

RECENTLY DECEASED: Josephine Skinner, 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



Easter - Year B

31st March & 7th 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.
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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 3rd May due to asbestos removal and staff leave. 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

ROSTERS - 6th/7th April
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

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Bemboka Sat 6pm
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Candelo Sat 6pm
Commentator Nikki Wagner
Readers J Coman
Cleaners - April Sharon & Michael Heffernan

Candelo Sun 9:30am
Commentator Ann Haesy
Readers K Dodds
Cleaners - April Sharon & Michael Heffernan

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

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Pat Platts
Readers David Grainger
Cleaners Marj Bower
Audio-Visual Kate D'Arcy
Eucharistic Ministers Denise Miller, Mark Oakley

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator Mel Ferris
Readers M Scott, A Twyford
Counters K Rix, V Northcott
Acolyte Sean McCambridge
Eucharistic Ministers E Caragher, C Tarlinton
L Stewart, A Tarlinton
Nursing Home D Koenigkamp, P Gardiner

Bega Sat 6pm
Commentator M Henare
Readers M Russell, T Tomlinson
Counters K Johnston, N Bateman
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte David Grainger
Eucharistic Ministers 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 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)

Triduum Service Times 28th - 31st March

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

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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



In attempting to discuss or preach on the central dogmas of our faith, it's essential to remind ourselves of what the Church teaches. The Catechism notes that there are no eye-witnesses to the resurrection and no-one can describe how it happened physically. The evidence we do have however, rests on two key events contained in the Gospels. Firstly, the empty tomb as described by John and witnessed by the Beloved Disciple and Peter. Secondly, the testimony of the apostles who witnessed the appearance of Christ in their lives shortly after his death. In reference to the physical resurrection, the Catechism states that 'in his risen body, he passes from the state of death to another life beyond time and space...Jesus' body is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit'. As followers of Christ we believe that death is not the end but the gateway to eternal life.

This is what we believe as Christian followers and this is what we proclaim on Easter Sunday. To believe requires faith, and faith in abundance. The unwavering belief of the Beloved Disciple was derived out of a genuine love of Christ. A love no other disciple could commit to until they saw the resurrected Christ for themselves. Only then did they express genuine love. The challenge for us today is to participate in the life of the resurrection. We have not seen the empty tomb or experienced the sight of Christ's body filled with the Holy Spirit. But we believe. We believe in faith because we have enough evidence before us to construct the story. The life of the resurrection is a way of living now, not just later on. It's a life of responsiveness to God and to those around us. As someone once said, 'you could and should do it, years before you are dead!' We need to begin this life today.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



We must cast our thoughts back to Palm Sunday to recall the initial feelings of hope and expectation as the disciples followed Christ through the streets of Jerusalem. Chaos would soon enter their world as they witness the trial of their Saviour and nothing could prepare them for the brutality of Christ's death. Their world had been torn apart. This Gospel from John is the dawn of a new creation. It is resurrection day, the first day of the week and Christ appears in the midst of the disciples. The disciples have experienced the darkest of times and yet, the presence of Christ represents the light of a new creation. There can no longer be darkness and chaos, for the resurrection re-creates the world, conquering death and fear and bringing joy to all who believe its message.

This is the Good News and it is joyful news. The disciples are sent out to preach and evangelise with this in mind. Nothing of this message should be concealed and when it is preached, the joy of the message should be transmitted. It is a transformative message that will change lives. Interestingly, the first person the disciples encounter is Thomas and he refuses to believe their message. Perhaps not all who evangelise will be successful! But the evangeliser never gives up. Today we acknowledge the forces in our world that deny or obstruct this message of joy. We pray for perseverance and strength in carrying out Christ's command to go out into the world and spread the Good News.

Feast Days this Week	2nd - St Francis of Paola , Hermit, 1416-1507. Remembered as a spiritual counsellor of kings and for his political peacemaking.
	4th - St Isidore , Bishop and Doctor of the Church 560- 636. Remembered for his prolific writings and as an influential educator, and noted too for the pastoral care of his diocese.
	5th - St Vincent Ferrer , Priest 1350-1419. Remembered chiefly for preaching repentance on his missions throughout France, Spain and Italy, and also for his influence in ending the schism between Avignon and Roman papal claimants.

Feast Days this Week	7th - St John Baptist de la Salle , Priest 1651- 1719 Remembered for devoting his entire life and resources to education.
	8th - The Annunciation of the Lord
	11th - St Stanislaus , Bishop and Martyr 1030-1079. Remembered for his reforms, his preaching, and his pastoral concern.
	13th - St Martin I , Pope and Martyr died 655. Remembered for the many hardships he suffered and as the last pope to suffer martyrdom.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

- Entrance Antiphon** I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.
- Responsorial Psalm** This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad.
- Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our Paschal sacrifice;
Let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon** Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
Therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
Of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

- Entrance Antiphon** Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,
That in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.
- Responsorial Psalm** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
His love is everlasting.
- Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
Happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon** Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
And do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.