

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marie Rheinberger, Ben Jennings (27), Joan Caddy, Erika Hooper
ANNIVERSARIES John Daly, Patricia & Malcolm McCambridge, Rosemary Tarlinton
PRAYERS Hugo D'Arcy and his family

ROSTERS - 29th/30th July 2023

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm	
<i>Commentator</i>	G Bevvitt
<i>Readers</i>	G Green
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	

Candelo Sat 6pm	
<i>Commentator</i>	R Heffernan
<i>Readers</i>	Robert Coman
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners - July</i>	Merryl & Jim Whitby

Tathra Sun 7:45am	
<i>Commentator</i>	David Grainger
<i>Readers</i>	Michael Hergenhan
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	D'Arcy Family
<i>Audio-Visual</i>	Paul Gardiner
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Les/Denise Carey/ Trish Sly

Bega Sun 9:30am	
<i>Commentator</i>	V Northcott, A Woods
<i>Readers</i>	V Northcott, A Woods
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Counters</i>	Col & Kath Murphy
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan & Choir
<i>Acolyte</i>	Frank Farrell
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	D Koenigkamp

ROSTERS - 5th/6th August 2023

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm	
<i>Commentator</i>	G Berman
<i>Readers</i>	H Allen
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	

Candelo Sat 6pm	
<i>Commentator</i>	L Thompson
<i>Readers</i>	K Dodds
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners - Aug</i>	Ann Hyam & K Dodds

Tathra Sun 7:45am	
<i>Commentator</i>	Carleen Maley
<i>Readers</i>	Bob Weston
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	Margaret T & Lee R
<i>Audio-Visual</i>	Pat Platts
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Trish Sly, Jacinta Battista

Bega Sun 9:30am	
<i>Commentator</i>	TBA
<i>Readers</i>	J Scott-Pegum, M O'Neill
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Counters</i>	K Rix & V Northcott
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan & Choir
<i>Acolyte</i>	Sean McCambridge
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	E Caragher, M Twyford
	L Stewart, C Tarlinton
<i>Nursing Home</i>	A Tarlinton, F Farrell

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

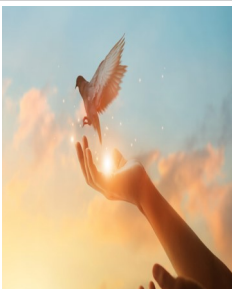
<i>Bega</i>	Saturday, 9.40 - 10am
<i>Bemboka</i>	before vigil Mass
<i>Candelo</i>	before vigil Mass
<i>Tathra</i>	before Sunday Mass

ROSARY

Tathra - 7:20am before Sunday Mass
Bega - 9am before Sunday Mass

Wise Words:

The fullest freedom I had ever known, the greatest sense of security, came from abandoning my will to so only the will of God.
 - Fr Walter Cizek SJ



16th & 17th Ordinary - Year A

23rd & 30th 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.
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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.

School Masses. ✦ *NAIDOC Mass:* Fri 28th July 9:15am St Patrick's Church.

✦ *St Mary of the Cross Mackillop* Tues 8th August 12:35pm.

✦ *The Assumption* Tues 15th August 12:35pm. All Welcome

An interesting titbit. During his weekly audience on the 28th June, Pope Francis delivered a Homily on St Mary Mackillop. To read what he said please follow the link: <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2023/06/28/pope-francis-homily-mary-mackillop-witness-245587>

"Women Deacons and the Synod: What Happens Now?" Online Public lecture 7th August 10-11:30am. The ACU Centre for Liturgy will host Dr Phyllis Zagano (Hofstra University, New York). Most of the Continental Assemblies and the syntheses of several Episcopal Conferences call for the question of women's inclusion in the diaconate to be considered at the Synod on Synodality. Is it possible to envisage this, and in what way?" She will address the questions: What are the arguments for and against women ordained as deacons? What will happen in October? Dr Zagano is an internationally acclaimed Catholic scholar and lecturer on contemporary spirituality and women's issues in the church. To register, please go to www.acu.edu.au/publiclectureCfl

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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.**



A Word for the Weeds.

You can sum up today's long Gospel reading (Mt 13:24-43) in two words: Cool it! A most insightful piece of writing, it comes with a take you wouldn't expect. It puts me in mind of something the late John O'Donohue wrote in his book *Eternal Echoes* (p.89): 'Where all danger is neutralized, nothing can ever grow'. And it's growth that Jesus' parable is concerned with: your growth, my growth and humankind's growth into the fullness of life.

Whatever harms life is alien to it. We don't come into this world with embedded seeds of self-destruction. God creates us for life, not death; for wholeness, not sickness; for happiness, not horror; for joy, not gloom; for hope not despair; and for glory not damnation.

Somewhere along the line things went wrong. Still do. And when they do we shouldn't get too hot and bothered about rooting out the cause. To put it starkly, we need to be able to live with sin. Not in it, but with it. For seriously minded people of



faith that is possible, but only when their God is benign. When they know God to be the Compassionate One, who fashioned this beautiful creation so lovingly knowing it would be marred by evil - the price to pay for freedom.

If God can live with weeds until the harvest, then so can we. So must we. They can't destroy the crop. No fear of that. But being violent with them will do more harm than good. So, cool it! God rules, not the weeds.

Feast Days this Week

24th - St Sharbel Makhluf, Priest 1828-1898. Remembered for his ascetic poverty, solitary contemplation and great devotion to the Eucharist.
25th - St James, Apostle. Died about 44, the first apostle to die, beheaded by Herod.
26th - St Joachim & St Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The feast honours the parents of the Virgin Mary and grandparents of the Lord.
29th - St Martha, St Mary & St Lazarus. Close friends of Jesus. Previously the memorial of St Martha, this memorial of Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus was established by Pope Francis in 2021.

Entrance Antiphon See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Gospel Acclimation 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 The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Finding Treasure.

'As soon as I believed there was a God, I understood that I could do nothing else but live only for Him. My vocation came at the same time as my Faith. God is so great! There is such a vast difference between God and all that is not Him.' So writes St. Charles de Foucauld, once a pleasure-loving soldier in the French army - to a friend, Henry de Castries, in Paris. Charles experienced a spiritual transformation at the age of 28 and, after a period of searching, decided to go to the Sahara to be, as he puts it, 'among the lambs who were most neglected'. Assassinated on 1 December 1916, he is a saint worth getting to know! When he finds one pearl of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. These are Jesus' words. It is love that explains the price paid by so many servants of the Word: missionaries, priests and so many parents and people of all walks of life. They



are willing to sacrifice their own comfort for the sake of the Kingdom. The parable of the dragnet is similar to that of the dandel. It seems that the process of hauling in this kind of net is such that no fish can escape. The Kingdom is like, not so much the net, as the whole process. The theme of Last judgement in Matthew 25 emphasises that love and service of neighbour, are the criteria for belonging to Jesus' Kingdom.

Feast Days this Week

30th - St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 380-450
31st - St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest 1491-556
1st Aug - St Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 1696-1787. Founded Redemptorists
2nd - St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop 300-371
2nd - St Peter Julian Eymard, Priest 1811-1868
3rd - St Dominic, Priest 1170-1221. Founded Dominicans.
4th - St John Vianney, Priest 1786-1859
5th - The Dedication of St Mary Major

Entrance Antiphon God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Responsorial Psalm Lord, I love your commands.

Gospel Acclimation 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 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.