

**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

### ROSTERS - 23rd/24th March 2024

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

#### Bemboka Sat 6pm

Commentator  
Readers  
Cleaners

#### Candelo Sun 9:30am

Commentator Ann Haehsy  
Readers J Coman  
Cleaners - march Nalda & Roger Heffernan

#### Tathra Sun 7:45am

Commentator Jacinta Battista  
Readers Pat Platts  
Cleaners Pat Platts + Helpers  
Audio-Visual Trish Sly  
Eucharistic Ministers Carleen Maley, J Battista

#### Bega Sun 9:30am

Commentator Rachel Heffernan  
Readers J Scott-Pegum, M O'Neill  
Counters Col & Kath Murphy  
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir  
Acolyte David Grainger  
Eucharistic Ministers Bev Larkin

### ROSTERS - 30th/31st March 2024

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

#### Bemboka Sat 6pm

Commentator  
Readers  
Cleaners

#### Candelo Sun 10am

Commentator R Heffernan  
Readers Nikki Wagner  
Cleaners - march Nalda & Roger Heffernan

#### Tathra Sun 7:45am

Commentator Trish Sly  
Readers Gerard Hergenhan  
Cleaners Oakley Family + Helpers  
Audio-Visual Carleen Maley  
Eucharistic Ministers Jacinta Battista, Les Carey

#### Bega Sat 6pm

Commentator A Woods  
Readers Refer to Easter Roster  
Counters office  
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir  
Acolyte David Grainger  
Eucharistic Ministers

### 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

### Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

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

### ROSARY

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



5th & 6th Lent - Year B

17th & 24th March 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.*

**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)

### Triduum Service Times 28th - 31st March

Thursday 28th	Mass of the Lords Supper	<b>6pm</b>	Bega, adoration until <b>9pm</b>
Friday 29th	Stations of the Cross	<b>10am</b>	Bemboka, Candelo, Tathra
	Passion of the Lord & Veneration	<b>3pm</b>	Bega
Saturday 30th	Easter Vigil	<b>6pm</b>	Bega
	Easter Liturgy	<b>6pm</b>	Bemboka
Sunday 31st	Easter Sunday	<b>7:45am</b>	Tathra
		<b>10am</b>	Candelo

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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

**Wise Words:** You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working; and just so you learn to love God and man by loving. All those who think to learn in any other way deceive themselves. - *St Francis de Sales*

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))

## The Path to New Life.

The gospel of John is divided into two parts and with this text we approach the end of part one, sometimes known as the Book of Signs. Chapter 12 forms a link between the end of Jesus' public life and the beginning of his passion. The scene is Jerusalem which is full of pilgrims arriving for the feast of Passover. Many of these are Greek-speaking Jews arriving from all around the Roman empire and their request to see Jesus is a reminder that 'seeing' in the fourth gospel is another way of speaking of 'believing in'. On the cross Jesus is drawing all people to himself and inviting a faith response to the love of God that he has manifested. His death is like a seed of grain falling into the ground where it perishes but out of it comes growth and a rich harvest. This is the way of love and all who would follow Jesus must walk this path. By so doing they participate in God's ultimate victory over evil.



Jeremiah looked forward to a day when we would all know God, 'the least no less than the greatest'. Some six hundred years later what Jeremiah was speaking about unfolded in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. With the pilgrims in the gospel we are invited to say: 'We wish to see Jesus' and to recognise that in the events of Holy Week our request is granted. Now once again Jesus is revealed to us, not as a distant figure from the past who suffered for doing good, but as the living one who even now is calling us to new life. In him we are being offered nothing less than intimate friendship with God. Let us pray with Jesus, 'aloud and in silent tears' that we

## Welcome Sacramental Candidates.

### Feast Days this Week

**17<sup>th</sup> - St Patrick**, Bishop. Remembered for his simplicity and pastoral care, for his humble trust in God, and for his fearless preaching of the gospel to those who had enslaved him in his youth. Due to being a Sunday in Lent - this important feast is celebrated on the 18th.

**18<sup>th</sup> - St Cyril of Jerusalem**, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 315-386. Remembered especially for the illuminating baptismal catechesis he gave in the new Constantinian basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

**19<sup>th</sup> - St Joseph**, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**23<sup>rd</sup> - St Turibius de Mogrovejo**, Bishop 1538-1606

### Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, & plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God are my strength.

### Responsorial Psalm

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

### Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, my servant will also be.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Communion Antiphon** Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground & dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.



## Challenge

As Jesus surveyed Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, the knowledge of what would happen to him at the hands of the authorities must have weighed heavily on him. Perhaps he could have turned his back on Jerusalem and chosen a different path. But at a deeper level, rather like Noah's seeking of



solitude, Jesus' decision to enter the city was confirmation of his mission and identity. To turn his back on Jerusalem would negate all his previous acts of love and mark a betrayal of his very self. The decision to descend the Mount of Olives was bound up in Christ's commitment to his identity, that of love. Palm Sunday is Christ's ultimate and final confrontation against those who hated him. He rode in on a donkey and changed the world forever.

The Gospel challenges us to reflect on our Christian identity and the living out of our Christian commitment in daily life. Do we have the courage to put our faith into members of the travelling community looking for understanding and respect or the plight of immigrant workers seeking equal pay and rights? Christ wore his badge of identity in a spirit of freedom and bravery and we are being called to do the same. While Palm Sunday is often a time we reflect on the crosses in our own lives, it is also worth reflecting on Christ's decision to enter Jerusalem and take a stand against the authorities. Like Christ we are called to live in a spirit of courage and love. Palm Sunday is an opportunity to pray for the ability to do so.



### Feast Days this Week

The *Sacred Paschal Triduum* of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year. Beginning with the evening Mass of the Lords supper, has its centre in the Easter Vigil and closes with Vespers of the Sunday of the Resurrection.

The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy & exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'. The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord is moved from the 25th March (9 months before Christmas) to the 8th April. This keeps it close to Easter to link the incarnation with the whole mystery of human redemption in Christ.

### Entrance Antiphon

Hosanna to the Son of David;  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### Responsorial Psalm

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross  
Therefore God raised him on high & gave him a name above all other names!  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Communion Antiphon** Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.