



CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRES OF PAMBULA

Parish Bulletin

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 8 November 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 CALENDAR/MASS TIMES

Tuesday:	5pm Merimbula
Wednesday:	10am Pambula
Thursday:	10am Eden
Friday:	10am Merimbula
Saturday:	5.30pm Eden
Sunday:	8am Pambula
	10am Merimbula

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 25 Nov 10am
Eden: Thursday 26 Nov 10am
Merimbula: Friday 27 Nov 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.

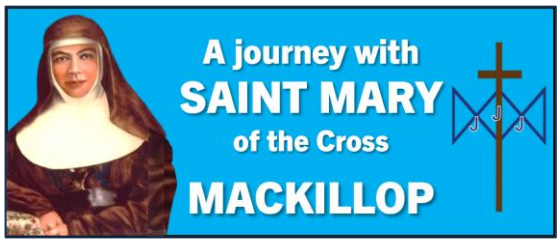
Weddings
By appointment only: Minimum 6 months advance notice.

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



The cross appears lighter when carried with Jesus. (3.5.1874)

COMING EVENTS/NOTICES

Aged Care Facility Mass

10 Nov 2 pm Albert Moore Gardens, Merimbula
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.

PFC Meeting Highlights

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – Thursday, October 29, 2026

Maintenance updates were provided for Eden, Merimbula and Pambula. At Pambula, the lower sections of the internal walls will be painted. Rising damp is the reason for the work. Planning is underway to replace the roof crosses at the church and sacristy entrances. At Merimbula, the former Bredbo Catholic Church bell is in place with some finishing off works to be done. Lot 7 Pambula, 12 Monaro Street, is on the market with a listing of $450k. The property can be viewed on the Chris Wilson Real Estate website. Enquiries are already being received.

The boundary adjustments to the eight other blocks of land at Pambula have been approved by the Archdiocese and the Parish Finance Committee and are being forwarded to the BVSC for approval.

The Finance Committee met with Helen Delahunty of the Archdiocese regarding the parish insurance bill. Helen advised that the Canberra-Goulburn Archdiocese is in the first year of a three-year process to have over six hundred properties re-valued for the writing of up-to-date policies. The cost for 2026/27 is approximately $2300 less than it was for 2025/26.

Next PFC meeting – Thursday, November 29 (Moved from the 4th Tuesday of the month due to absence of Fr Kose)

Memorial Mass at Pambula Cemetery



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for the recently deceased

Joe DiPietro Antonio, 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:

$1,549.65 - 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.

Welcome to the Catholic Church, Johan





We rejoice as we welcome our newly baptized member, Johan Jaison who was baptized last 29 October at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Eden

CEMETERY MEMORIAL MASS -12 NOV

Memorial mass will be held **Thursday 12 November 10 am at Eden Cemetery**. Please note that there will be no mass in the church on this date.

NOVEMBER MASSES

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 directly to Fr. Kose.

SOLEMNITIES/FEAST DAYS

21 Nov(Sat) The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
22 Nov (Sun) Solemnity of Christ the King

Such a happy day for our dear FR. KOSE!



A Joyful Birthday Celebration

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who shared this special day with Fr. Kose! Your presence made his birthday a truly happy occasion. A special thank you to all who took the time to bake cakes and prepare delicious treats to share. Your kindness helped make the celebration extra special.

Annual Parish Mass on the Feast of Christ the King

Parish Mass – Sunday 22nd November, 10am, Merimbula.

Dear Parishioners,

It's time again for our **Annual Parish Mass** and this year, it will be on **22nd November, the Feast of Christ the King, at St Joseph's in Merimbula**. Please **note there will be only one Mass for the Parish** for on this weekend. Everyone is welcome to come along - the more the merrier!

After Mass we will gather outside for a shared lunch together, fellowship and a little entertainment.

Coffee and tea will be available. We invite you to bring along either a bowl of salad, bread or a yummy slice to share. A BBQ will be provided. Please contact Sue Heffernan on 0405251947 if you wish or for more information regarding food. Don't forget our friends who are gluten free or lactose intolerant.

Looking forward to catching with everyone. Hope to see you there.

Pambula Parish Pastoral Council
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First Reading **Wis 6:12-16**

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,
she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no
trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding
fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will
quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those
who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as
they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet
them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8. 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. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. *(R.)*

Second Reading **1 Thes 4:13-18**

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation **Mt 24:42. 44**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man
is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 25:1-13**

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone of to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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Reflection *by Fr Michael Tate*

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' *Some* (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into *our* history, into *our* moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'