



CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRES OF PAMBULA

Parish Bulletin

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 9 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.

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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 26 Aug 10am
Eden: Thursday 27 Aug 10am
Merimbula: Tuesday 25 Aug 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

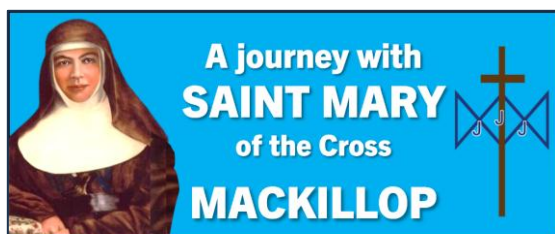
Merimbula: Cenacle & Holy Hour 11am Monday
Pambula: Wednesday 9:30am
Eden: Thursday 9.30am followed by Mass at 10am.

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



**Gratitude is the memory of the heart.
(1907)**

COMING EVENTS/NOTICES

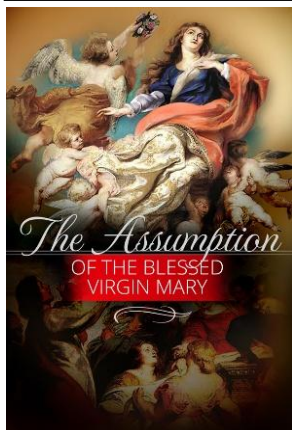
Aged Care Facility Mass

- 13 Aug 11.30am Uniting Age Care, Eden
 1 Sept 2 pm Albert Moore Gardens, Merimbula
 3 Sept 1.30am Imlay House Pambula
 4 Sept 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.

MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION 15 AUGUST



Mass in honour of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Saturday, 15 August at 9:00 am in **St. Joseph's Parish, Merimbula.**

The **Australian Catholic Bishops Conference** dictates that the Assumption remains a **Holy Day of Obligation** regardless of the day of the week it falls on.

NAIDOC MASS

A special NAIDOC Mass was held at St Joseph's Church Merimbula today, with staff and students from St Patrick's Bega, St Joseph's Bombala and Lumen Christi Catholic College joining together with family, community members and representatives from Catholic Archdiocese Canberra Goulburn to celebrate "50 Years of Deadly". Fr Kose's homily celebrated how a "single spark can start a great fire", recognising that "for 50 years, NAIDOC has reminded Australia that when First Nations voices are heard, respected and valued, our whole nation is enriched."

After the Mass students were recognised for their outstanding achievements in Leadership, Arts, Sports, Cultural Identity, as well as the Deadly Encouragement Award. Congratulations to all those recipients and thank you for being the spark in your communities that will help promote unity in diversity. (source LCCC Facebook)



SOLEMNITIES/FEAST DAYS

- 14 Aug (Thurs)** St. Maximillian Kolbe
21 Aug (Fri) St. Pius X
22 Aug (Sat) Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
28 Aug (Fri) St. Augustine
29 Aug (Sat) The Passion of St. John the Baptist



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for the recently deceased

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

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

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*, 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:

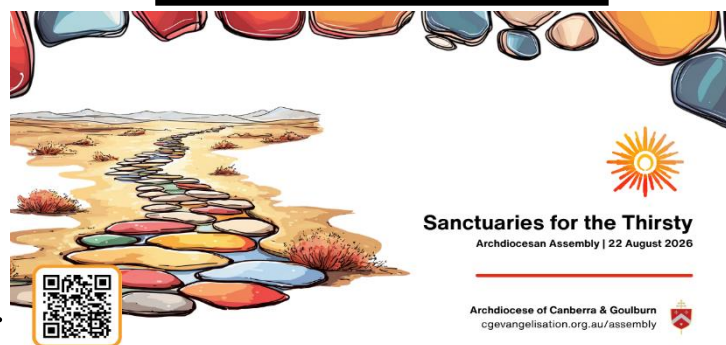
\$1,671.20 - Support Clergy in Parish & Archdiocese & Support running the Parish

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

Register please



With just over 2 weeks to the Archdiocesan Assembly on the 22nd of August, we would like to invite you to join in this special event. It would be great to hear some voice from our Pambula parish. To register, please click on this link [Archdiocesan Assembly 2026](https://cgevangalisation.org.au/assembly). Should you have difficulty in accessing this, you may contact our parish office or advise Fr. Kose of your intention to join.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY— 15 AUGUST



The **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is a **Catholic dogma** which teaches that, at the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken body and soul into heavenly glory. This belief was solemnly defined by **Pope Pius XII** on 1 November 1950 in his Apostolic Constitution ***Munificentissimus Deus***.

Each year, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, commemorating the moment when the Blessed Mother, “having completed the course of her earthly life, was **assumed body and soul into heavenly glory**.” While this doctrine was formally proclaimed as an article of faith in the twentieth century, belief in Mary's Assumption has been **part of Christian tradition** since the earliest centuries of the Church.

The Assumption marks the **completion of Mary's earthly journey** and **her reunion with her Son, Jesus Christ**, in heaven. This privilege relates to her Immaculate Conception; because she was free from original sin, her body did not suffer physical decay or corruption in a grave.

The Assumption is a sign of **hope to Christians** by pointing to the future that God promises his people. Catholics believe that Mary's bodily assumption into heaven is a foretaste of the glory that all the faithful will experience at the final resurrection.

“It was fitting that she who had kept her virginity in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death. It was fitting that she, who had carried the Creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles... it was fitting that God's Mother should possess what belongs to her Son and that she should be honoured by every creature as the Mother and the Handmaid of God.”

St John Damascene (675-749) Father and Doctor of the Church

Volunteers Thank You Day 29 Aug 2026

Our Parish very much depends on the valuable assistance given by **all those who volunteer** their time and talents in the many roles and tasks that happen constantly and almost without being seen. **We want you to know that we treasure and thank you.**

On **29th August**, we will be hosting a **Volunteers Thank you Day**. We will commence with celebrating **Mass at St Peter's Pambula at 10.00 am**.

Afterwards we will adjourn to the **Pambula Surf Lifesaving Club at Pambula Beach for a celebratory luncheon at 12.00 pm**. Please put this date in your diary and we would dearly love to see you there.

Blessings,
Bernadette Wood
on behalf of the
Pambula Parish Pastoral Council





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First Reading 1 Kgs 19:11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were

made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 19:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples had started off from the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee, familiar territory. Jesus guided them through the stormy situation to 'the other side', the pagan side, unfamiliar territory where they would not have felt at home.

Buffeted by storms, the Church is in the midst of a journey from familiar to unfamiliar territory.

Some of the storms include a new attitude to authority, to gender roles. There is anger and suspicion at sexual abuse and its cover up. Many of our contemporaries are openly hostile or contentedly indifferent.

In all these situations and many more, Our Lord will not allow us the indulgence of nostalgic yearning for the safety of the past country inhabited by the Church. We are not to throw Tradition with a capital 'T' overboard. To jettison the spirit-led experience of the Church over two millennia will not help us. Discerning tradition from nostalgia, we must make our way to the other shore.

We could pause for a moment, resolving to row with courage because we know we are in the same boat as Peter whom our Risen Lord assures:

'Do not be afraid.'

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