


**Responsorial Psalm.** Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.  
**Gospel Acclamation.** Alleluia, alleluia!  
 All who love me will keep my words,  
 And my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
 Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon** If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

# St. Patrick's Parish



**Sixth Sunday of Easter — Year A      21st May 2017**

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

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**ROSTERS - 27th/28th May 2017**  
**Please arrange a swap if you are not available**

<b>BEGA SUN 9:30</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	J Lott
<i>Readers</i>	K Jennings, J Ubrihien
<i>Gifts</i>	Nat Seers & J Ahkin
<i>Cleaners</i>	Rachel & Tony Healey
<i>Altar</i>	E & P Caragher
<i>Counters</i>	B & E Richards
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan & Choir
<i>Acolyte</i>	Sean McCambridge
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	E Collins, R Healey, Frank Farrell, M Twyford

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

- Bemboka - Saturdays 6pm Vigil Mass \*
- Candelero - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sat. - 6pm Vigil Mass
- Candelero - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 9.30am Mass\*
- Tathra - Sundays - 7.45am Mass
- Bega - Sundays - 9.30am Mass

\*odd weekends Bemboka, even weekends Candelero will be Liturgy not Mass if Fr Paul is away.

<b>Weekdays</b>	
Tuesday	5.30pm Bega
Wednesday	9.00am Tathra, 5.30pm Bega.
Thursday	9.00am Bega
3rd Thurs.	11.00am Hillgrove House
3rd Fri	11.00am Casuarina
Friday	9.00am Bega
Saturday	4:30-5:30pm Bega ' <i>Holy Hour of Mercy</i> ' 9.00am Bega

<b>Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation</b>	
<u>Bega</u>	Friday, 5.30 - 6.00pm Saturday, 9.30 - 10.00am
<u>Bemboka</u>	before vigil Mass
<u>Candelero</u>	before vigil Mass
<u>Tathra</u>	before Sunday Mass

**FEAST DAY - 25th May**  
**ST BEDE THE VENERABLE**

Bede is one of the few saints honored as such during his lifetime. His writings were filled with such faith and learning that they were ordered to be read publicly in the churches.

Bede was sent at an early age, to the Monastery of St. Paul, Jarrow. The happy combination of genius and the instruction of scholarly, saintly monks produced a saint and an extraordinary scholar, perhaps the most outstanding one of his day. He was deeply versed in all the sciences of his times. From the time of his ordination to the priesthood at 30 till his death, he was ever occupied with learning, writing, and teaching. Besides the many books that he copied, he composed 45 of his own, including 30 commentaries on books of the Bible. Although eagerly sought by kings and other notables, even Pope Sergius, Bede managed to remain in his own monastery till his death. Leaving once to teach at a school in York. Bede died in 735 praying his favorite prayer: *The Glory Be*

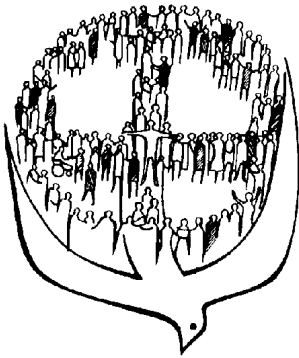
His *Ecclesiastical History of the English People* is commonly regarded as of decisive importance in the art and science of writing history. A unique era was coming to an end at the time of Bede's death: To prepare Western Christianity to assimilate the non-Roman barbarian North. Bede recognized the opening to a new day in the life of the Church even as it was happening.

Though his *History* is the greatest legacy Bede has left us, his work in all the sciences (especially in Scripture) should not be overlooked. During his last Lent, he worked on a translation of the Gospel of Saint John into English, completing it the day he died. But of this work "to break the word to the poor and unlearned" nothing remains today.

**WISE WORDS:** Give God your weakness and he'll give you his strength.

THE COMMON THEME of **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** John's Gospel which we are reading these weeks is the fact that Jesus, following his resurrection, has left us and returned to his Father. At the same time, he is still with us but in a different way from before his death on the cross. And today's readings tell us that it is through the Spirit of the Father and the Son that that presence is experienced by us.

We see this clearly expressed in today's gospel passage. Jesus is telling his disciples at the Last Supper that, through the Spirit, he will continue to be with them – and us – forever. He calls the Spirit an 'Advocate'. In other biblical translations he is called a 'Counsellor', 'Comforter', Counsellor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, Standby (Amplified Bible), Advocate (NAB, NRSV). The Greek word is *parakletos*, from which comes the older word 'Paraclete'. Basically a 'paraclete' is someone like a defence lawyer, someone who stands by you in court, gives you support, advice and comfort in difficult situations where you need help. That is precisely the role of the Spirit in our Christian life. He teaches, he guides, he supports, he consoles, he comforts as we try to be faithful in our following of Christ's Way.



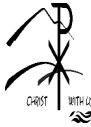
He is the Spirit of Truth, the same Truth that Jesus himself represents. "I am the Way: I am Truth and Life." That Truth is not just a list of dogmas or doctrines. It represents a deep understanding of what life is really about, of how it is to be lived in partnership with one's brothers and sisters in our common search to make this world truly God's Kingdom, to make this world the kind of place that God wants it to be. It combines the ideas of wholeness and integrity, a total harmony between the inner and outer self and between the self and God. All this we find in the highest degree in Jesus.

Many in the world do not recognise the Spirit. The 'world' here represents all those who live only for themselves, who see everyone else and everything else as stepping stones to their own advancement, their own pleasure and enjoyment. Such people are totally deaf to the Spirit.

