

Entrance Antiphon. Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

Communion Antiphon Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, 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 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.

Wise Words:

Jesus promised his disciples three things - that they would be completely fearless, absurdly happy, and in constant trouble.

- G K Chesterton

For Sale:

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

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.



Ascension - Year A

24th May 2020

St. Patrick's Parish

St. Patrick's, Bega - St. Columba's, Bemboka - St. Joseph's Candelo
Star of the Sea, Tathra.

Fr. Luke Verrell. Parish Priest.

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Dear Parishioners,

The weekday Masses are going well. It is great to have the congregation back. Masses have been filled (10 persons). With such a small number allowed there is no easy way to make a fair system. I ask you all to bear with the current situation - fingers crossed that the government will 'up the numbers' any day now.

The bishops of Australia have just completed their bi-annual gathering, albeit via zoom. -One of their decisions is to entrust Australia during this pandemic to the Immaculate Heart of Mary under the title of Our Lady Help of Christians.

This entrustment is to be prayed throughout Australia on 24th/25th May. Please find the Prayer of Entrustment in this week's bulletin.

I ask you to join with me in praying this prayer during our Streamed Mass this Sunday. The Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians falls on Monday - which is another occasion to pray the prayer in your households.

Peace, Fr. Luke



Entrustment of Australia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary under the title Our Lady Help of Christians.

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of Heaven and Earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country. We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly. We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious. We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers and our leaders at this time. We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!

St Joseph, Pray for us.

Weekday Masses have resumed. Limit of 10 worshippers. Times and locations are listed below. Please use the sanitiser on entry and exit, keep the physical distance of 1.5m, Communion is to be received in the hand only, and please record your attendance in the register at the entrance. It is appreciated if you use your own pen.



SUNDAY MASS STREAMS CONTINUE - YouTube: 'Bega Parish Stream' or https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_IP75FT2djL7Oowe5WUrhQ
Stay up to date with the latest developments - Website: <http://cg.org.au/bega> & Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stpatricksbega/>

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

IMPORTANT! - across Australia flu vaccinations have become mandatory for any person entering Aged Care Facilities. Homes are required to provide free vaccines to volunteers. Proof of vaccination is required. Please visit www.health.gov.au/ for more info- *Fr. Luke*

St Patrick's School 150th Anniversary - Memorabilia is still available. Bags \$10; Tea towels \$7. Please contact the Parish Office.

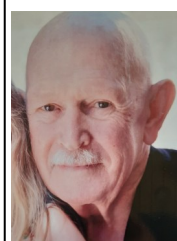


Vinnies News: from the 1st May St Vincent de Paul will be running a *COVID-19 crisis appeal* to assist the society with their work to help the poor and needy in our society. This will replace the winter appeal. To donate please visit www.vinnies.org.au/covid19crisisappeal or phone 13 18 12. Our local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

Project Compassion 2020 Please return boxes and envelopes to the office by Tuesday 26th 10am. Donations can still be made to Caritas by visiting <http://lent.caritas.org.au/donate/> or <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/covid-19-crisis-appeal>



Lumen Christi Catholic College enrolments now open: places are filling quickly & enrolments will close Friday 17 July. To enrol, please visit the College website: <https://lumen.nsw.edu.au/>



Please Pray for the repose of the soul of
Noel Adams
Entered eternal life
8th May 2020

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

Weekdays - Limit 10 worshippers
▶ Tuesday 5.30pm Bega
▶ Wednesday 9.00am Tathra
▶ Thursday 5.00pm Candelo
▶ Hillgrove House on hold till further notice.
▶ Friday 5:30pm Bemboka
4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
▶ Saturday 9.15am Bega

RECENTLY DECEASED Caleb Shaw, Ruth Glover, Noel Adams,
ANNIVERSARIES Rosemary Tarlinton, John Jennings

24th (25th) - Our Lady, Help of Christians, Patron of Australia. The first Australian provincial synod held in Sydney in 1844 placed the Australian Church under Mary's patronage invoked by the title Help of Christians. The solemn feast is an occasion to seek Mary's help and protection.
Feast Days this Week
25th - St Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church, 673-735. Venerated as the "light of the Church" in the period called the Dark Ages and as a forerunner of the 8th & 9th century renaissance of the Western Church.
25th - St Gregory VII, Pope, 1020-1085.
25th - St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin 1566-1607.
26th - St Philip Neri, Priest, 1515-1595. Remembered as a spiritual director, for his pastoral initiatives, and for his humour, simplicity, and charity.
27th - St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, 6th Century. Venerated by Catholics & Anglicans alike as founder of the metropolitan see of Canterbury.

Mountain in Galilee

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

'The mountain to which Jesus had ordered [the disciples]' is not specified. But the choice of a mountain is significant in at least two ways. In Matthew's gospel mountains have been the scene of Jesus' teaching (Sermon on the Mount) and glory (transfiguration). Now, after his resurrection, the glorified Christ appears to his disciples: the glory that the transfiguration had anticipated is now realised. On the mountain Jesus teaches his disciples about their ministry in his name and commands them to continue his own teaching ministry. This mountaintop encounter highlights his authority and his glory.



The mountaintop setting for this final scene in the life of Jesus recalls an earlier mountaintop scene. After his baptism by John, Jesus went into the wilderness for forty days where he was tempted by the devil. In the third and final temptation 'the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence'. He promises to give Jesus power over all those kingdoms if Jesus would worship and serve him. On that mountaintop the power the devil promises Jesus is over the kingdoms of the earth;

but after his resurrection Jesus ascends a mountaintop once more and reveals that 'All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me'. His power comes from God; it is not limited to mere kingdoms but embraces the whole cosmos - 'heaven and earth.' The power the devil meant to be dazzling and enticing proves illusory and insignificant. On this undisclosed mountain in Galilee the glory of Jesus is revealed and his power and authority are confirmed.

The location in Galilee is significant. Matthew had earlier identified Galilee as the land of the Gentiles - a land of darkness into which the light of Christ was coming. Now that Jesus' mission in Jerusalem has been accomplished, he returns to Galilee.