



CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRES OF PAMBULA

Parish Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A 26 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

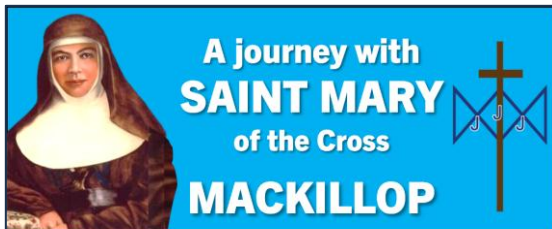
Rosary

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

**Much that is hidden from us is known to God,
and many things which we condemn are pleasing to God
because God sees the motives and we see only the result.**
Mary MacKillop visits New Zealand convents, 1894

COMING EVENTS/NOTICES

Aged Care Facility Mass

5 May 2pm Albert Moore Gardens, Merimbula
7 May 11.30am Imlay House, Pambula
14 May 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.

Congratulations to our Newly Weds Samuel & Jessica

May your marriage remain God-centered and may you always walk the path of love, fidelity, and respect for each other.



Catechism Corner

Why is marriage indissoluble?

Marriage is triply indissoluble: first, because the essence of love is mutual self-giving without reservation; second, because it is an image of God's unconditional faithfulness to his creation; and third, because it represents Christ's devotion to his Church, even unto death on the Cross (1605, 1612-1517, 1661)

Email list for Parish Bulletin and other Notices

If you would like to receive digital copies of the parish bulletin and other parish notices, please email the parish office to be added to the mailing list.

SOLEMNITIES/FEAST DAYS

26 April (Sunday) The Good Shepherd Sunday

29 April (Wednesday) St. Catherine of Sienna, virgin,

30 April (Thursday) St. Pius V



PRAYER INTENTIONS



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

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:

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:

\$1,508.85 - 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.



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.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of

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 Good Shepherd Sunday



SUPPORT OUR FUTURE PRIESTS – GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL

Please consider supporting the formation of our future priests—men courageously saying “yes” to God’s call.

Your gift. Their formation. Our future. Your generosity helps form priests who will celebrate the sacraments, care for the vulnerable, guide the young, and console those in grief. The Archdiocese invests over \$50,000 each year in every seminarian’s formation. **Please give today** using the payment slip, QR code or email:

Financial.Services@cg.org.au



Warm thanks to everyone who joined the farewell lunch For Su



Our parish community extends its heartfelt thanks to Su for her dedicated service as parish secretary over the past year and more. Su has been a quiet yet strong presence in our parish, always faithful, approachable, and ready to help. Her warm and welcoming nature made it easy for parishioners to connect with her, and she carried out her responsibilities with great care and commitment.

Su’s creativity and eye for detail have greatly enriched our parish life, especially in the way she supported communications, organized parish activities, and assisted in many practical ways behind the scenes. Her willingness to go the extra mile did not go unnoticed.

On behalf of the entire parish, I sincerely thank Su for her generous service and dedication. We are truly grateful for all that she has done for our community. As she moves on, we pray that God continues to bless her abundantly in all that lies ahead.

Thank you, Su, for your faithful service.



Fr Kose Chennell MS
Parish Priest



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First Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm

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

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

(R.) Alleluia.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of
darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff;
with these you give me comfort. (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 Pt 2:20-25

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.**
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:1-10

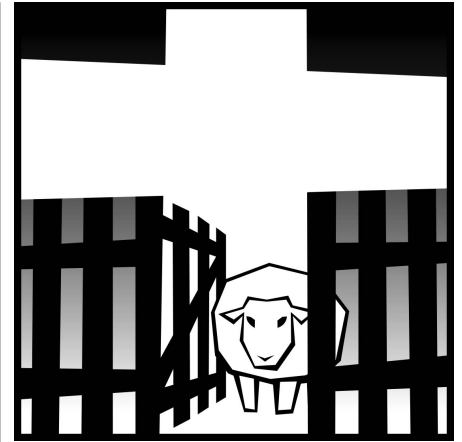
I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.
Anyone who enters through me will be
safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In Jesus' time, the shepherd lead from the front: the sheep followed the sound of his voice to reach good pasture. Jesus describes other voices who might try to mislead the sheep as 'thieves and brigands'.

In John's gospel, Judas, the thief from the common purse of the disciples, led a group of temple guards and Roman soldiers to take Jesus by force.

Barabbas was a brigand, a leader of an insurrection. Our Lord knew that armed rebellion against the Romans would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem.

So, Jesus is warning his followers against the seductive voices of those who advocate the use of violence.

In particular, the successor of Peter should echo the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and no other. Popes of the modern era seem to be listening more attentively to the Good Shepherd, as successors of St Peter who was instructed: 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep'.

We could pause for a moment to attune our ears to the sound of the Shepherd's voice and follow Him so that He may lead us to pastures where we can have life, abundantly.

Alleluia!

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