

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Fr Brian Maher, Mike Tupper, Willie Donnelly  
**ANNIVERSARIES** Eunice Tarlinton, Malcolm & Patricia McCambridge, Mary Van Deman, John Jennings

**ROSTERS - 10th/11th July 2021**

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

**Bemboka Sat 6pm**

*Commentator* G Berman  
*Readers* G Bevitt  
*Gifts* on hold  
*Cleaners* Bevitt

**Candelo Sat 6pm**

*Commentator* Ann Haesy  
*Readers* Robert Coman  
*Gifts* on hold  
*Cleaners - July* Meryl & Jim Whitby

**Tathra Sun 7:45am**

*Commentator* Marie Oakley  
*Readers* Chris Adams  
*Gifts* on hold  
*Cleaners* D & R Cummins, K Crowley  
*Audio-Visual* Trish Sly  
*Eucharistic Ministers* Chris Adams, Pat McRae

**Bega Sun 9:30am**

*Commentator* Volunteer  
*Readers* M Russell, T Tomlinson  
*Gifts* On hold  
*Music* Cantor Only  
*Acolyte* Frank Farrell  
*Eucharistic Ministers* M Twyford, B Burton  
 B Larkin, B Tygh  
*Nursing Home*

**ROSTERS - 17th/18th July 2021**

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

**Bemboka Sat 6pm**

*Commentator* J Guthrie  
*Readers* M Guthrie  
*Gifts* on hold  
*Cleaners* Green

**Candelo Sat 6pm**

*Commentator* Meryll Whitby  
*Readers* Kevin Dodds  
*Gifts* on hold  
*Cleaners - July* Meryl & Jim Whitby

**Tathra Sun 7:45am**

*Commentator* Trish Sly  
*Readers* Val Besant  
*Gifts* on hold  
*Cleaners* B O'Brien & P Gardiner  
*Audio-Visual* Carleen Maley  
*Eucharistic Ministers* Pat McRae, Les Carey

**Bega Sun 9:30am**

*Commentator* V Northcott, A Woods  
*Readers* V Northcott, A Woods  
*Gifts* On hold  
*Music* Cantor Only  
*Acolyte* David Grainger  
*Eucharistic Ministers* A Tarlinton, U de Morsier  
 J Taylor, D Grainger  
*Nursing Home*

**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 5.30pm 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:**  
 So you have failed?  
 You cannot fail.  
 You have not failed;  
 you have gained  
 experience.  
 Forward!  
 - St Josemaria Escriva



14 & 15th Ordinary - Year B

4th to 11th July 2021

**St. Patrick's Parish**

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

Fr. Luke Verrell. Parish Priest.  
 Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.  
 Hrs 9-3 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*  
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Dear Parishioners,

Please welcome Fr Rex Curry who is doing my Masses while I am away.

Please observe the updated Archdiocesan protocols: only two main changes affect us- 1. Wear a mask. 2. Observe the 4m<sup>2</sup> rule. Priests and Lectors are not required to wear masks while speaking.

Update on my Father's health.

My Dad, John Verrell, is a kidney recipient of over 20 years. Last year his donated kidney began to fail and so our family took steps to see if we could donate our own kidney. Three weeks ago it was discovered that my Dad has terminal cancer throughout his body. My understanding is



that, because of taking immunosuppressants for many years (due to the donated kidney) his body has not been able to fight cancer. The treatment he is undergoing is called Immunotherapy, which boosts his immune system- enabling the body to fight the cancer without Radiation/ Chemo. Although his cancer is not curable we are confident that he should be able to live another two years or so- it is inevitable that he will return to dialysis during this time. The cost of the drug would be \$7,730 per treatment, but thankfully is covered by the PBS (this makes me very grateful to live in such a lucky country as Australia). Please keep John and wife Pauline in your prayers. Me and Oberon are staying with my Parents during my week off (we had planned to holiday elsewhere but was stopped by Covid lockdown).

*Peace, Fr. Luke*



**Parish Office Hours.** The office will be closed until Tuesday 13th. Normal Hours will then resume.

A **hearing loop** is installed in Bega Church –a wireless signal is picked up by the hearing aid when it is set to 'T' (Telecoil) setting. Can parishioners please email office feedback on this system- ie is it working?

**STAY COVID-19 SAFE**

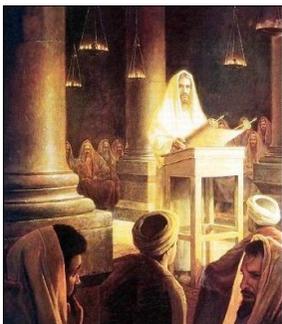
- ✎ Wear Mask
- ✎ Sanitise hands
- ✎ Sign in: - QR code or sheet
- ✎ No Singing
- ✎ Do **not** return bulletin -take home
- ✎ Communion in the hand only
- ✎ Keep social distance - 4m<sup>2</sup>

## Ezekiel & Jesus, Prophets Opposed. 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



As presented by Mark Jesus stands in a long line of Israelite prophets who encountered resistance, rejection, and even death at the hands of the people to whom they were sent by God. The story of Ezekiel's call in the first reading is informative.

