

St. Patrick's Parish

Pentecost Sunday —Year A

4th June 2017



St. Patrick's, Bega - St. Columba's, Bemboka - St. Joseph's Candelero - Star of the Sea, Tathra.
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Responsorial Psalm. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

ROSTERS - 10th/11th June 2017

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

BEGA SUN 9:30

<i>Commentator</i>	P Malone
<i>Readers</i>	M Johnston, M Scott
<i>Gifts</i>	Tomlinson Family
<i>Cleaners</i>	E Sawtell, M Rheinberger
<i>Altar</i>	J Morrow
<i>Counters</i>	C Murphy & T D'Arcy
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan & Choir
<i>Acolyte</i>	Frank Farrell
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	M Rheinberger, V Coman C Sullivan, L Stewart

WISE WORDS: We rise by lifting others.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

- Bemboka - Saturdays 6pm Vigil Mass *
- Candelero - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sat. - 6pm Vigil Mass
- Candelero - 2nd, 4th 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.

Weekdays

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
	4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
Saturday	9.00am Bega

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

<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 - 9th June

ST EPHREM

Poet, teacher, orator, and defender of the faith, Ephrem is the only Syrian recognized as a doctor of the Church.

Born in Nisibis, Mesopotamia, he was baptized as a young man and became famous as a teacher in his native city. When the Christian emperor had to cede Nisibis to the Persians, Ephrem, along with many Christians, fled to Edessa. He was ordained a deacon but declined becoming a priest.

He had a prolific pen, and his writings best illumine his holiness. Although he was not a man of great scholarship, his works reflect deep insight and knowledge of the Scriptures. In writing about the mysteries of humanity's redemption, Ephrem reveals a realistic and humanly sympathetic spirit and a great devotion to the humanity of Jesus. It is said that his poetic account of the Last Judgment inspired Dante.

He wrote hymns against the heretics of his day. He would take the popular songs of the heretical groups and, using their melodies, compose beautiful hymns embodying orthodox doctrine. Ephrem became one of the first to introduce song into the Church's public worship as a means of instruction for the faithful. He earned the title "Harp of the Holy Spirit."

He preferred a simple, austere life, living in a small cave overlooking the city of Edessa. It was here he died around 373.

Many Catholics still find singing in church a problem, probably because of the rather individualistic piety that they inherited. Yet singing has been a tradition of both the Old and the New Testament. It is an excellent way of expressing and creating a community spirit of unity as well as joy.

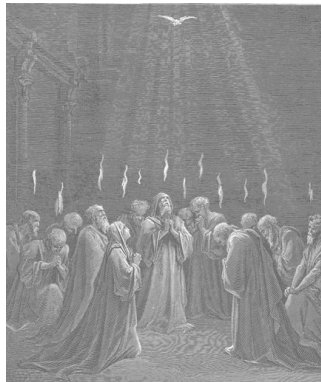
Ephrem's hymns, an ancient historian testifies, "lent luster to the Christian assemblies."

TODAY WE ROUND OFF more than seven weeks of celebrating the Paschal Mystery: Passion and Death – Resurrection – Ascension, Exaltation – Coming of the Holy Spirit.



Today is also the birthday of the Church. What is the Church? The Church is basically that community and complex of communities spread all over the world which is continuing the visible presence of God and his work by living openly in the Spirit of Jesus and offering its experience of knowing Christ to the world.

"The Word was made flesh and lived among us." These words apply not only to Jesus but to all those who are now the visible Body of the Risen Jesus. It is for each of us, individually and in community, to incarnate the Word of God in our world.



Today's 1st reading from the Acts of the Apostles gives us one account, perhaps the most familiar one, of how the mission of Christ was transferred to his followers. The scene is full of biblical imagery. There was a sound "like the rush of a violent wind". In Greek the words used here for "wind" & "Spirit" are very similar. The whole house was filled with the very Spirit of God.

Then "divided tongues, as of fire" were seen resting on each person present. Fire, again, speaks of the presence of God himself. The fire here was in the form of tongues, as if to say that each one present was being given the gift and power to speak in the name of God. And in fact, "all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability."

