

RECENTLY DECEASED: Erika Hooper, Dorokta Dodds, Doreen Stafford

ANNIVERSARIES Patricia & Malcolm McCambridge, Rosemary Tarlinton, Jack Heffernan, Michael Heffernan

PRAYERS Hugo D'Arcy and his family

ROSTERS - 15th/16th July 2023

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm	
<i>Commentator</i>	J Guthrie
<i>Readers</i>	M Guthrie
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	

Candelo Sat 6pm	
<i>Commentator</i>	L Thompson
<i>Readers</i>	Kevin Dodds
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners - July</i>	Merryl & Jim Whitby

Tathra Sun 7:45am	
<i>Commentator</i>	Trish Sly
<i>Readers</i>	Gerard Hergenhan
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	Marj Bower
<i>Audio-Visual</i>	Carleen Maley
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Mark Oakley, Denise Miller

Bega Sun 9:30am	
<i>Commentator</i>	M Henare
<i>Readers</i>	M Russell, T Tomlinson
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Counters</i>	Tomlinson & Farrell
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan & Choir
<i>Acolyte</i>	David Grainger
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	B Tygh

ROSTERS - 22nd/23rd July 2023

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm	
<i>Commentator</i>	E Bevitt
<i>Readers</i>	S Berman
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	Gerrey

Candelo Sun 9:30am	
<i>Commentator</i>	J Coman
<i>Readers</i>	Merryl Whitby
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners - July</i>	Merryl & Jim Whitby

Tathra Sun 7:45am	
<i>Commentator</i>	Michael Hergenhan
<i>Readers</i>	Pat Platts
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	Val Besant & Marg Roberts
<i>Audio-Visual</i>	Kate D'Arcy
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Denise Miller, Carey

Bega Sun 9:30am	
<i>Commentator</i>	Family Mass
<i>Readers</i>	Family Mass
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Counters</i>	Vinnies
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan & Choir
<i>Acolyte</i>	Frank Farrell
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	B Burton

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.



14th & 15th Ordinary - Year A

9th & 16th July 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*

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Annual Mary Mackillop Pilgrimage to Eden. Join with Archbishop Christopher Prowse as he journeys to Eden on 19th August for his annual pilgrimage. Mass is celebrated at 12.00pm in Our Lady Star of the Sea Church Eden followed by a shared lunch. Please book in via the link

below to allow for catering. [Archbishop's Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage](#)

Vinnies Winter Appeal: Envelopes are available in the church entrance until the end of July. Please place on second collection or return to the Vinnies store.

All proceeds stay local. Thank you for your generosity.



Thank You. Giving update January to June 2023: 1st Collection - \$17 000 and 2nd Collection - \$37 600.

School NAIDOC Mass: Fri 28th July 9:15am St Patrick's Church. All Welcome
Parish Office Closure. The office will be closed 11th and 13th July. Thanks.

Scam Warning! Parishioners across the archdiocese have received the following scam text message: "Hello, this is Fr (correct name of priest), I'm in a meeting right now, can't talk on phone but text me back when you get this message. I need you to assist me quickly. Blessings". The messages all appear to be coming from an overseas number. If replied to you will be inundated with requests for Amazon gift cards for "cancer patients". If you receive this scam message do not reply and delete.

Retreat in Everyday Life – Moments of Grace – over 5 weeks in August (via Zoom) Flexible timing. The Retreat in Everyday Life involves a commitment to daily prayer and weekly spiritual accompaniment for an hour per week over five weeks with this year's theme 'Moments of Grace'.

See the poster for more information. Register your interest <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/retreat-in-everyday-life-moments-of-grace/> or info@heartoflife.melbourne and we will be in touch to have a conversation. Cost: Donation

Fr Adrian Contact: Mobile: 0411 676 064

Email: Adrian.Chan@cg.org.au

You're Invited

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

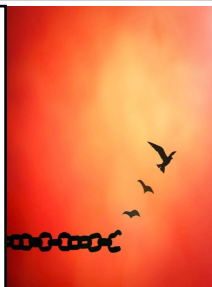
✦ **Bega** - Morning Tea last Sunday of the Month after Mass Bega. Next: July 30th.

Thanksgiving Lunch.

All church volunteer (acolytes, readers, counters, choir, communion ministry, collectors, flowers, parish council, cleaning etc) are invited Thursday 27 July noon at Thai restaurant at Church St. **Please RSVP to Fr Adrian by July 25 on email adrian.chan@cg.org.au to confirm numbers.**

Wise Words:

Human freedom is a force for growth & maturity in truth and goodness; it attains its perfection when directed toward God, our beatitude. - CCC 1731



In the Arms of God.

