

Entrance Antiphon. The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-23

Communion Antiphon They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, 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

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.

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: Becoming the best
version of yourself will require
courage & risk. A ship is safe as long
as it sits in the harbour, but that's not
what ships are made for. Your life
will be comfortable as long as you
remain where you are. Change &
growth take courage.

- Allen Hunt



Pentecost - Year A

31st May 2020

St. Patrick's Parish

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

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A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE CATHOLIC PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA FROM THE BISHOPS OF AUSTRALIA



Dear brothers and sisters,

Grace and peace to you in these Easter days. We write to you from a
plenary meeting of the Bishops Conference which is like no other.
Unable to meet face-to-face as we normally do, the bishops are meeting
online for a week. We are intensely conscious of our isolation – not only from each
other but also from you, the people whom we serve in the name of the Risen Lord.
As we think of you, we make our own the words of St Paul: “So deeply do we care
for you that we are determined to share with you not only the Gospel of God but also
our own selves, because you have become very dear to us” (1 Thessalonians 2:8).

Australia has certainly suffered because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but not as
grievously as some other countries. For that we thank God and we congratulate
public health authorities and governments on their prompt and prudent responses.
Australians in general have also shown the solidarity and good sense, the generosity
and kindness needed in such a time. In our healthcare workers particularly we have
seen an exceptional spirit of self-sacrifice, and for that we are all grateful.

The Churches and other religious communities have played their part, which has
meant the suspension of public worship and the closure of places of worship. This
has been a real deprivation, and the bishops understand not only your anxiety about
the virus and shutdown but more especially your deep desire to return to the
sacraments and to resume public worship. There is a real hunger in this. It is
something we all feel, and we long for the time when our hunger will be satisfied as
together we return to the feast of the Lord.

Even when our doors are closed, our hearts are still open. The churches may not yet
be fully open, but the heart of the Church, which is the heart of Christ, is wide open.
The celebration of Mass has never ceased. Though we and our brother priests cannot
yet offer Mass with the people, we are still offering Mass day by day for the people –
for all of you who are “flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone” (cf Genesis 2:23).
The Church which is the Body of Christ still glows with the life of Easter, “thought
to be dying, yet we are alive...to be sorrowful, yet still rejoicing...to have nothing,
yet possessing everything” (2 Corinthians 6:9-10).

14th May 2020

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).

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



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/>

Credit Card Payment Page. The CDF has created a payment page for online credit card payments to the Sunday collections & the Good Shepherd Appeal. Choose the required collection from the dropdown menu and use Bega for the Parish (there is more than 1 St Patrick's). Direct deposit details are still listed on the back page. Thanks. Link - <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/CATHOLICDEVELOPMENTFUNDARCHDIOCESEOFCANBERRA>



Vinnies COVID-19 Appeal. To donate please visit www.vinnies.org.au/covid19crisisappeal or phone 13 18 12. Our local conference still offers assistance via phone meetings.



*Please Pray for the
repose of the soul of
Geoffrey O'Connell
Entered eternal life
15th 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 Geoffrey O'Connell, Caleb Shaw, Ruth Glover, Noel Adams,
ANNIVERSARIES Myles O'Reilly, Rosemary Tarlinton, John Jennings

31st (1st) - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Celebrates the Virgin Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth, and her example of faith in God's word and sensitivity to the Spirit.

1st June - St Justin, Martyr. 100-165.

Feast Days this Week **2nd - Sts Marcellinus & Peter,** Martyrs. Died 304.

3rd - St Charles Lwanga & companions, 22 Catholic & Anglican Martyrs. Died 1886. Remembered for the heroic calm of their fidelity to Christ.

5th - St Boniface, 675-754. Remembered as a determined missionary & as a Church organiser & reformer whose work shaped the future of Europe.

6th - St Marcellin Champagnat, Educator, 1789-1840. Founder of the Marist Brothers Institute within the Society of Mary. Remembered for his determination, leadership and organisational ability, and his contribution to Catholic education.

Resurrection & the Spirit

PENTECOST



The gospel reading for Pentecost Sunday is an episode that, in the Gospel of John, takes place on Easter Sunday evening. This is indicated by the notice that Jesus appeared to them 'on the evening of that first day of the week'; Mary Magdalene had visited the tomb 'on the first day of the week . . . early in the morning'.

The resurrection of Jesus ushers in a series of dramatic changes in the lives of the disciples. Into the locked room where the disciples huddled in fear, Jesus appears and greets them with the gift of 'Peace'. At the Last Supper Jesus had promised to give peace to his disciples; that promise is now fulfilled. Peace makes possible the transition from 'fear' to joy: 'The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord'.



Their transformation is further signalled when Jesus 'breathed on them'; this is the same verb (both in English and Greek) that describes how the Lord brought Adam to life: God 'breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being'. In that locked room Jesus 'recreates' his disciples by the breath of his Spirit. It is in the power of the Spirit that Jesus will 'send' disciples as Jesus was 'sent' by the Father.

The coming of the Spirit fulfils another promise that Jesus had made at the Last Supper: 'I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever'. The Spirit will abide in the disciples after Jesus' departure and will make

possible the forgiveness of sins. This episode makes a strong connection between resurrection as new life and forgiveness as a concrete expression of new life in the believer. Elsewhere in the gospel tradition forgiveness of sins is associated with healing and restoration to fullness of life (Mark 2:1-12). Forgiveness is thus a concrete experience of new life.

The many ways in which Jesus shares his new life with believers include the following: the Spirit, peace, joy, and forgiveness.