

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

Responsorial Psalm With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Gospel Acclimation Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon Everyone who live and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

ROSTERS - 1st/2nd April 2023
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator G Berman
Readers H Allen
Gifts
Cleaners

Candelo Sat 6pm
Commentator L Thompson
Readers M Whitby
Gifts
Cleaners - April Sharon & Michael Heffernan

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Kate D'Arcy
Readers Peter D'Arcy
Gifts
Cleaners Mary Plevy
Audio-Visual Paul Gardiner
Eucharistic Ministers Les Carey, Denise Miller

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator T Tomlinson
Readers J Scott-Pegum, V Sheehan
Gifts Volunteer
Counters S & W Giles
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Sean McCambridge
Eucharistic Ministers E Caragher, B Tygh
A Tarlinton, F Farrell
Nursing Home D Koenigkamp, P Gardiner

Wise Words: We can think of Lent as a time eradicate evil or cultivate virtue; a time to pull up weeds or plant good seeds. Which is better is clear, for the Christian ideal is always positive rather than negative.
- Ven. Fulton J Sheen



Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation
Bega Saturday, 9.40 - 10am
Bemboka before vigil Mass
Candelo before vigil Mass
Tathra before Sunday Mass

St. Pat's Choir practices Thurs 5.15—6pm
Contacts Mary 0428 471 012 or Matt 0429 338 348.

Meditation & Contemplative Prayer
Meeting is held on Monday at 7.30pm in the annex of Star of the Sea Church at Tathra.

Sunday Readings Reflection Group
Tuesday at 7pm Star of the Sea Tathra.
All Welcome.

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



MENS' GROUP: 2nd & 4th Thursdays
St Patrick's Church.
Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997

St Patrick's Sacramental programme 2023
Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice
Confirmation—28th May
Weddings—by appoint, 6 months notice req.
Please contact the Parish Office.

For Sale: Sunday Missal - \$32; Children's Mass Book - \$10. Contact the office or place your order in a marked envelope in the 2nd collection. **Bulletin & Forms** can be found on the website

new life



5th Lent - Year A

St. Patrick's Parish

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

26th March 2023

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Lumen Christi (LCCC), Pambula. Mr. Shane Giles 6495 8888

Life and Death



We have witnessed in the last few Sundays in Lent that being a Christian is all about being a new person. It is about the change from thirst to satisfaction (the woman at the well), it is about the change from darkness to light (the man born blind), and today it is about the change from death to life (the raising of Lazarus). Jesus is living water, Jesus is the light of the world, and Jesus is the resurrection and the life. This passage from John's Gospel, particularly Jesus' statement that he is the resurrection and the life, is most familiar to us from the funeral liturgy. In the context of someone's death his words often bring comfort and hope. We apply these words to physical death, but they extend beyond that, to apply to spiritual death as well.



The prophet Ezekiel lived in the early years of the exile of the people of Judah in Babylonia, modern-day Iraq. The people of Judah were not refugees: they were prisoners of war, the captive slaves of the victorious enemy. Many of them probably would have preferred death to the living nightmare of what they were suffering. The last third of Ezekiel, from chapters 33 to 48, is a message of hope and salvation for people who cannot believe what had happened to them, for a people full of despair and in the depths of depression. One of Ezekiel's messages is about the valley of the dry bones. Ezekiel's vision is of the bones being covered in flesh and coming back to life.

The words are addressed to the people in exile, so it is obvious that the prophet was not talking about physical death. God's promise is that the Spirit will reanimate them, give them fresh hope, and will restore them to their homeland. 'You will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil', the prophet promises. Interestingly, these words of Ezekiel are the words on the monument to Holocaust survivors at the Yad Vashem memorial in Jerusalem.

