



CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRES OF PAMBULA

Parish Bulletin

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 15 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.

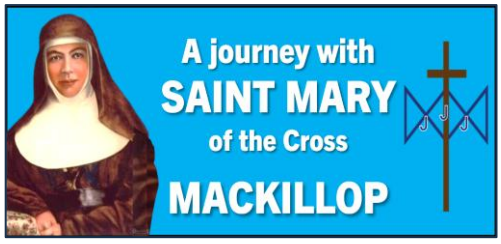
Weddings
By appointment only: Minimum 6 months advance notice.

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



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

22 Dec 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.

NO MASS ON 17-20 NOV.

No mass on these weekdays Tuesday-Friday 17-20 November as Fr. Kose will be attending the Clergy Retreat 2026

Vinnies Christmas



Christmas Giving trees will be erected in all three churches this weekend. We are requesting gifts of either a Christmas pudding or cake. Please take a tag and place your gift in the box provided **by the weekend of the 5th/6th December.** This Christmas many local families are facing crisis. Many for the first time! Please help to make sure their Christmas day is just a little cheerier. Thank you!

Memorial Mass at Eden Cemetery-12 Nov



We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain
to walk with us throughout our lives,
until we meet again
So, rest in peace dear loved one
and thanks for all you've done.
We pray that God has given you
the crown you've truly won.
- Anonymous

Eternal rest grant to them O. Lord …and let perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace…Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for the recently deceased

Pat Wong, 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

Giulio Rech, Anthony, Tessie, Charles & Edward Cutajar, Giuseppina Gianfrott, Danielle Sou, Max Andrew, Henk Westerlaken, Errol David Cole,

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:

$1,323.25 - 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.

Catechism Corner

Why do we need faith and the sacraments in order to live a good, upright life?

If we were to rely on ourselves and our own strength, we would not get far in our attempts to be good. Through faith, we discover that we are God's children and that God makes us strong. When God gives us strength, we call this "grace". Especially in the sacred signs that we call the Sacraments. God gives us the ability actually to do the good that we want to do. (1691-1695)

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

Solemnity of Christ the King – 22 November



CHRIST IS KING!

The primary purpose of **Christ the King Sunday (also known as the Reign of Christ)** is to celebrate the universal sovereignty and authority of **Jesus Christ** over all creation, history, and human institutions, concluding the Christian liturgical year just before Advent begins**.**

Key Purposes and Themes

- **Climax of the Church Year:** Celebrated on the last Sunday of Ordinary Time (or the final Sunday before Advent), it wraps up the annual journey through the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus.
- **Countering Secularism and Totalitarianism:** The feast was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI via the encyclical *Quas Primas* to push back against rising secularism, fascism, and communism, reminding believers that ultimate allegiance belongs to God rather than earthly political powers or dictators
- **An Alternative Model of Kingship:** Unlike earthly kings who rule through force, hierarchy, or domination, Christ's kingship is defined by radical compassion, self-giving love, service to the marginalized, and truth.
- Eschatological Hope: It points forward to the final judgment and the ultimate fulfillment of God's kingdom, when all things will be restored and reconciled in Christ.
- **Transition to Advent:** By proclaiming Christ as King at the end of the year, the church prepares its heart for Advent, shifting from the celebration of Christ's present reign to anticipating his second coming.

(Sources: CRI/Voice,UCC Musicians Association, All Sainsts Church)

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 Prv 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have
worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city
gates.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. ***(R.)***

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. ***(R.)***

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. ***(R.)***

Second Reading 1 Thes 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you,
says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 25:14-30

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'

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Reflection *by Fr Michael Tate*

God's plan for human happiness is mostly frustrated by a good person burying his or her personality traits, what one might call one's talents, which is really to bury oneself and to become invisible.

In the old language of my schoolboy catechism, we should be concerned not just with sins of commission, but with sins of *omission* – failure of courage, failure to take risks, failure to put everything on the line with the personality and the moment in time given to you and to me.

As Shakespeare says in Julius Caesar:

'There is a tide in the affairs of men

which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;

omitted, all the voyage of their life

is bound in stillness and in miseries.'

The Divine Tide is flowing through human history. We should trust ourselves to that tide which can carry us to the shores of Heaven. Failure to take risks leads to Hellish stillness and miseries.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might use our talents so as to hear: 'Well done, good and faithful servant … come and join in your Master's happiness.'