

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Archbishop Francis Carroll, Marie Docherty (Fr Mick Burkes Sister)  
Eva Richards, Mavis Wheeler, Mark Dodds, Suzanne Cole

**ANNIVERSARIES** Denise Mulligan, Kath Edwards, Angus Collins, John Roberts

**PRAYERS** Marina Peric



3rd & 4th Easter - Year B

14th & 21st April 2024

# St. Patrick's Parish

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

Fr. Adrian Chan. Parish Priest.  
Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.

Hrs 9-2 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*  
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*We acknowledge the Yuin People, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon & cared for this land for thousands of years. We pay our respect to Elders past, present & emerging. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of the Bega Valley.*

**ANZAC DAY MASS:** Thursday 25 April at 9am in St Patrick's Bega.  
**Update on Essential Repairs to our Church buildings.** The initial proposal was for all repairs to all the churches to be carried out but it was too costly to achieve in one go. After careful consideration by the Finance and maintenance committee, we have decided to initially carry out the essential repairs program for the church and presbytery in Bega. This part of the program will cost approximately \$530,000. The work will be funded by a loan and current funds. The work of the remaining churches in Tathra, Candelo and Bemboka will be carried out as funding becomes available.

**Parish Office Closures.** The Office will be closed from the 20th March. Re-opening the 23rd April. Emails will be checked periodically. Please contact Fr Adrian for urgent matters. Thank you.

**Project Compassion 2024.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. Donations via the 2nd collection or can also donate on 1800 024 413 or [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

**ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS:**  
**18 April | Roundtables – Sacramental Initiation**

Join others from around the Archdiocese for a time of prayerful dialogue in the spirit of synodality on the realities and process of Sacramental Initiation in the life of our Church. REGISTER at [cgevangelisation.org.au/roundtables](http://cgevangelisation.org.au/roundtables). Online (Zoom) and In-Person (Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Manuka)

**19-21 April | Three day silent retreat**

For young men discerning a Vocation to priesthood. Contact Vocations Director, Fr Emil Milat at [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au) for more information

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**You're Invited**

- ✦ *Tathra* - Breakfast every 2nd Sunday of the Month after Mass. All Welcome
- ✦ *Bega* - Morning Tea 4th Sunday of the Month after Mass Bega. All Welcome



**ROSTERS - 20th/21st April**

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

**Bemboka Sat 6pm**

Commentator  
Readers  
Cleaners

**Candelo Sat 6pm**

Commentator L Thompson  
Readers Roxanne Hopkins  
Cleaners - April Sharon & Michael Heffernan

**Tathra Sun 7:45am**

Commentator Gerry Collins  
Readers Betty O'Brien  
Cleaners Oakley Family  
Audio-Visual Carleen Maley  
Eucharistic Ministers Mark Oakley, Pat Platts

**Bega Sun 9:30am**

Commentator V Northcott, A Woods  
Readers V Northcott, A Woods  
Counters S & W Giles  
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir  
Acolyte Frank Farrell  
Eucharistic Ministers Barbara Burton

**ROSTERS - 27th/28th April**

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

**Bemboka Sat 6pm**

Commentator  
Readers  
Cleaners

**Candelo Sun 9:30am**

Commentator R Heffernan  
Readers K Dodds  
Cleaners - April Sharon & Michael Heffernan

**Tathra Sun 7:45am**

Commentator Marie Oakley  
Readers Michael Hergenhan  
Cleaners Pat Platts  
Audio-Visual Paul Gardiner  
Eucharistic Ministers Pat Platts, Trish Sly

**Bega Sun 9:30am**

Commentator Volunteer  
Readers E Attram  
Counters Tomlinson & Farrell  
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir  
Acolyte Frank Farrell  
Eucharistic Ministers K Rix

**Sunday Mass Times**

- *Bemboka* - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil
- *Candelo* - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil 1st, 3rd, 5th  
- Sundays - 9:30am liturgy 2nd, 4th
- *Tathra* - Sundays - 7.45am Mass
- *Bega* - Sundays - 9.30am Mass

