

Responsorial Psalm. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem
Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, alleluia!
 I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
 whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
 Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
 remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

ROSTERS - 24th/25th June 2017

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

BEGA SUN 9:30

Commentator K Summerell
Readers B O'Reilly, J Scott-Pegum
Gifts Bex Gabriel
Cleaners V Northcott, B Burton
Altar K Murphy
Counters Collins, Sheedy, McNaught
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte Sean McCambridge
Eucharistic Ministers R Healey, U de Morsier
 J Morrow, M Rheinberger

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

*odd weekends Bemboka, even weekends Candelo
 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

Bega Friday, 5.30 - 6.00pm
 Saturday, 9.30 - 10.00am
Bemboka before vigil Mass
Candelo before vigil Mass
Tathra before Sunday Mass

FEAST DAY - 24th June

THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus.

Perhaps John's idea of the coming of the Kingdom of God was not being perfectly fulfilled in the public ministry of Jesus. For whatever reason, he sent his disciples (when he was in prison) to ask Jesus if he was the Messiah. Jesus' answer showed that the Messiah was to be a figure like that of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. John himself would share in the pattern of messianic suffering, losing his life to the revenge of Herodias.

John challenges us Christians to the fundamental attitude of Christianity—total dependence on the Father, in Christ. Except for the Mother of God, no one had a higher function in the unfolding of salvation. Yet the least in the kingdom, Jesus said, is greater than he, for the pure gift that the Father gives. The attractiveness as well as the austerity of John, his fierce courage in denouncing evil—all stem from his fundamental and total placing of his life within the will of God

WISE WORDS: "Happy is the soul that knows how to find Jesus in the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in all things!"
 St Peter Julian Eymard



St. Patrick's Parish



Corpus Christi —Year A

18th June 2017

St. Patrick's, Bega - St. Columba's, Bemboka - St. Joseph's Candelo -
 Star of the Sea, Tathra.
 Fr. Michael Lim. Parish Priest. Ph. 64921058, Fax 64925399
 Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary. Hrs 9-1 Tuesday, 9-3 Thursday
 PO. Box 6. Bega. NSW 2550. **Email: Bega@cg.org.au**
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 Lumen Christi Catholic College, Pambula. Mr. Steve Centra 6495 8888

PERHAPS THE GREATEST GIFT that Jesus left behind to his fledgling Church, apart from the example of his own teaching, life and death, was the Eucharist. With justification, the Eucharist is often spoken of as the very centre of Christian living. There is a very real danger for Christian communities of collapsing or degenerating when deprived of the Eucharist for any length of time. No one can in effect remain a committed Christian without participation in the Eucharist.

Every persecuted Church realises this and struggles to keep the Eucharist alive in its communities. We have seen that in countless examples over the centuries, including our own. We have seen how Catholics in China went to enormous lengths to celebrate the Eucharist in spite of appalling difficulties.

In Ireland, people will point out lonely outcrops known as "Mass rocks" in remote parts of the country where persecuted Catholics secretly celebrated the Eucharist at the risk of death. In England, you will be shown the hiding places for priests on the run who went from house to house to provide the Eucharist for Catholics who risked martyrdom if they were discovered celebrating the "Popish Mass".

It is sad, then, to find in our persecution-free societies today how many have lost this sense of the centrality of the Eucharist in Christian living. However, it is not altogether their fault. The Church itself must take some of the blame. What do we do?

What do we do at the Eucharist? Basically we do two things:



a. We remember and we give thanks. The word 'Eucharist' is derived from a Greek word for 'thanks'. Above all, we remember with deep gratitude all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ, through his life, suffering, death and resurrection. We also remember and give thanks for all our own personal experiences of God's love at work in our lives. It is a time to count our blessings. And we remember

and give thanks not only for what happened a long time ago but most especially for what is happening in our lives at this time.

b. We come together to celebrate our being a community and a fellowship in Christ. The Mass, by itself, does not make community. It is the celebration of a community already existing. For, although the Eucharist is at the centre of our Christian life, it is not the totality of that life. It cannot survive in a vacuum. The Eucharist is a sacrament or sign of something which is bigger than itself – a living Christian community.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



For we do not just 'receive' the Body of Christ. Paul emphasises this in today's Second Reading, "The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ." 'Body' here means the whole Body of the Risen Christ – Jesus and the community of followers. 'Communion' is not just with Jesus but also with all those around us. That is why, before this 'Communion' we need to say the Lord's Prayer in which we ask forgiveness of those we have offended. The Sign of Peace (oh, so artificial most of the time!) gives an opportunity for genuine reconciliation so that the unity expressed through 'Communion' may be genuine.

So our celebration of the Eucharist, of the Body and Blood of Christ, is not simply a commemoration of what happened to the 'historical' Jesus 2,000 years ago. It is – in a spirit of remembrance and thanksgiving – a celebration of what makes us what we are today.



ST PATRICKS PRIMARY NEWS: 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.*



PARISH WEBSITE: we now have a Parish Website. You can view recent bulletins, download the baptism request form and check on groups and upcoming events. Visit <http://cg.org.au/bega/> or google "St Patrick's Parish Bega"



ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Your generous support for our winter appeal is greatly appreciated. A retiring collection will take place this Sunday and envelopes are also available in the porch and can be returned in the collection.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE

The statue will be hosted by:
Mike & Joan Guthrie
19th - 25th June
6493 0216

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 Joan Turl, Jesse Gosper, Oscar Franko, Rosemary Tarlinton, Albert Robbins, Sr Maureen McPhillips, Lola Boller, Charlie Fry

ANNIVERSARIES Patricia McCambridge, Alan Robson, John Jennings, Toni Evans, Paul Coman, George Griffin, Peter Timiney Sr, Peter Timiney Jr

MAJELLAN CHRISTMAS CARDS. Aid the Redemptorists overseas missions by buying Majellan Christmas cards. Visit www.majellan.org.au

INDIA PILGRIMAGE. Marie Fonseca is organising her 6th Christian spiritual pilgrimage to India "One Heart and One Soul" from February 19 – March 10, 2018. The highlight will be a four night meditation/yoga retreat with daily mass led by Fr. Joe Pereira (Mumbai), in Goa. The pilgrimage also includes attending a Mass at St. Teresa of Kolkata's Tomb and visits to some of her homes. For further information: **Marie Fonseca: 02 9344 0523 or 0418 265117. Email: info@spiceodyssey.net.au Andre Rasquinha: 0403 569 079 Email: andre@traveltalk.com.au**

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REFUGEE WEEK 2017 17 - 23 June. Events include author talks by Robin de Cresigney (The People Smuggler), Mairi Petersen, movies (Mary meets Mohammed and Freedom Stories) and a Rally on Friday 23 June in Littleton Gardens. For more information see the poster in the foyer.

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"I know you had a bad week, Dear, but you don't have to go through the communion line twice."

PILGRIMAGE FROM CANBERRA TO EDEN

Archbishop Christopher Prowse and the Eden Catholic Parish invite all for a pilgrimage from Canberra to Eden Mary MacKillop Pilgrim Centre on Saturday August 12, 2017.

Leaving St Christopher's Cathedral at 8.30am, pilgrims can follow the Archbishop in their own vehicles.

Reaching Eden for Mass at midday, a BBQ lunch will be provided.

