

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.

Easter - Year A 9th April 2023

St. Patrick's Parish

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



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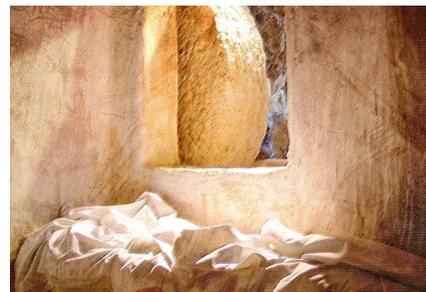
Death & Exultation



The great Easter Proclamation, the Exsultet, the hymn of praise for Christ the light, tells us that this is the night. When we come together in darkness on this, the most important, the most holy night of the year, we come not to remember events that took place long ago: we come together to celebrate realities that are taking place here and now once again in our lives. The fasting, almsgiving, and praying in Lent come to fruition this night, for the Lord is risen, we are reconciled to the Father through him, and we are united as one people by the indwelling Spirit. New members are added to our company. Fasting has ended and feasting has begun. So holy and rich in meaning is this night that we continue to celebrate it for the next 50 days.

We have sat in vigil and listened and waited. We have listened to the story of how, since the beginning of time, our God has brought us light and life, love and liberty. This is the night when darkness passes over to light, this is the night when the chaos of emptiness passes over to the beauty of creation, this is the night when the Spirit renews the face of the earth, this is the night when blessings are showered down upon us, this is the night when the people of Israel passed over from slavery to freedom, this is the night when we pass over from being forsaken to being redeemed, this is the night when we pass through the waters of new birth, this is the night when we cross from exile into our homeland, this is the night when we pass over from defilement to cleanliness, this is the night when Jesus passes from death to life.

We celebrate the victory of light over darkness, of hope over despair, of love over hurt, of reconciliation over sin, of life over death. On the first day of the week, even as dawn lifted the nightly veil of darkness, the women went to the tomb. They knew what to expect. Death and disappointment and sorrow were all too familiar to them, as they are to us.



The brokenness of the world is too much with us. There is still mistrust between East and West, injustice between North and South, disregard for the dignity of all human life; racial prejudice still divides, tyranny still imprisons, violence still disables, ethnic differences still kill. In our world wealth is hoarded, food is unequally distributed, refugees are homeless, the environment is despoiled, the elderly are treated as redundant, the young are exploited; people feel insignificant, worthless, and unloved.

As the women trudged their weary and sorrowful way to the garden of tombs, we walk with our sisters in the deathly gardens of our own lives. Yet, what they expected to find was not there. The tomb is empty, the body is gone, the women are perplexed and afraid. We often stand in the midst of the pain of life, puzzled and paralysed, don't we?

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ROSTERS - 15th/16th April 2023

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm	
<i>Commentator</i>	H Allen
<i>Readers</i>	G Green
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	
Candelo Sat 6pm	
<i>Commentator</i>	J Coman
<i>Readers</i>	Roxanne Hopkins
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners - April</i>	Sharon & Michael Heffernan
Tathra Sun 7:45am	
<i>Commentator</i>	Gerry Collins
<i>Readers</i>	Betty O'Brien
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	Val Besant, Marg Roberts
<i>Audio-Visual</i>	Pat Platts
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Mark Oakley, Jacinta Battista
Bega Sat 6pm	
<i>Commentator</i>	M Henare
<i>Readers</i>	M Scott, A Twyford
<i>Gifts</i>	Volunteer
<i>Counters</i>	Vinnies
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan
<i>Acolyte</i>	Sean McCambridge
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	B Larkin, D Koenigkamp K Rix, B Burton

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

ALLELUIA

Wise Words:
 We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when His light illuminates the dark moments of our existence.
 - Pope Francis



✠ Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. On Good Friday throughout the world a collection is taken up for support of sacred sites in the Holy Land and to support Christians who experience violence and hatred. This will take place at the 3pm service in Bega. Donations can also be made via the envelopes available at the church entrance and returned in the 2nd Collection until the 7th May.

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes can be returned to the Parish office until the 7th May. All donations with completed details forms will be issued with a tax receipt.

Parish Office School Holiday Hours. The office will be open 11th and 13th April as normal. Closed 18th, 20th and 25th April. Thanks.

Koru Lian Timor Choir Concerts.

✿ Sat 29th April, 3-5pm. Jigamy Farm with Pambula's *Spirit Allegro*. Tickets:

<https://events.humanitix.com/koru-lian-timor-with-spirit-allegro>

✿ Sun 30th April, 3-5pm Bega Uniting Church with the *Bega Valley Male Voice Choir*. Tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/koru-lian-timor-with-bega-valley-male-voice-choir>

Prices: adult-\$25; concessions-\$20; youth-\$10; under 12 free.

✿ Wed 3rd May, 9:30am reception and flag raising for Timor-Leste independence, Little Gardens Bega.

✿ Thurs 4th May, 5:30pm at 4 Winds Windsong Pavilion, Barraga Bay. Tickets: <https://fourwinds.com.au/whats-on/>

General Sir Peter John Cosgrove, is a retired senior Australian Army officer who served as the 26th governor-general of Australia, in office from 2014 to 2019. Cosgrove is a Roman Catholic and frequently attends Mass in the St Christopher's Cathedral parish in Canberra.

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. 23rd April
- 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

ANNIVERSARIES Tom Rix, Denise Mary Mulligan

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
Noel James

Feasts

11th - St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr, 1030-1079. Remembered for his reforms, his preaching, and his pastoral concern.
13th - St Martin I, Pope & Martyr, died 655. Remembered for the many hardships he suffered and as the last pope to suffer martyrdom

Project Compassion 2023

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future.

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



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'He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would.' Praise to the God of the living for these women. They believed and ran to share this news with the others who remained in their despair. These women show us what it is to be Christian, they show us what we are celebrating tonight. The mission we all receive in baptism is to run and share the good news of the victory of life over death with others.

In the fifth century the Christians of North Africa gathered in Hippo around Augustine, their bishop. Their Easter Vigil lasted all night, from sundown to sunup. They listened to God's Word, they sang, they waited. As the sun came up they initiated new members in the waters of baptism and the oil of confirmation and the body and blood of the risen Lord. Augustine preached to them. He said, *'Accordingly, the one whose rising again we serenade by keeping watch a little longer will surely grant us the privilege of reigning with him by living forever ... because he slept so that we might keep awake, just as he died so that we might live.* We are an Easter people, and alleluia is our song. *Geoff Dunn*



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>

