

RECENTLY DECEASED: Doreen Stafford, Noel James, Marina Smith, Barry Rowles

ANNIVERSARIES Ron Russell, Paul Coman, Maria Rixon

PRAYERS Hugo D'Arcy and his family

ROSTERS - 20th/21st May 2023

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm	
<i>Commentator</i>	E Bevitt
<i>Readers</i>	G Bevitt
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	

Candelo Sat 6pm	
<i>Commentator</i>	R Heffernan
<i>Readers</i>	K Dodds
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners - May</i>	Roxanne Hopkins

Tathra Sun 7:45am	
<i>Commentator</i>	Bob Weston
<i>Readers</i>	Gerard Hergenhan
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	Teresa Taylor
<i>Audio-Visual</i>	Kate D'Arcy
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Carleen Maley, J Battista

Bega Sun 9:30am	
<i>Commentator</i>	R Heffernan
<i>Readers</i>	J Scott Pegum
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Counters</i>	S & W Giles
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan & Choir
<i>Acolyte</i>	David Grainger
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	D Koenigkamp, L Stewart C Tarlinton, D Grainger

ROSTERS - 27th/28th May 2023

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm	
<i>Commentator</i>	G Berman
<i>Readers</i>	G Green
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	Berman

Candelo Sun 9:30am	
<i>Commentator</i>	J Coman
<i>Readers</i>	A Haahes
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners - May</i>	Roxanne Hopkins

Tathra Sun 7:45am	
<i>Commentator</i>	Peter D'Arcy
<i>Readers</i>	Kate D'Arcy
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	Raewyn Galton
<i>Audio-Visual</i>	Trish Sly
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Jacinta Battista, Les Carey

Bega Sun 9:30am	
<i>Commentator</i>	Confirmation
<i>Readers</i>	Confirmation
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Counters</i>	Tomlinson & Farrell
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan & Choir
<i>Acolyte</i>	Sean McCambridge
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	M Twyford, B Tygh B Burton, B Larkin

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 11am
- 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

Wise Words:

Wherever the Holy Spirit intervenes, He leaves people astonished.
- St John Paul II



6th Easter & Ascension - Year A

14th & 21st May 2023

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*

St. Patrick's School, Bega. Mrs. Jo Scott-Pegum (Principal) 6492 5500

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

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Website: <http://cg.org.au/bega/>

Facebook: St Patricks Bega

Youth group: 1 June 3.15 - 5.15pm St Patrick's church Bega.

DreamWorks movie *Prince of Egypt* and Pizza to follow. \$5 per person.

Please let Father Adrian and Mrs Grant know that you are coming by email to adrian.chan@cg.org.au

Lumen Christie Open Day. Wednesday 24th May. 9am-5pm. Information session 11:45am. To register for the information session, and for further information: 6495 8888 or lccc@cg.catholic.edu.au

Good Shepherd Sunday. Collection for our seminarians. Contributions are still being collected by the office until the 21st May. Thank you for your generosity.

Planned Maintenance Update. The parish council has prioritised the first ten items that require maintenance and submitted them to the archdiocese project management for costs estimating

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop - The Sisters of Saint Joseph Australian Pilgrimage, commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For questions, itinerary and application form, please contact national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or on 8912 4818.

Parish Office Hours have returned to normal. Thank you for your understanding at this time.

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You're Invited


✠ Tathra - Breakfast every 2nd Sunday of the Month after Mass. All Welcome


✠ Bega - Morning Tea last Sunday of the Month after Mass Bega. Next: April 30th.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

 Parent information night:
Thursday 27th April, 6pm
St Patrick's Church

 Enrolment Mass:
Sunday 30th April, 9:30am
St Patrick's Church

 Retreat Day:
Wednesday 10th May, 9am-3pm, St Patrick's Church

 Confirmation Mass :
Sunday 28th May, 9:30am
St Patricks Church

 Youth Group:
Thursday 1st June, 3:15pm
St Patricks Church

For Enrolment please visit our website:
<http://cg.org.au/bega>



Orphans & Children.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus begins talking about his imminent departure: 'In a short time the world will no longer see me'. In the gospel narrative Jesus is talking about his approaching death. But on this Sunday before ascension, we hear it as a reference to his ascension. In either case Jesus will soon be gone. He uses the image of 'orphans' to describe the fear his disciples have at being abandoned. To be an orphan was a dreaded fate for people throughout the Mediterranean world. Orphans, along with widows and the poor, are among the most vulnerable and easily exploited people in society. Without the legal protections and social services that contemporary society provides, children without parents or male protectors easily fall into slavery or are left to fend for themselves. Insecurity, homelessness, hunger, oppression, and fear characterise the life of those who are left on their own. With Jesus preparing to leave the world, the disciples would feel like orphans. As adult men they would not be subject to the same dangers that children would be, but the image succeeds in describing in emotional terms what the departure of Jesus signifies. There is also evidence from the ancient world that the term 'orphan' referred to disciples without their masters - an apt term in these circumstances.



The reality, however, is that the disciples are not orphaned. First of all, as those who accepted Jesus, they became 'children of God'. Earlier in the course of the Last Supper Jesus was again talking of his departure: 'Little children,' he says to them, 'I am with you only a little longer'. Their status as children of God explains the familial imagery in this Sunday's gospel passage: God is 'Father' both to Jesus, and to the disciples: 'whoever loves me will be loved by my Father'. Though Jesus is departing, disciples still have God as their Father; moreover, the Spirit of Truth 'will be in you'. Disciples of Jesus are never orphans. They are children of God, who are loved by their 'Father.'

Feast Days this Week

14th - St Matthias, Apostle. A companion of Jesus & a witness to the resurrection.

18th - St John I, Pope, Martyr ca.470-526. Remembered as a conciliator and peacemaker, the first bishop of Rome to visit Constantinople.

20th - St Bernadine of Siena, Priest, 1380-1444. Remembered as a preacher, as a promoter of devotion to the Name of Jesus, & for his efforts toward reunion of the Eastern & Western Churches at the Council of Florence.

Entrance Antiphon Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to The ends of the earth; The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Gospel Acclimation Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
And my father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father & he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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, ch. 5) and glory (transfiguration, ch. 17). 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. His command to 'make disciples of all nations' is perfectly situated in the land of those people to whom the disciples are now sent.

Feast Days this Week

21st - St Christopher Magallanes (1869-1927), Priest, & **companions**, Martyrs.

22nd - St Rita of Cascia, Religious, 1381-1457.

24th - Our Lady, Help of Christians, Patron of Australia

25th - St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church. 673-735

25th - St Gregory VII, Pope 1020-1085.

25th - St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin 1566-1607. .

26th - St Philip Neri, Priest 1515-1595.

27th - St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop. 6th Century.

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.

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

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

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