



CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRES OF PAMBULA

Parish Bulletin

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A 22 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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Eden: Our Lady Star of the Sea

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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.

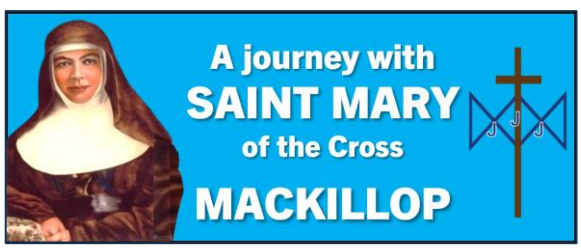
Weddings
By appointment only: Minimum 6 months advance notice.

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



Try to make yourself happy and do not give way to low spirits or anxiety of any kind.
(12.4.1873)

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 TUES. 24 NOV.

No mass on Tuesday 24 November as Fr. Kose will be assisting a visiting Bishop from his congregation.

Vinnies Christmas



Christmas Giving trees have been erected in all three churches. We are requesting gifts of either a Christmas pudding or cake (not home baked). 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 from the members of the Eden-Merimbula Conference of St Vincent de Paul.

Annual Parish Mass on the Feast of Christ the King -22 Nov.



Parish Mass – Sunday 22nd Nov, 10am, Merimbula.

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

Bernadette Wood – 0429774119

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for the recently deceased

Genevieve Keogh, 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:

Frank Vella, 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:

$1,920.80 - 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.

We rejoice in the Confirmation





We welcome our newly confirmed member, Leanne Louise Salisbury and Cooper James Salisbury who received the gifts of the Holy Spirit last Sunday, 15th November at St. Peter's Church, Pambula. We pray that by the grace of the Holy Spirit, may you both do Christ's Will, follow His Way and live by His Word.

Solemnities/Feast Days

21 Nov (Sat) The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
22 Nov (Sun) Solemnity of Christ the King
25 Nov (Wed) St. Catherine of Alexandria

Solemnity of Christ the King – 22 November



"You say that I am a **King**. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the **truth** hears my **voice**."

John 18:37

***Peace** will reign in our hearts when **Christ the King** reigns there, when his law is our law,*
His will our will,
His peace our peace.

-St. Augustine

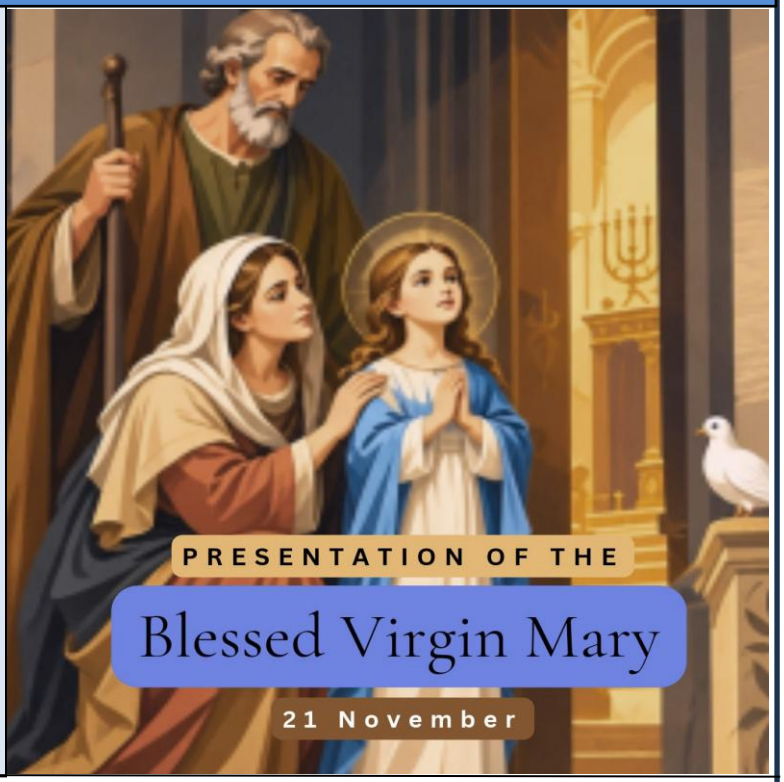
CHRIST IS THE KING!

The Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary – 22 Nov.

The Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Temple recalls

– according to the apocryphal gospels, the day on which Mary, while still a child, was brought to the temple in Jerusalem to be offered to God. The Church wants to emphasize not so much the historical event in itself, of which there is no trace in the Gospels, but the total gift that Mary made of herself, by listening: "*Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and observe it"* (Lk. 11:28). This experience prepared the young girl from Nazareth to become the "temple of the Son of God". The celebration of this feast dates to the 6th century in the East with the dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary the New built by the Emperor Justinian I near the ruins of the temple in Jerusalem. There is evidence that various monasteries in Italy celebrated the feast in the 9th century. It was not until the 15th century that it was included in the Roman Missal.

Extract: www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/presentation-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary



Archdiocese advances the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC): Please refer to the article published in The Voice on 16 November 2026 to see the latest update from the APC Working Party. Through this article, the draft Statutes for the soon to be formed APC, are published. We invite your reflection and comment on the draft Statutes so that the next Council of Priests meeting hears the voice of interested parishioners from across the archdiocese.







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First Reading Ez 34:11-12.15-17

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
   there is nothing I shall want.
   Fresh and green are the pastures
   where he gives me repose. *(R.)*
2. Near restful waters he leads me,
   to revive my drooping spirit.
   He guides me along the right path;
   he is true to his name. *(R.)*
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
   in the sight of my foes.
   My head you have anointed with oil;
   my cup is overflowing. *(R.)*
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
   all the days of my life.
   In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
   for ever and ever. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:20-26.28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

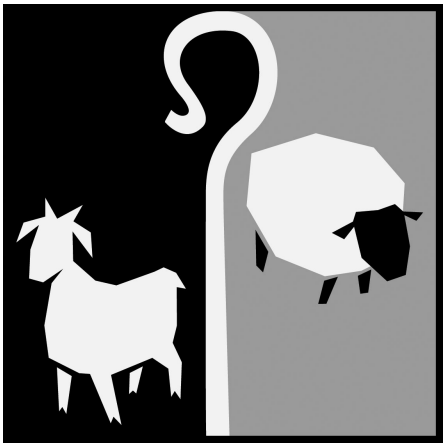
Gospel Mt 25:31-46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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Reflection *by Fr Michael Tate*

The eternal destiny of every human being of a certain maturity is determined by decisions made in relation to food and drink for the famished, clothing and housing for those without decent clothing or shelter, visiting those in circumstances which cut them off from life-giving contact with others (the sick and prisoners).

Those who provide such assistance, in the words of Pope Francis, touch the wounds of Christ! A Christian can be fully conscious of this, but for non Christians it is possible to do so without any of our awareness or belief. Christ is *completely* incognito to them: 'When did we ever see you hungry and feed you ...?'.

We know the doctrine of the Real Presence in the poor and marginalised. Woe betide those of us who ignore this fact of faith. We are on the way to a Hellish state of existence. That is equally possible for those who do not share our faith, but who ignore the plight of the marginalised and continue in a self-absorbed way.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we, and many billions of non-Christians, may hear the invitation: 'Come you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'