Paul tells the Christians in Rome that the Spirit has made a home in them. Just as it is the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead so it is the Spirit who gives life to our bodies. Paul was not talking about the afterlife, but the here and now. It is the same with the story of Lazarus. It is not only a story about what God offers us after we die, but what God is offering us today, while we live. Through initiation, through Baptism and Confirmation and Eucharist, our God is offering us life for today, not just for when we die. If we want to rise again after death, we have to rise again while we are alive. We have to rise up out of the waters of baptism and live new lives.

Augustine of Hippo told his congregation this same message sixteen hundred years ago. It is not just physical death that should worry us but spiritual death, which is sin, that is our concern. Augustine said: *For everyone who sins dies. Yet everyone fears the death of the body, though few the death of the soul. Everyone takes*

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Multicultural Mass: 16th April 11am, St Christopher's. You are warmly invited to the Archdiocese's annual Multicultural Mass at – one full of colour, song, and dance. Australia's multicultural heritage is one of the country's great treasures, so come along and join our African, Anglo-Indian, Filipino, Indonesian, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese Catholic communities as we all walk together

Colin Buchanan in Concert. Colin will be performing songs from his 'Remember the Lord' album. Saturday April 1st, 3pm SCAC. Aimed at primary school aged children but all are welcome. Tickets \$17 - colinbuchanan.com.au

Planned Building Maintenance: The parish over the next few years will be undertaking maintenance of the various buildings under our charge. Please pray for these projects. Thank you.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend. 14-16 April, Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. An opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au

Lenten Penitential Rite: Lenten confessions are available Sat 9:40-10am Bega. Also before or after mass. Please see Fr Adrian

Stations of the Cross

Candelo - Tues 7pm in lent, with reflection, followed by a cuppa



You're Invited

- ✦ *Tathra* - Breakfast every 2nd Sunday of the Month after Mass. 9th April
 - ✦ *Bega* - Morning Tea 4th Sunday of the Month after Mass Bega. 26th March
- All Welcome. Please bring a friend.**

Fr Adrian Contact: Mobile: 0411 676 064
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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
- 4th Sunday - 9:30am Family Mass

Weekdays

- Tuesday 5.00pm 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

RECENTLY DECEASED Angus Collins (Eddie Collins Grandson), Janette Collins

ANNIVERSARIES Denise Mary Mulligan, John Roberts Senior

PRAYERS Anne Smith & her children Henry & Malory (Sue Gardiner's Daughter).
Jenny Ryan and June O'Farrell - Ill health.
Hugo D'Arcy and his family

Project Compassion 2023 brings together Australian schools, parishes & supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla & Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities & for all future generations.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**

You can also donate on 1800 024 413 or caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Front page Cont. care that the death of the body should not occur, bound though it is to come some day. This is why they are troubled. It is a source of trouble to prevent the being who will die from dying, yet no one troubles to prevent the one who will live forever from sinning ... If only we could persuade everyone, and ourselves with them, to be as much in love with the life that endures as we are with the life that is running away. (In Euangelium Iohannis Tractatus 49)

In our Eucharist today we thank God for the gift of life. We thank God not simply for the eternal life we hope to enjoy after death, but for the eternal life we hope to enjoy while we live. We thank God, who is full of mercy and redemption, for us even when we sin. We thank God for the Spirit who gives us life. We thank God for the broken body and the spilt blood of the Lord, who gives us life. We thank God that the sin of death is transformed into the grace of life. As we thank God today we commit ourselves once again in these days of Lent to being those who believe in life by the way we live today. *Geoff Dunn*



Holy Week 3rd to 9th April

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| Monday | 3rd | Mass of the Chrism
5pm St Christopher Canberra |
| Thursday | 6th | Mass of the Lords Supper
6pm Bega, adoration until 10pm |
| Friday | 7th | Stations of the Cross
9:30am Candelo; 10am Tathra
Passion of the Lord & Veneration
3pm - Bega |
| Saturday | 8th | Easter Vigil
6pm - Bega |
| Sunday | 9th | Easter Sunday
7:45am - Tathra; 10am - Bemboka
9:30 am - Liturgy Candelo; |

