

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 The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclimation Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart
And yield a harvest through perseverance.
Alleluia!

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


ROSTERS - 26th/27th July 2025
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 5pm	
Commentator	E Bevitt
Readers	S Berman
Cleaners	Green

Candelo Sun 9:30am	
Commentator	Ann Haesy
Readers	Robert Coman
Cleaners - July	Merryl & Jim Whitby


Tathra Sun 7:45am	
Commentator	Michael Hergenhan
Readers	Jacinta Battista
Cleaners	T Sly, V Besant, M Roberts
Audio-Visual	Trish Sly
Eucharistic Ministers	Mark Oakley, Pat Platts

Bega Sun 9:30am	
Commentator	A Frantz
Readers	M Russell
Gifts	Volunteer
Music	Matt Heffernan
Acolyte	Noby Abraham
Eucharistic Ministers	B Larkin



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)



16th Ordinary - Year C **20th July 2025**

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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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.

Listening Hearts *16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

That the incident in the house of Martha and Mary should follow immediately after the parable of the Good Samaritan suggests a possible connection. One aspect of Christian living is highlighted in the parable by the words 'go and do likewise'. Being a disciple is not about ideas, it is about action.



However, the Martha and Mary story shows that sometimes the action can be misdirected and undertaken in a way that makes us lose sight of what really matters. We have to be careful here, because Jesus is not telling Martha that her work is not important, nor is he commending Mary for doing nothing. He is simply reminding his followers that if we want to serve him we must first listen to him — we need to be people of prayer before we can be people of action. Otherwise our actions can just be about us and it is possible to do good things for all kinds of bad reasons like, for example, our need to be needed or our exaggerated belief in the importance of our own contribution. Such behaviour can easily undermine the message of the good news which must always be about Jesus and his kingdom.


'The mystery is Christ among you.' The word mystery is sometimes used as a way of avoiding having to work something out or even reflect on it. Paul, however, never used it in that way. For him Christ reveals the mystery of God, he does not hide it and so if we want to know God we must try to recognise the presence of Christ around us.

As with Abraham in the first reading God may be coming to us as the one in need. If our hearts are not generous and welcoming, how often have we turned God away and in turn failed to experience the generosity he wants to bestow on us?

Martha and Mary can also teach us something about recognising the Christ among us. They remind us that sometimes we need to 'waste' some time just being attentive, listening prayerfully to his words.

Sean Goan.

Parish News: The Archdiocese will have an IT provider changer over this weekend. Please note if you email Fr Adrian or the Parish office over the weekend and do not get a reply you may need to resend your mail. Thank you

 **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.

 **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.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO ROME. 25 September - 4 October. Cross the Holy Door in Rome. Celebrate the Jubilee Year 25 September - 4 October 2025 visiting holy places in Rome, Lenciano (Eucharistic Miracle), Assisi, Pompei, Montecassino and the Amalfi Coast. Open to all, it will be extra special for those involved in teaching the faith as it coincides with the Jubilee of Catechists. Enquires: pp@mibp.org.au or text 0417 259 617.

Wise Words:

The Lord hears us more readily than we suspect; it is our listening to God that needs to be improved. - Ven. Fulton Sheen.

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

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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

20th - St Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr 1st Century. Remembered as a link to the Apostolic age

21st - St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church 1559-1619. Remembered for his zealous teaching and promotion of the Catholic reform that followed the Council of Trent

22nd - St Mary Magdalene A faithful disciple of Christ. Commissioned by Christ to proclaim the good news of his resurrection to the apostles.

23rd - St Bridget, Religious 1303-1373. Remembered for her asceticism, her dedication to reform within the Church, & her lifelong mystical experience of Christ's passion

24th - St Sharbel Makhluf, Priest 1828-1898. Remembered for his ascetic poverty, solitary contemplation and great devotion to the Eucharist.

25th - St James, Apostle 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.



Minute Meditations - Savour Confessions of a Prodigal Daughter

Looking back I see how easy it was to blame God when I was the one who had gone away—forsaking the healing sacrament of God's grace. I believed that private prayer, nature walks, meditation and the study of spiritual readings would help me find answers. And these things did bring relief from stress and a sense of God's presence. But still, no answers were forthcoming. The process of leaving and returning, of judging and then releasing judgments, of arrogance and then humility has been a healing journey. I share this story so that others might feel encouraged to turn around and begin that journey home. I share this story so that parents who worry about their adult children straying from the Church will have some understanding and hope.

- from St. Anthony Messenger's *"A Prodigal Daughter Returns"* by Judith Costello, MA

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.