**Weekdays**

- Tuesday 4pm Bega Church
- Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.
- Thursday 9.15am Bega Church
- *Hillgrove House 3rd Thursday 3pm*
- Friday 9.15am Bega Church  
4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
- Saturday 9.15am Bega Church

**Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation**

*Bega* Saturday, 9.40 - 10am  
*Bemboka* before vigil Mass  
*Candelo* before vigil Mass  
*Tathra* before Sunday Mass

**ROSARY**

*Tathra* - 7:20am before Sunday Mass  
*Bega* - 9am before Sunday Mass  
**all are welcome.**



St Patrick's Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the rights and dignity of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families & carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all our thinking and actions. Parishioners are encourage to communicate concerns by emailing Fr Adrian, the Parish Office, the Parish Safeguarding Officer or directly to IPSS ([ipss@cg.org.au](mailto:ipss@cg.org.au))

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



In the hours and days following the resurrection, the pervading atmosphere amongst the disciples was fear. The fear of being labelled a follower of Christ by the Jewish authorities and the fear of not knowing what the future held. Gathered together in the upper room, they see the ghost-like figure of Christ. How can he be alive? And yet, it is him; for they see the wounds on his hands and side. Fear takes hold of them. Remembering their own sin in abandoning and betraying Christ, they wonder if Christ has returned for vengeance and retribution. In showing the disciples his wounds, Christ is reminding them of their sin. Peter states in the First Reading today, "You have put to death the author of life." And for this, the disciples must recognise their weakness in abandoning Christ. They stand before him as sinners.

The most transformative word in this Gospel is "Shalom" - Peace be with you. Using this word, Christ changes the atmosphere. The fear amongst his followers dissipates for there is no retribution or vengeance in his heart, only love and compassion. Why is he so easy on them? The resurrection speaks of two new realities. The reality of eternal life after death and the reality of our sins being forgiven through Christ. We all may be sinners, but in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven sinners. This is a new revelation for the disciples. Forgiveness is accessible to all and this is at the heart of the good news to be proclaimed.

It is often said that a saint is someone who the light shines through. But a saint is also someone who is aware of their own shortcomings, weaknesses and failings. May we challenge ourselves during this Easter Season to look within ourselves, to acknowledge our sin and to accept in faith that we are forgiven through Christ.



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



There is a line from a poem by the Welsh Poet-Priest R.S. Thomas that springs to my mind so often. In Pilgrimages he writes: '.....He is such a fast God, always before us and leaving as we arrive'.

We just miss God so often. We miss him by a hair's breadth. But when we think back on some large or small thing that has occurred in our lives, we realise that we have indeed felt God's presence, smelt God's scent, caught God's shadow. God has been a step ahead of us making sure that all would be well. Maybe not that all would be right or that we might not have to experience pain and sadness. But instead he has been there to make sure that all would be well. In other words that we would manage. That we would struggle through and come out the other side.

And so today I would simply reflect on those first few words from the Epistle of St. John: Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us.....Think of the love He lavished on us on the good days - friends, spouse, family, work - and the love he lavished on us in the bad times - the kind word, the supportive hug, the listening ear and the strength to face tomorrow again. In these Easter days it is wonderful to remember God's love and to be thankful that each of us is a child of this fast God.

**21st - St Anselm**, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1033-1109. Remembered for his theological learning and writings and for organising Church life in England.

**Feast Days this Week** **23rd - St Adalbert**, Bishop and Martyr 956-997. Remembered for his prayerfulness, his concern for the poor, and his courage in the face of opposition.

**23rd - St George**, Martyr. Died 303.

**24th - St Fidelis of Sigmaringen**, Priest and Martyr 1578-1622. Remembered for his care of the sick and for his preach-ing, especially among Protestants in Switzerland, where he was martyred.

**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.

**Responsorial Psalm** Lord, let your face shine on us.  
**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**Communion Antiphon** The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead;  
In his name repentance and remission of sins  
Must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

**Entrance Antiphon** The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm** The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.  
**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**Communion Antiphon** The Good Shepherd has risen,  
Who laid down his life for his sheep  
And willingly died for his flock, alleluia.