



CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRES OF PAMBULA

Parish Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A 10 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

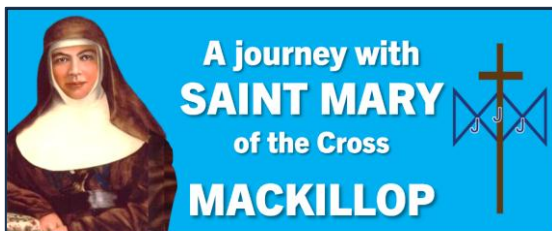
Rosary

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

**Let us never forget that God has done wonders
for us and wonderfully protected us
in our helplessness.
(3.3.1882)**

COMING EVENTS/NOTICES

Aged Care Facility Mass

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

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.

2026 National Count of Attendance at Mass and Sunday Assemblies

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

St Vincent de Paul Society – Eden Update

The Eden Conference office of the St Vincent de Paul Society Canberra/Goulburn is no longer operating from its previous premises. However, support for people experiencing hardship in Eden and surrounding communities will continue through local Case Workers in partnership with the Merimbula Conference. Emergency Assistance and other support services remain available and can be accessed through the Merimbula Conference. The Society also continues to explore new ways of reaching people in need, including an Outreach Van service across the region.

We thank our Parish community for your ongoing prayers, generosity and support of the St Vincent de Paul Society and its mission of serving those in need.

Sarah Murdoch
Director

Catechism Corner

Why does Mary have such a preeminent place in the communion of Saints?

Mary is the Mother of God. She was united with Jesus on earth as no other human being was or could be – in an intimacy that does not cease in heaven. Mary is the Queen of Heaven, and in her motherhood she is close to us (972)

SOLEMNITIES/FEAST DAYS

13 May (Wednesday) Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

17 May (Sunday) The Ascension of The Lord

22 May (Friday) St. Rita of Cascia



PRAYER INTENTIONS



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

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:

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

COLLECTIONS

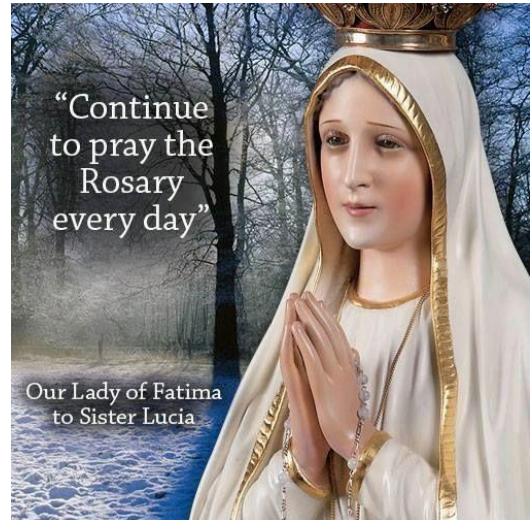
Last Week's Collection:

\$1,683.65 - 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.

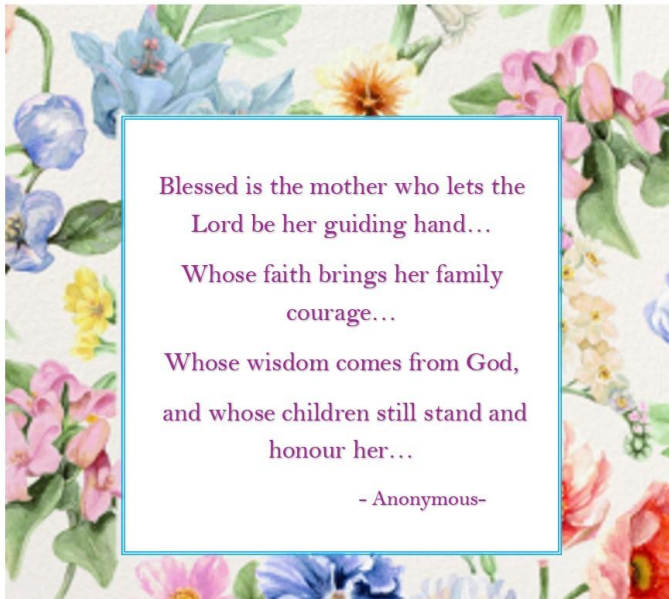
Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Wed 13th of May



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

Happy Mother's Day



Blessed is the mother who lets the
Lord be her guiding hand...

Whose faith brings her family
courage...

Whose wisdom comes from God,
and whose children still stand and
honour her...

- Anonymous-

Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God, we ask Your blessing upon all mothers today.

May they experience the joy of motherhood each day.

In every struggle they endure to provide for their families,
let Your love and compassion sustain them always.

May every mother feel the pride and beauty of the family
she carries in her heart.

Through every pain and sorrow, Lord, deliver them.

Strengthen them with Your grace,

and keep them steadfast in Your care.

We ask this through the intercession of our

Beloved Mother Mary.

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 8:5-8, 14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and
we will come to them.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved
by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Today's Gospel speaks of an advocate. This translates a Greek word: 'paraclete'. Our Lord says: 'I will send you another Paraclete to be with you forever.' Our Lord was a Paraclete, and he would send another.

What does this strange sounding word mean? Here is a hint. We all know that parallel lines run, well, parallel. They run alongside each other. A paraclete is a person who stands alongside someone and pleads their case.

That is how our Lord Jesus Christ saw himself. His role was not to condemn but to plead the case for mercy and compassion, to be the intercessor *par excellence*.

Our Lord promises another Paraclete dwelling within us, individually and as the body of Christ's disciples, the Holy Spirit advocating our cause, assisting us to live Truth-fully by the measure of the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. This Paraclete particularly assists us by acting as the Spirit of Truth.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the two Paracletes, constantly pleading our case before the Throne of Mercy.

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