The Gospel from John presents us with a different account of the coming of the Spirit. Suddenly the same Jesus is there among them. "Peace with you," is his greeting. It is both a wish and a statement. Where Jesus is there is peace. The presence of Jesus in our lives always brings peace and removes our anxieties and fears. He shows them his hands and side to prove it is himself: the one who died on the cross and the one who is now alive. Then he gives them their mission: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Their mission and his are exactly the same. Our mission and his are exactly the same.

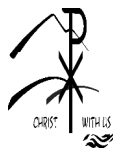
He then breathes on them. As God breathed on the earth and created the first human being. In Christ, we become a new creation. The breathing also symbolises the Spirit of God and of Jesus. So he says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." With the giving of the Spirit comes also the authority to speak and act in the name of Jesus. "If you forgive sins, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." This is not just a reference to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the power to forgive sin. Forgiving sin, reconciling people with God is the very core of the work of Christ and the Christian mission.

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The disciples are now the Body of Christ, the ongoing visible presence of Christ in the world. This Body will experience injuries and wounds and disease... It will wander at times far from God. It will need healing and forgiveness and reconciliation. It will also try to bring the same healing and reconciliation to a broken world.

Finally, the Second Reading speaks of the effect of the Spirit on the Christian community. The Church and each community within it reflects unity and diversity. We are not called to uniformity. We are not clones of Christ or each other. Unity presumes diversity and a variety of gifts and talents and responsibilities.

So, on the one hand, we are called to be deeply united in our faith in Christ and in our love for each other. At the same time, each one of us has a unique gift. It is through this gift or gifts that we serve and build up the community. They are not just for ourselves, or for our families and friends. "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." We are like a body. Each body has many members, each with its own particular function, yet they all are ordered to one purpose – the good functioning of the body as a whole.



ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY NEWS: Now taking enrolments for 2018. If you would like an enrolment pack please call Elise 6492 5500

A steering committee is being formed for the 150 anniversary of the school. The initial meeting will be in August. If you would like to contribute please email office.bega@cg.catholic.edu.au with the header **150 years steering committee**.

School Masses: Feast of the Sacred Heart, *Friday 23rd June 9am*.

MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES - Envelopes for Mass Intentions are available at the entrance. Completed envelopes can be placed in the collection or dropped into the office. Thanks



LUMEN CHRISTIE INFORMATION EVENING years 9, 10 & 11 2018 - Thursday. 8 June 2017 6:00pm

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: 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 1st 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 Oscar Franko, Rosemary Tarlinton, Albert Robbins, Sr Maureen McPhillips, Lola Boller, Charlie Fry, Mavis Hergenhan, Barry Jones

ANNIVERSARIES Alan Robson, John Jennings, Toni Evans, Paul Coman, George Griffin, Peter Timiney Sr, Peter Timiney Jr, Melba Heron, Leslie Savage

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.

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MARYMEAD'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY Mass and Luncheon on *Wednesday June 21 at 12.30.* For more details please contact Jeff Griffiths, Marketing Unit Manager (02) 6162 5824



FAR SOUTH COAST FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE runs a free support group for Mums and other female carers & their children. Activities, morning tea & child care. They meet at Bega Uniting Church every Tuesday during school terms, from 10-1. To join contact Valerie at 6492 3411

BILLINGS LIFE can assist couples achieve or avoid pregnancy naturally with 50 years of Medically Proven Fertility Care with optimum results. Phone: Ring 1800 335 860 or email: enquiries@thebillingsovulationmethod.org Website www.billings.life



"Do you have any oranges?"

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE

The statue will be hosted by:
 Merryll & Jim Whitby
 5th - 11th June
 6493 2284

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL

To date, proceeds from our parish collection amount is \$541. For those still wishing to make a donation envelopes are available in the church and can be left either on the Collection plate or posted to: *The GSS Appeal, GPO Box 3089 Canberra ACT 2601.*
THANK YOU for your generous support.