

**Entrance Antiphon.** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia

*First Reading* Acts 2:14, 22-33

**Responsorial Psalm** Lord, you will show us the path of life.

*Second Reading* Peter 1:17-21

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us.  
Make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
Alleluia!

*Gospel* Luke 24:13-35

**Communion Antiphon** The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia

### Spiritual Communion Prayer.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I Embrace You as if You were already here, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen

### Preparing for Spiritual Communion.

- 1 - Prepare your heart for and encounter with Jesus**  
Create a space where you will be able to pray quietly. Focus on an image of Jesus and light a candle before Him. Make the Sign of the Cross.
- 2 - Read or listen the Mass Readings**
- 3 - Recite the Prayer**
- 4 - Silence**  
Remain in silence for some moments, with Jesus in your heart. Allow him to love you and to nourish your soul.

### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

*Envelopes* - can be left at the office or in the presbytery mail box.

#### *Electronic*

**1st Collection** - BSB: 062-786 - Acc No: 29248 - Central Presbytery Fund - Reference: Bega Parish.

**2nd Collection** - BSB 062-786 - Acc No: 13879 - St Patrick's Bega - Reference: envelope number or 2nd collection.

### Wise Words:

Ultimate hope is accepting what is beyond our control & believing that God will use the circumstances of our lives to help us grow in holiness. - Fr J. Michael Sparough

### For Sale:

Bibles - \$16  
Sunday Missal - \$32  
Children's Mass Book - \$10.  
Please contact the office.



3rd Easter - Year A

26th April 2020

# St. Patrick's Parish

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### Scripture & Eucharist Reveal Christ

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Last Sunday's gospel ended with the Evangelist affirming that people can come to believe in the risen Christ by reading about his deeds 'written in this book'. This Sunday's gospel story from Luke confirms the importance of the written word found in 'Moses . . . all the prophets . . . and all the scriptures'; according to Luke, the Scriptures reveal Jesus. Luke makes his point dramatically.

The disciples began their journey to Emmaus feeling 'downcast.' Though the risen Jesus approaches and walks with them, 'their eyes were prevented from recognising him'. Though they engage in discussion with their unrecognised traveling Companion, they still don't catch on. But when Jesus begins explaining 'Moses and all the prophets,' then their 'hearts [were] burning within' them. The expression 'Moses and the prophets' is short hand for revealed Scripture. It also hearkens back to the transfiguration when Moses and Elijah (the great prophet) appeared with Jesus conversing with him about 'his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem'. In other words, Moses and Elijah spoke with him concerning his approaching death and resurrection; now on the road, Jesus uses Moses and the prophets to explain to the disciples his exodus that he had in fact accomplished.



Because they did not understand the Scriptures, the 2 disciples were disconsolate and had abandoned hope 'that [Jesus] would be the one to redeem Israel'. In explaining to them the Scriptures, Jesus revived their hope and deepened their understanding. The 2 disciples thus stand in contrast to the 2 aged prophets, Simeon and Anna, who met the Holy Family when Jesus was presented in the Temple. As heralds of God's word, these prophets recognised in Jesus 'the consolation of Israel' and 'the redemption of Jerusalem'.

Hearing the Scripture explained prepared the disciples for the revelation yet to come. As they share table fellowship with Jesus, 'their eyes were opened and they recognised' Jesus 'in the breaking of bread'. Luke's point: after the resurrection (and ascension), believers can encounter Jesus in Scripture and in the Eucharist.

**Annual Cobargo Marian Procession first Sunday in May.** This event has been moved online. The Link will be sent out next Thursday. Please join us for Online Rosary. Live 2pm Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May



**During the COVID19 closure administration of the Sacraments** is still available in emergencies. Please contact Fr Luke directly.


**Car Park Confession** are available EVERY SUNDAY 11am – 11:30am. Please use either option 1 (Drive Through) or Option 2 (park and stand).




**Vinnies News:** from the 1st May St Vincent de Paul will be running a *COVID-19 crisis appeal* to assist the society with their work to help the poor and needy in our society. This will replace the winter appeal. To donate please visit [www.vinnies.org.au/covid19crisisappeal](http://www.vinnies.org.au/covid19crisisappeal) or phone 13 18 12. Our local conference still offers assistance via phone meetings.

