and pangs of death.

The temptation to avoid that dreadful necessity lead Jesus to rebuke Peter: 'Get *behind* me, Satan', a terrible variation of the initial call: 'Come, *follow* me.'

We could pause for a moment to very consciously make the sign of the Cross, the consequence of Jesus' mission and love for us.

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