

St. Patrick's Parish

12th Sunday — Year A

25th June 2017



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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



MANY OF THOSE who once looked through the barbed-wire fences of Australia's detention centres carry personal stories of fear of persecution. One such story, the story of Najaf Mazari, is beautifully narrated by Najaf and Robert Hillman in their joint work, *The Rugmaker of Mazar-e-Sharif*. Najaf is an Afghani Hazara who suffered persecution and torture at the hands of the Taliban. He escaped to Australia via Indonesia in 2002. After some time in detention, he established a rug making business in suburban Melbourne. He was reunited with his wife Hakeema and daughter Maria in 2008 and became an Australian citizen in June 2014.

Some of the first century Christian groups, including Matthew's community, were a bit like the Afghani Hazaras and Syrian or Iraqi Christians in that they are persecuted simply on account of who they are vis à vis those who seek exclusive political and cultural power. They have every reason to fear bodily harm and even death, as did Jesus and his followers. The scene at Gethsemane suggests that Jesus himself experienced deep fear in the face of his impending suffering and political execution. Yet Jesus tells his disciples not to fear those who kill the body.



How are these words to be understood? To return to the story of Najaf: the Taliban had power to destroy his body, but no power over his spirit. A man of deep faith, supported by a family who sacrificed their own comfort and placed their trust in God (Allah), he survived against the most incredible odds. Even if he had died in the effort to find freedom, his faith in the fullness of life with God and the witness of his courage would remain, in stark contrast with the bullying power of the Taliban who could kill the body but not an indomitable spirit.

Trust in God is at the heart of Jesus' response to suffering. The disciples are sent out on mission. They are to proclaim in the marketplace or from the "housetops" the gospel they have received in the security of the household. They can expect rejection and humiliation. They are not to be deterred from their mission. Above all, they are not to give up the struggle or capitulate in the face of persecution. Like all God's creatures, they are precious in God's eyes and will not be abandoned. On the contrary, Jesus will "acknowledge" them before God "in heaven". Trust in the author and sustainer of life is the appropriate response to suffering endured for the sake of God's empire. Trust in God does not take away the pain. Rather, it puts the inevitable suffering of the disciple on mission into the broader perspective of life in its fullest expression.

Responsorial Psalm. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witness.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

ROSTERS - 1st/2nd July 2017

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

BEGA SUN 9:30AM

Commentator J Lott
Readers Y Sixsmith, A Balas
Gifts Jean Ubrihien
Cleaners Y Sixsmith, J Campbell
Altar M Robertson
Counters P&F
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte David Grainger
Eucharistic Ministers A Tarlinton, L Stewart
B Tygh

Casuarina: Pat Platts

Nursing Home 11am C Sullivan

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 - 28th June

SAINT IRENAEUS

The Church is fortunate that Irenaeus was involved in many of its controversies in the 2nd century. He was a student, well trained, no doubt, with great patience in investigating, tremendously protective of apostolic teaching, but prompted more by a desire to win over his opponents than to prove them in error.

As bishop of Lyons he was especially concerned with the Gnostics, who took their name from the Greek word for "knowledge." Claiming access to secret knowledge imparted by Jesus to only a few disciples, their teaching was attracting and confusing many Christians. After thoroughly investigating the various Gnostic sects and their "secret," Irenaeus showed what logical conclusions their tenets led. These he contrasted with the teaching of the apostles and the text of Holy Scripture, giving us, in five books, a system of theology of great importance to subsequent times. Moreover, his work, widely used and translated into Latin and Armenian, gradually ended the influence of the Gnostics.

The circumstances and details about his death, like those of his birth and early life in Asia Minor, are not at all clear.

A deep and genuine concern for other people will remind us that the discovery of truth is not to be a victory for some and a defeat for others. Unless all can claim a share in that victory, truth itself will continue to be rejected by the losers, because it will be regarded as inseparable from the yoke of defeat. And so, confrontation, controversy and the like might yield to a genuine united search for God's truth and how it can best be served.

WISE WORDS: "All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle" St Francis

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.



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"

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES Please collect your envelopes for use from next Sunday. Tax receipts will be available soon. The Second Collection is for the maintenance and growth of our parish, maintenance of school and churches, Liturgical needs, Insurance, and administration. Last year our Insurance for the Church, School and Public Liability was \$39000.

If you are already not using Planned Giving envelopes, please consider taking a box as 20% of your contribution is tax deductible. Contributions can also be made via credit card or direct deposit. Please contact Tanya in the office to discuss these options. Currently our parish is in a sound financial position thanks to the generosity of our parishioners over many years. However, we are constantly reassessing our position to plan for the future. For example, this year we have had to undertake major work to several of our aging churches.

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 Doreen Beath, 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

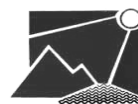
MARIAN PROCESSION 8 – October St Clement's Monastery, Galong. Youth Pilgrimage from Galong Village with Archbishop Christopher @ 9am, Confession @ 10.30am, Mass @ 11.30am, lunch @ 12.30, with the procession to the Grotto beginning at 2pm.

HEARTSONG CHOIR, AND SPIRIT ALLEGRO are performing "A Festival of Singing," 24th June, 2.30pm, Mumbulla School Hall, Bega and 25th June, 2.30pm, Wolumla Hall, Wolumla. Admission \$15 (under 12 free.)

MEN'S BREAKFAST @ ST. JOHN'S St. John's Anglican Church, Auckland Street, Bega July 1st at 8.00am.

PETER'S PENCE - a centuries-old solidarity initiative for the Bishop of Rome - this year has arrived on the internet with the aim of promoting the solidarity of the faithful, religious and lay people, in an increasingly shared path. Knowing and contributing to the Works by Pope Frances is easier today thanks to the internet. Visit the website <http://www.peterspence.va>

NOVEMBER 25TH "GALA DINNER WITH GERALDINE DOOGUE" St Gregory's, Queanbeyan, is seeking expressions of interest from priests, parishioners, principals, Catholic educators and the wider Catholic community in attending a gala dinner to be held on 25th November (7:00pm for 7:30pm start) featuring renowned journalist, radio and television host, **Geraldine Doogue AO** as the keynote speaker. **Expressions of interest required by COB 27 June 2017.** Contact: queanbeyan@cg.org.au or 02 6299 4611 during office hours (9:00am - 3:30pm Tues/Thurs/Fri).



LUMEN CHRISTI present "*Beauty and the Beast*". July 20, 21 & 22. Tickets available at Trybooking.com See the poster in the foyer for more information.

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

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE

The statue will be hosted by:
 Gary & Sue Berman
 26th June - 2nd July
 6493 0449

