



CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRES OF PAMBULA

Parish Bulletin

Second Sunday of Easter, Year A 12 April 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 29 April 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

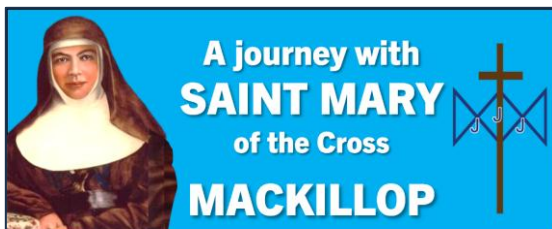
Rosary

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

Be of good heart and let no false fear of God disturb the loving trust and confidence you have in God's mercy and love. No matter what, God is merciful and wants you to trust in this sweet mercy.
(12.3.1876)

COMING EVENTS/NOTICES

Aged Care Facility Mass

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

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.

No Mass

NO 10am mass on Thursday **16th April** in Eden

Our Heartfelt Thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who have given us their utmost support in making the Holy Week services a success and a truly meaningful one.



Thank You Volunteers!

Please Pray

Please keep in your prayers the children of our Parish who are preparing for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in the coming months. May the Lord bless them on their journey of faith.

Funeral

Prayer service for the eternal repose of the Late Paul Geraghty will be held at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Eden on Wednesday 15 April 2026 at 1pm. Kindly remember him in your prayers.



Welcome to the Catholic Church

We rejoice as we welcome our newly baptized children, William Robert Hackett and Alice Mary Hackett who were baptized on Easter Vigil at Eden



Catechism Corner

What changed in the world as a result of the Resurrection?

Because death is now no longer the end of everything, joy and hope came into the world. Now that death no longer has dominion over Jesus, it has no more power over us, either, who belong to Jesus (655,659)

SOLEMNITIES/FEAST DAYS

28 April (Tuesday) St Peter Cahnel, priest, martyr



PRAYER INTENTIONS



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

Ann Johnston, Irma Kelly, Jocilyn Petty

Let us pray for and support those who are sick and for all who have asked for our prayers:

Anne Cooper, Carolyn Mears, Monica Paffen, Garry Moorhead, Cristina Embac, Beverley Ann Barr, Bernadette Wright, Ros Beveridge

(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 Collection:

\$2247.25 - Support Clergy in Parish & Archdiocese & Support running the Parish
\$625.65 Holy Land /Good Friday
\$425.10 Project Compassion

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.



This is in line with the common practice across the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, where parishes with one collection share the funds between the Parish and the Central Presbytery Fund (CPF), which supports the clergy of our Archdiocese.

How the Collection Will Be Split

To the Parish:

- 100% of Planned Giving envelopes
- 70% of loose cash collections
- 70% of tap machine donations
- 100% of any special appeals (these will be transferred to the relevant appeal account)

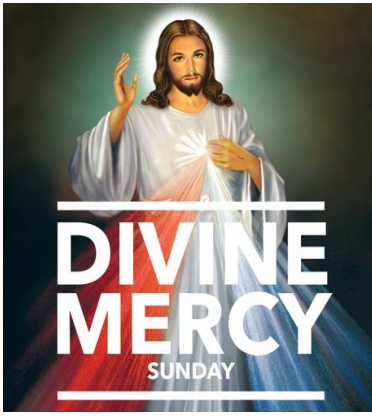
To the Central Presbytery Fund (CPF):

- 30% of loose cash collections
- 30% of tap machine donations
- 100% of donations specifically marked for CPF

All money will be banked into the parish account by the counters, and the 70/30 split will be processed accordingly. This new arrangement is a simpler and clearer system. It ensures that our parish continues to meet its local needs while also supporting the priests of our Archdiocese.

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 soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment...

It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter...

Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy (Diary, 699).

**Come and Celebrate
Divine Mercy Sunday
12.04.26**

St Joseph's Church, Merimbula
Usual Sunday Mass times
2.30-3pm Confession
3pm Divine Mercy Service (short)

As we walk with Jesus through the Holy Week...



Washing of feet and giving of bread-St. Peter's Pambula



Good Friday - St. Joseph's Merimbula



Easter Vigil and Baptism- Our Lady Star of the Sea Eden



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First Reading Acts 2:42-47

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:3-9

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then

you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Thomas was granted the gift of seeing the Risen Lord bearing the wounds of His crucifixion. Thomas was invited to touch them. Responding, he simply cries out: 'My Lord and my God.'

Thomas does not declare his belief in the Resurrection as such. That was all too apparent. Rather, he declares his faith in the *identity* of the risen Jesus Christ: 'My Lord and my God.'

Pope Francis used to say we can *only* join Thomas in this faith by touching the wounds of Christ. Those wounds are to be found in the body of someone wounded. This can be in a myriad of ways.

We have to bend down and touch those wounds in whatever means of healing is available to us. Otherwise we simply engage in philanthropy at a distance. We end up believing in a semblance of God, but not God embodied in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ always bearing his wounds.

Sometimes we struggle with our faith – after all, it is an astounding claim that Jesus of Nazareth is God embodied for us. You, or any other person intrigued by Jesus, are invited to touch the wounds of Christ and let the patience of God take care of the timing of the response of faith.

We could pause for a moment, praying to be counted amongst those who receive the Blessing promised to those who have not seen the Risen Lord as such, but who touch his wounds and proclaim, 'My Lord and my God.'

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