



CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRES OF PAMBULA

Parish Bulletin

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 16 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 Council Chair

Mrs Bernadette Wood

Liturgy Coordinator

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Mr Michael Wood

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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

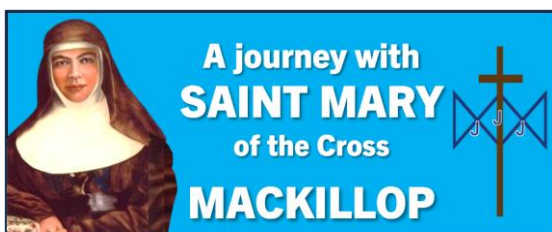
Merimbula: Cenacle & Holy Hour 11am Monday
Pambula: Wednesday 9:30am
Eden: Thursday 9.30am followed by Mass at 10am.

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



**The prayer of a humble heart
is a powerful weapon.
(26.4.1873)**

COMING EVENTS/NOTICES

Aged Care Facility Mass

1 Sept 2 pm Albert Moore Gardens, Merimbula
 3 Sept 1.30am Imlay House Pambula
 4 Sept 1 pm Hugh Cunningham Gardens Tura Beach
 10 Sept 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

Volunteers Thank You Day - 29 Aug

YOU'RE INVITED

Volunteers

THANK YOU DAY

You make our Parish a better place!

Our Parish very much depends on the selfless assistance of volunteers in so many ways. We thank and appreciate you for your time, your skills and your heart – your service brings life.

We treasure you and thank you for all that you do.

Please join us for a

Special Day of Thanks and Celebration!

 **Saturday 29 August**
 Mass at St Peter's Pambula
 10:00 am

 Followed by a celebratory luncheon
 Pambula Surf Life Saving Club
 Pambula Beach
 12:00 noon

Please join us to give thanks to you and enjoy good company, delicious food and a wonderful time of celebration together.

We appreciate you!

Please RSVP by Monday, 24 August 2026
 to mckilormick@bigpond.com
Bernadette Wood
 on behalf of the
 Pambula Parish Pastoral Council

NO MASS

There will be no mass on **Wednesday** and **Thursday**,
19 & 20 August

SOLEMNITIES/FEAST DAYS

21 Aug (Fri) St. Pius X
22 Aug (Sat) Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
28 Aug (Fri) St. Augustine



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

Errol David Cole Kate Webster, Deborah Joan, Cynthia & Martin Walker, Domenic & Gloria,

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

Fay McCisker, John Liston*, Carolyn Meers, Jed Descutido, Monica Paffen, 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:

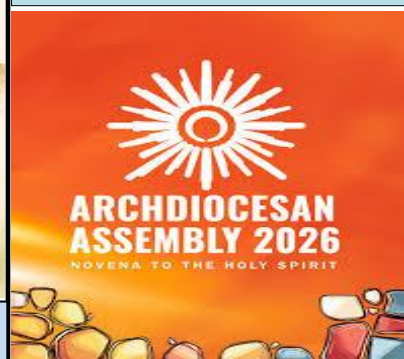
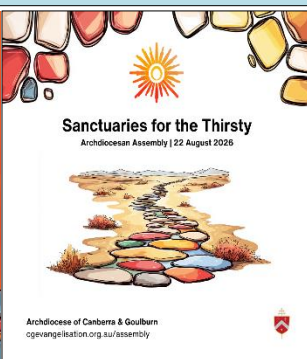
\$2,738.70 - Support Clergy in Parish & Archdiocese & Support running the Parish

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

**We need to hear your voice...
 Please register.**

ARCHDIOCESAN ASSEMBLY 2026
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Sanctuaries for the Thirsty
 Archdiocesan Assembly | 122 August 2026