We, however, who have accepted Christ and his Gospel do know the Spirit. "He is with you, he is in you." So, although Jesus tells his disciples that he is about to leave them and they are clearly alarmed and despondent at the idea, he reassures them that he will come back, he will continue to be with them though in a different way.

"Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him/her." We love God not just by expressing our love directly for him but by the way in which we

extend Love to all those around us without any exceptions whatever. And all those who love Jesus will receive the love of the Father. But how to love Jesus? We love Jesus when we love him in our brothers and sisters. "Whatever you do to these the least of my brothers and sisters you do to me." When we live our lives in this way we will in turn experience God's love and grow in our familiarity with him.



**ST PATRICKS PRIMARY NEWS:** Now taking enrolments for 2018. If you would like an enrolment pack please call Elise 6492 5500  
 School Masses: Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, *Wed 24th May 12:30*; Feast of the Sacred Heart, *Friday 23rd June 9am*.

**LUMEN CHRISTIE OPEN DAY - Wednesday 24 May 2017 - 9am to 5pm.** Information Session: 11:45am. Tours: 9am to 5pm. *All Welcome.*

**TATHRA THURSDAY KYB BIBLE STUDY** now up and running. 1pm start at Sue Gardiner's - 6494 5248. \$8 per school term for study book. This term "The Bible & it's Message", next term "The Holy Spirit." **ALL WELCOME.**

## Confirmation 2017



-  **Information night** Wednesday 24th May, 7pm St Patrick's School. Packs available at the office.
-  **Enrolment Mass** Sunday 4th June 9:30am St Patrick's Church
-  **Candidate Family Masses** Sunday 11th, 18th & 25th of June, 5pm St Patrick's Church
-  **Confirmation Mass** Sunday July 23rd, 9:30 am, St Patricks Church, with Bishop Christopher

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE

The statue will be hosted by:  
 Rosalie & John Coman  
 22<sup>nd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> May  
 6493 2057

## BENEDICTION.

*Bega* - 1st Sun. of the Month after 9:30 Mass  
*Candelo* - 1st Saturday after 6pm Vigil.  
*Bemboka* - 2nd Saturday at 5:30pm  
*Tathra* - 1st Wednesday after 9am Mass

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** 9:30 Mass Bega  
 Term 2 dates: 30th April; 14th & 28th May.  
 June: Family Masses

**MENS' GROUP:** fortnightly on **Thursdays**  
 Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997

**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

*Tathra* - 7:20am before Sunday Mass  
*Bega* - 9am before Sunday Mass  
*Our Lady's Grotto—St Patrick's Church*  
 every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month 6pm  
**ALL ARE WELCOME.**

**St. Pat's Choir** practices Thurs 5.15—6pm  
 Contacts Mary 64921850 or Matt 0429 338 348.

## ST PATRICK'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2017

*Baptisms*—During Mass, 1 month notice  
*First Reconciliation*—1st November  
*Confirmation*—23rd July  
*Weddings*—by appointment, 6 months notice required.  
 Please contact the Parish Office.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Sr Maureen McPhillips Lola Boller, Charlie Fry, Mavis Hergenhan, Barry Jones, Joy Nelson, Brian Lehman, Kevin Ford

**ANNIVERSARIES** Toni Evans, Paul Coman, George Griffin, Peter Timiney Sr, Peter Timiney Jr, Melba Heron, Leslie Savage, Thora & Vince Coker, Wilf Bateman

**LESSONS FROM THE LONG PADDOCK** offer perspectives from outback and rural NSW on faith and spiritual life. Father Frank Brennan SJ and Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE reflect on stories from people in the diocese and explore the lived experience from those in the bush. June 6th, the online experience commences at 9am. Further information: [www.wf.catholic.org.au](http://www.wf.catholic.org.au)

**PARISH BOUNDARIES MAP** Check out the parish boundaries interactive map on the Archdiocesan Website <http://cg.catholic.org.au/> under PARISHES AND MASS TIMES.

**COWRA LITURGY WEEKEND:** 17-18th June. Speakers include Bishop Pat O'Regan, Dr Laurie Woods, Ms Karla Slaven, Mr Paul Dunn and many more. Enjoy a weekend of music liturgy and fun! Contact Fr Laurie Beath, Phone: 02 6342 1369 or E-mail: [office.cowra@cdob.org.au](mailto:office.cowra@cdob.org.au)

**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP** - 2017 National Pilgrimage to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. Commence Melbourne 8 November, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 18 November 2017. *COST EX SYDNEY: \$3,050.00 (all inclusive). Single Supplement: \$610.00.* For further information or a Pilgrimage brochure, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 02 8912 4845 or Sr Annie Bond 02 8912 4818, or at [MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au](mailto:MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au).

**MEN'S BREAKFAST @ ST. JOHN'S** will recommence at St. John's Anglican Church, Auckland Street, Bega on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8.00am. See the noticeboard for more details

## Global Day of Prayer to End Famine - 21st May

*"For I was hungry & you gave me food, I was thirsty & you gave me drink, I was a stranger & you welcomed me" Matt25:35*

## Prayer of Mothers

Father in heaven,  
 grant me the grace to appreciate the dignity which you have conferred on me.  
 Let me realize that not even the Angels have been blessed with such a privilege—to share in your creative miracle and bring new Saints to heaven.  
 Make me a good mother to all my children after the example of Mary, the Mother of your Son.  
 Through the intercession of Jesus and Mary I ask your continued blessings on my family.  
 Let us all be dedicated to your service on earth and attain the eternal happiness of your kingdom in heaven.