**Project Compassion** Whilst we're locked down and working from our homes, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is amplified for those who are in communities already vulnerable to poverty, disease and malnutrition. This means there is an urgent need that cannot wait. Now, more than ever, the compassion of our supporters is needed, therefore from now until the end of the financial year, we will continue to accept donations to support Project Compassion Appeal through the COVID-19 Crisis Appeal. You can learn more at <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/covid-19-crisis-appeal> These donations will help families living in poverty to access hygiene knowledge, health supplies, soap and clean water that will save their lives. Through this appeal, we can expand our capacity to assist communities at serious risk of infection and to help contain the spread of the virus. Thank you again for your continued support, now more than ever, we can Go Further, Together. - Caritas Australia

**Ways to Donate:** ♦ *Direct Deposit:* Name: Caritas Australia, BSB: 062786, Acc no: 000012830, Reference: PC20 'Your Name' Bega ♦ *Online:* <http://lent.caritas.org.au/donate/> ♦ *Return to the parish office* to be forwarded to Caritas.



Please Pray for the  
repose of the soul of  
**Irene Adams**  
Entered eternal life  
15<sup>th</sup> April 2020



Please Pray for the  
repose of the soul of  
**Irene Howard**  
Entered eternal life  
12<sup>th</sup> April 2020

**Sunday Mass Times**  
~~Cancelled until further notice~~  
 > **Cobargo** - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil  
 > **Candelo** - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil 1st, 3rd, 5th  
 - Sundays - 9:30am 2nd, 4th  
 > **Tathra** - Sundays - 7.45am Mass  
 > **Bega** - Sundays - 9.30am Mass

**Weekdays**  
~~Cancelled until further notice~~  
 > **Tuesday** 5.30pm Bega  
 > **Wednesday** 9.00am Tathra, 5.30pm Bega.  
 > **Thursday** 9.15am Bega  
 > **3rd Thurs.** 11.00am Hillgrove  
 > **Friday** 9.15am Bega  
 4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'  
 > **Saturday** 9.15am Bega

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Irene Adams, Edna Irene Howard, Mary Roberson, Nola Sutherland, Sr Leonie McGuire RSJ

**ANNIVERSARIES** Paul Coman

**26<sup>th</sup> - St Mark**, Evangelist, died about 74AD. A companion of St Peter and traditionally credited with the gospel which reflects Peter's teaching and memoirs. Honoured as the founder of the Church in Alexandria.  
**27<sup>th</sup> - St Louis Grignon de Montfort**, Priest  
**28<sup>th</sup> - St Peter Chanel**, Priest & Martyr, 1803-1841. Honoured as the first martyr of the Church in Oceania.  
**Feast Days this Week**  
**29<sup>th</sup> - St Catherine of Siena**, Virgin & Doctor of the Church, 1347-1380. Remembered also as a mystic and a reformer of religious life.  
**30<sup>th</sup> - St Pius V**, Pope, 1504-1572. Remembered chiefly for implementing the reforms of the Council of Trent, including the Breviary, Missal, and Catechism.  
**1<sup>st</sup> May - St Joseph the Worker** Instituted by Pius XII in 1955, this day proposes the example & intercession of Joseph as worker & provider. On this date many countries celebrate the dignity & cause of human labour.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> - St Athanasius**, Bishop & Doctor of the Church. 295-373. Venerated as the "Father of Orthodoxy" for championing the true & equal divinity of the incarnate Son of God.

### Easter and ANZAC Day

The transition from Easter to ANZAC Day in Australia can be a strange one for Christians. This year, we have just gone from the terrible desolation of Good Friday, where Christ is crucified on the Cross, to the joy of Easter Sunday and Christ alive among us. ANZAC Day forces us back to the reality that Christ's resurrection does not mean an end to pain and suffering. Looking back to the major wars of the 20th century that Australia was involved in, knowing they were waged by Christians against each other, as well as those of other and no faiths, we can see that the world is still far from that which Christ envisaged for us.

Dawn services across Australia will mark ANZAC Day, hopefully helping us remember the terrible cost of war, and renew our determination to be peacemakers. It will help us



remember those who have lost their lives in war, and whose efforts and sacrifice helped shape our country's history. But in our reflections on ANZAC Day, it's worth also looking at what it has to say in the light of the Easter story.

ANZAC Day teaches Christians that each generation is forced to confront sin in themselves, and in those around them who have succumbed to it. The stories we share on ANZAC Day look back

at how our forebears confronted that sin, some succumbing to it, others transcending it.

Easter tells us that we can win peace with God, but only when we fully confront the lessons of the Cross. One of those lessons is that to fully live, we must be willing to sacrifice all that we are to God; and if we are unwilling to make that sacrifice, we can never be born into a new life with Christ. Most of us will hopefully never know what it's like to confront the terrible realities of war, and the choices that are forced on people in those times. But ANZAC Day takes us into those places, bringing us stories of those who were there, and giving us an insight into the realities that they faced.

When we pray on ANZAC Day, we might ask ourselves what we do to win peace with God? How do we respond as followers of Christ where there seems so little evidence of God's goodness? How do we make sacrifices as Christ did, in the hope of bringing new life to ourselves and our world?  
*By Michael McVeigh - Pray.com.au 21 Apr 2017*