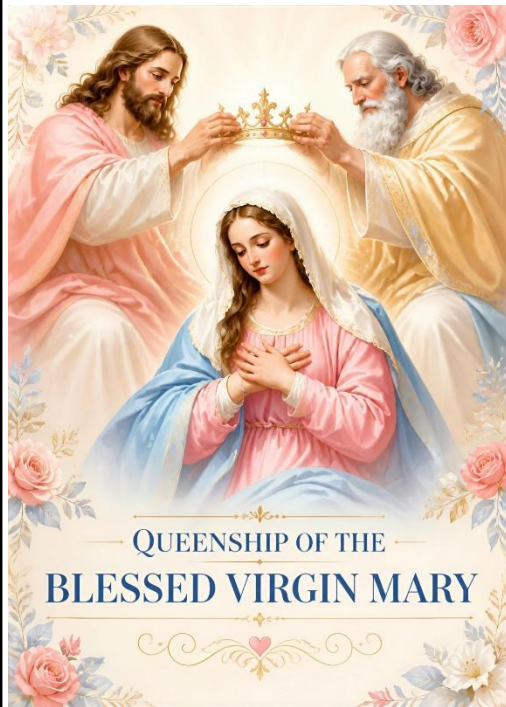
Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
cgevangalisation.org.au/assembly

Only one more week to the Archdiocesan Assembly on the 22nd of August at St. Patrick's School Bega starting at 9am. 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. 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!

MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY

22 AUGUST



The **Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is a feast in the Catholic liturgical calendar celebrated each year on **22 August**. It honours Mary as **Queen of Heaven and Earth**, acknowledging her unique relationship with Jesus Christ and her special role in God's plan of salvation.

The feast was established in **1954 by Pope Pius XII** through his encyclical *Ad Caeli Reginam* (*To the Queen of Heaven*). It is celebrated **eight days after the Solemnity of the Assumption** (15 August), highlighting the connection between Mary's Assumption into heaven and her royal dignity as Queen.

The Queenship of Mary is a natural continuation of the celebration of the Assumption. In *Ad Caeli Reginam*, Pope Pius XII explained that Mary rightfully bears the title of Queen because she is the **Mother of God**, because of her close cooperation with Christ in the work of redemption as the **New Eve**, because of her exceptional holiness and perfection, and because of her powerful intercession on behalf of the faithful.

This feast is also closely linked to the dogma of the Assumption, proclaimed by Pope Pius XII in 1950. In the apostolic constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, he declared that "the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." Since Christ reigns eternally as **King of Kings**, and **Mary was assumed into heaven body and soul**, the Church recognises her exalted place beside her Son. The memorial of the Queenship of Mary therefore celebrates the heavenly honour bestowed upon her and invites the faithful to seek her loving intercession and to follow her example of faith and discipleship.

Such a glorious day... Mary Mackillop Feast Day and Pilgrimage



Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the success of the Archbishop's St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage last weekend. We were truly blessed by the beautiful weather and the number of Pilgrims who attended. The community spirit between people was wonderful to experience.

Thank you to all who brought salads and cakes, and all those who did a fantastic job in assisting with all the many tasks of the day. Many hands do make light work.

Bernadette Wood on behalf of the PPC



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First Reading Is 56:1.6-7

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R). O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 11:13-15. 29-32

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the

mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus preached the Good News
of the kingdom**

and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 15:21-28

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

A pagan woman approaches a Jewish man and she begs Jesus to heal her daughter.

Jesus gives a dismissive answer to the woman: 'It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the house dogs.' The children are obviously the Jewish people.

This remarkable pagan woman stands her ground and engages in a verbal joust with Jesus! She argues: 'Yes, Lord, but even the house dogs get the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

Jesus recognises her faith and the daughter was healed. This story was put in the Gospels to show how Jesus extended his saving mission to non-Jews in Pagan territory.

That is Good News for billions of non-Jewish people over the course of history since then and into the future. That is why we are truly 'Catholic', which, as you know, is the Greek for 'world-wide'.

We could pause for a moment to celebrate this Canaanite woman as the first 'Catholic'!

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