

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

Responsorial Psalm Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Gospel Acclimation Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

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

ROSTERS - 19th/20th July 2025
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 5pm
Commentator G Bevitt
Readers G Green
Cleaners

Candelo Sat 5pm
Commentator L Thompson
Readers K Dodds
Cleaners - July Merryl & Jim Whitby

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Trish Sly
Readers Gerard Hergenhan
Cleaners Marj Bower
Audio-Visual Paul Gardiner
Eucharistic Ministers Denise Miller, Denise Miller

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator Mel Ferris
Readers Ayesha Twyford
Gifts Volunteer
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Sean McCambridge
Eucharistic Ministers D Koenigkamp, C Tarlinton



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.

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)

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 - all are welcome.
Tathra - 7:20am before Sunday Mass
Bega - 9am before Sunday Mass

MENS' GROUP: 2nd & 4th Thursdays
St Patrick's Church.
Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997

St Patrick's Sacramental Programme
Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice
Confirmation 2025— 8th June 2025
Weddings—by appoint, 6 months notice req.
Please contact the Parish Office.

Syro-Malabar Mass 4th Wed of the Month 5pm Bega. Contact Lijoy 0469 341 965
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15th Ordinary - Year C

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
Safeguarding, Mrs. Emma Grant, Bega.Safeguarding@cg.org.au
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We acknowledge the Djirringanj 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 & respect their continuing culture & the contribution they make to the life of the Bega Valley.

The New Covenant

One of the best known stories of the gospel is presented to us today and that is perhaps why we need to pay more attention to it. It may be that we think that we know what the 'The Good Samaritan' is all about. Jesus uses it to tell us to be caring and compassionate but, as often happens with the scriptures, the real meaning only comes through when we consider it in context. The lawyer asking the question is more interested in word games than the truth and we must remember that it is to him that the story is addressed. His narrow and sectarian worldview is exposed as the person he thinks most unlikely to be a neighbour, the ritually unclean Samaritan, is the only one who behaves in accordance with God's will.

The story is a call to examine our attitudes and our tendency to try and make God in our image and likeness, rather than let him restore his image and likeness in us.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's readings are about covenants. To really appreciate the new covenant we must understand that it was built upon the old one. From the outset God has wanted to bring a lost and sinful humanity back to himself through a relationship built on love. The covenant with Moses is the beginning of that process and the new covenant with Jesus is its culmination. Now the barriers between God and humankind have been torn down. The result is that the barriers between peoples must also come down and that is the essence of the story in today's gospel, the Good Samaritan.

Sean Goan.



Vinnies Winter Appeal July: Homelessness is never a choice! Thank you to all who contributed to the collection last Sunday. If you still wish to contribute envelopes will be available at the church entrance all July. They can be dropped into the Bega store or placed into the 2nd collection. Thank you for your generosity.

School Holiday Office Closure. The parish office will be closed on the school holidays - 7th-18th July. Emails will be checked periodically. Thanks

St Patrick's Primary Enrolling now. All grades including kinder 2026. For further details and to book an appointment contact the school office 6492 5500.



School Masses term 3. ✦ NAIDOC Mass, Thursday 24th July 11am.

✦ St Mary of the Cross, Friday 8th August, 9:15am.

✦ Feast of the Assumption, Friday 15th August, 9:15am. *All Welcome.*



St Mary Mackillop Pilgrimage 9th August.

Walk starts at 11am. Mass at 12noon. For inquiries, email woodb4922@gmail.com

RCIA: if you are interested in becoming a Catholic please contact Father Adrian.

Wise Words:

God said, let us make man in our image. Man said, 'Let us make God in our image.'
- Douglas Jerrold



You're Invited - after mass

✦ *Tathra* - Breakfast 2nd Sunday of the Month

✦ *Bega* - Morning Tea last Sunday of the Month

All Welcome. Please bring a friend.

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

Bega Saturday, 9.40 - 10am
Bemboka before vigil Mass
Candelo before vigil Mass
Tathra before Sunday Mass

Fr Adrian Contact: Mobile: 0411 676 064

Email: Adrian.Chan@cg.org.au

Sunday Mass Times

➤ *Bemboka* - Saturdays - 5pm Vigil

➤ *Candelo* - Saturdays - 5pm 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 4.00pm Bega Chapel

➤ Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.

➤ Thursday 9.15am Bega Chapel

➤ *Hillgrove House* 3rd Thursday 3pm

➤ Friday 9.15am Bega Chapel

4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'

➤ Saturday 9.15am Bega Church

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sue Gardiner, Michael Guthrie, Geoff Heffernan

ANNIVERSARIES Joseph van dam Nguyen, Malcolm & Patricia McCambridge, Deanna Doris

Feasts Days

13th - St Henry 973-1024. Remembered for combining his temporal leadership with piety and for supporting reform within the Church

14th - St Camillus de Lellis, Priest 1550-1614. A soldier and a gambler when he experienced conversion. Eventually ordained a priest after laying the foundations for the Servants of the Sick (Camillians), a religious community devoted to the care of the sick.

15th - St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1218-1274. Known as the "Seraphic Doctor". Remembered as a teacher, for his extensive biblical and mystical writings, and for his holiness, gentleness, and compassion.

16th - Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Commemorates the Virgin Mary as associated with Mount Carmel (Israel), site of the prophet Elijah's altar to the one true God and of the twelfth century eremitical forerunners of the Carmelites. Mary is celebrated on this day as a model of reflection, solitude, and prayer.



Minute Meditations - Savour the Sacraments.

Although we are baptized and confirmed only once, the effects of these sacraments continue to affect us daily. Every time we dip our fingers into holy water and make the sign of the cross, we profess our dying and rising to new life in Christ. The gifts of the Holy Spirit offered at Confirmation are released only as we have the grace to embrace them. The Holy Spirit, alive in us, enables us to have a fruitful faith. In 1984, I contracted breast cancer. Before surgery, I received the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. When the priest laid hands on me, a sense of peace entered my being and has remained. Regardless of the outcome, I knew all would be well.

God has given us the sacraments to draw us into deeper relationship with him. Who would refuse such grace-filled gifts?

- from "Seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church" by Franciscan Media

The Bega parish assembly 18 May 2025

The results of the prayerful conversations were:

*welcome to new members of the parish – both from different cultures/countries & from other areas of Australia.

* how to engage new parishioners in parish affairs *how to engage youth

* how to engage people who have stopped coming to church but are still having their children baptised/confirmed etc

*care & visitation for: sick & dying, hospitalised & housebound

*create a sense of belonging & to reinforce that all are worthy of God's love

*Young people families: school children & parent support/expose them to parish faith/school community/ be welcoming

*Inclusion to parish: Indian/Filipino communities/transitory or permanent?/ opportunities for families to be involved in the parish

* Faith development: archdiocesan opportunities/ marriage encounter/ parish groups

We have plans to hold another mini assembly early 2026. If you have constructive suggestions on how to proceed with these concerns please email Fr Adrian.