First, Ezekiel does not take the prophetic office on himself: he goes because 'I am sending you.' Second, the Israelites are identified as 'rebels who have turned against me.' Their long-standing rebellion - traceable to 'their ancestors' - is described as a 'revolt.' The Hebrew word (*pasca*) is the technical term to describe a vassal's political defection from the overlord and violation of the covenant between them. In failing to heed the words of the prophet sent by God, the Israelites have broken the covenant, defected from God, and entered into open rebellion.



The prophet's ministry does not depend on a response, or lack of response, from the people. The prophet's success or failure is measured, not by whether people heed or not, but on whether the prophet is faithful to the mission entrusted to him by God. The mission rests solely on God's authority. That is the significance of the 'messenger formula' - 'the Lord says this' - a standard formula indicating that the prophet has been sent by God and that the word he speaks is God's word. But curiously, in this passage, no message follows this stock introduction. This messenger formula without a message puts the focus on the prophet himself: his very presence is God's message. His presence confirms that, as God has acted in the past through prophets, God is continuing to act. When the judgment against their rebellion is carried out and the prophetic word proves true, then 'they shall know there is a prophet among them.' Then they will realise - too late! - that God was reaching out to them through the prophet. The all-too-common failure to recognise a prophet until it is too late is the same malady that afflicts people in Jesus' hometown. Their 'rebellion' is, in fact, a 'lack of faith.'

**Feast Days this Week**  
4<sup>th</sup> - St Elizabeth of Portugal, 1271-1336.  
5<sup>th</sup> - St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest, 1502-1539.  
6<sup>th</sup> - St Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr, 1890-1902.  
7<sup>th</sup> - St Peter To Rot, Martyr, 19-12-1945.  
9<sup>th</sup> - St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest (1746-1815) & Companions, Martyrs. Diocesan priest Augustin Zhao Rong is one of 120 people martyred in China between 1648 and 1930.

**Entrance Antiphon** Bless the Lord, O my soul, & all within me, his holy name.  
**Responsorial Psalm** Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy  
**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good news to the poor. Alleluia!  
**Communion Antiphon** Taste & see that the Lord is good;  
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

## Called & Sent

## 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our very familiarity with the great figures of the Bible - Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, Peter, Paul - causes us to regard these figures with a certain reverence. Larger than life, each seems to fill his hallowed niche naturally and deservedly. But when we read the biblical text carefully, we could well ask, 'Why did God call him?' None of them was great or noteworthy when called. In fact, each was rather ordinary.



Take the case of Amos in this Sunday's first reading. Here he is - a relative nobody - standing in one of the royal sanctuaries of the King of Israel, confronting the chief priest there. According to his own description, Amos is a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The latter job is clearly a seasonal occupation: does this make him a migrant looking for seasonal work? Earlier in the book (1:1) the word used to describe his job as a 'shepherd' is found in only one other text where it describes Mesha, King of Moab (2 Kings 3:4). Clearly, the King of Moab is no poor, rootless shepherd. Which leaves us puzzled about Amos: was he a migrant worker? an average shepherd? a wealthy sheep owner? We don't know, nor is it important. Amos tells us what he thinks is important: he was not a professional prophet. He did not earn his bread hawking God's word, as it were; he

earned his livelihood by working a regular job. What authorised him to come to the King's shrine to speak seditious words was the call of God. And this is the point: Amos is not called because he was great; he is great because he was called. Or more precisely, he is great because he responded to the call and did as God commanded. God called him for a purpose: 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' Those whom God calls, God also sends on a mission. In just this way those whom Jesus called - none of them great, famous, or powerful when they were called - are also sent. Their eventual greatness lies in their fidelity to the mission of Jesus.

**Feast Days this Week**  
11<sup>th</sup> - St Benedict, Abbot, 480-547  
13<sup>th</sup> - St Henry, 973-1024. Duke of Bavaria and then Holy Roman Emperor.  
14<sup>th</sup> - St Camillus de Lellis, Priest, 1550-1614.  
15<sup>th</sup> - St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, 12-18-1274  
16<sup>th</sup> - Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Mary is celebrated on this day as a model of reflection, solitude, and prayer.

**Entrance Antiphon** As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;  
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.  
**Responsorial Psalm** Lord, show us your mercy & love, & grant us your salvation.  
**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts  
that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!  
**Communion Antiphon** Whoever eats my flesh & drinks my blood  
Remains in me & I in him, says the Lord.