One way of knowing that it's God's word we're hearing when listening to scripture is when it disturbs us. When we try to convince ourselves that we haven't heard what we know we have. When we feel its challenge and flee it. But when it catches up with us, all doubt should go.

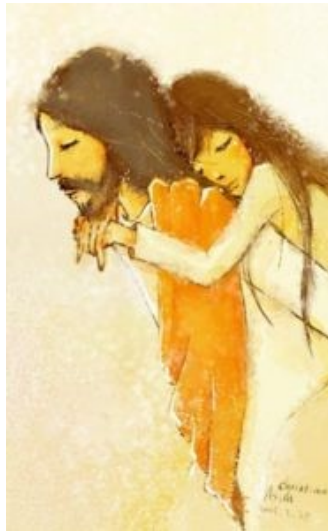
Today's Gospel reading (Matt 11:25-30) carries that word, guaranteed to deflate any overblown egos within hearing range. It's that bit about the Father hiding certain 'things' from the wise and the learned and revealing them to mere infants. How odd of God to choose that ruse! - to paraphrase British journalist William Norman Ewer (1885-1976).

It must be to put us in our place: the place for 'infants', for the 'little ones', the disciples of Jesus who had no learning as the scribes and Pharisees had, and who had no social standing either. The 'things' kept hidden were the signs Jesus worked as pointers to God's kingdom already present among us. Those best trained to recognize them were the very ones who couldn't. Book learning stands for zilch.

Personal effort can't propel us into the mind of God. Merely pouring over the scriptures is a useless exercise. The more we pour, the more we bore. Now there's a thorny thought for bible-belters and pulpit-thumpers!

Better to be a little one in the eyes of God than a learned one in the eyes of man. Better to know your place as an infant: in the loving arms of God.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Feast Days this Week

9th - St Augustine Zhao Rong (1746-1815), Priest & **Companions**, Martyrs. Martyred in China between 1648 and 1930. Remembered for their steadfast faith before cruel persecutions.
11th - St Benedict, Abbot, 480-547. Remembered for his widely influential monastic rule, combining work and prayer, and for his charity and moderation.
13th - St Henry 973-1024.
14th - St Camillus de Lellis, Priest 1150-1614. Remembered for his special love for and service of the sick.
15th - St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church, 1218-1274

Entrance Antiphon Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice

Responsorial Psalm I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Taste and see that the Lord is good:
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

One Word Only.

Dionysius the Elder, tyrant of Syracuse, (430 to 367 BC) wasn't called 'the elder' for nothing. Cunning, if not wisdom, lurked in his depths. His testy tongue once snapped, 'Let thy speech be better than silence, or be silent!' A guaranteed conversation-stopper at any party! Clearly, he wasn't into small talk.

Neither is God. Today's First Reading (Isa 55:10-11) with near-poetic elegance pictures the power of the word that emanates from God. Note the singular. One word is sufficient for God's purpose - and uttered only once. God does not repeat himself. God doesn't need dry runs. God utters his word and it goes forth, returning always but only after it fulfils its mission.

We need to hear that today. When bad things happen people still ask indignantly why God allows it. Why, in other words, doesn't God override human freedom, take back one of God's greatest gifts? Why doesn't God turn the perpetrators of the bad things into robots? Hard-wire them so they wouldn't do evil? Put like that, such questions don't make much sense.



We may need convincing that despite the evil that occurs in our beautiful world, God's word is still active and potent. It operates in ways we just can't fathom. Brings results in most unexpected ways. It's a word spoken softly that breaks no silence, yet is far more powerful than silence could ever be. It's a word we need to train to listen for - in any place, at any time, from anyone. It's a word that speaks not to the ear, but to the heart.

16th - Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mary is celebrated on this day as a model of reflection, solitude, and prayer.

Feast Days this Week
20th - St Apollinaris, Bishop,
21st - St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church 1559-1649. Remembered for his zealous teaching and promotion of the Catholic reform that followed the Council of Trent.
22nd - St Mary Magdalene. Commissioned by Christ to proclaim the good news of his resurrection to the apostles. Remembered in the East as the "Apostle to the Apostles."

Entrance Antiphon As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Responsorial Psalm The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon The sparrow finds a home, & the swallow a nest for her Young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King & my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.