

St. Patrick's Parish

13th Sunday — Year A

2nd July 2017



St. Patrick's, Bega - St. Columba's, Bemboka - St. Joseph's Candelero - Star of the Sea, Tathra.
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Responsorial Psalm. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, alleluia!
 You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light
 Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and all within me, his holy name.

ROSTERS - 8th/9th July 2017

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

BEGA SUN 9:30

<i>Commentator</i>	F McNaught
<i>Readers</i>	K Jennings, J Ubrihien
<i>Gifts</i>	B Burton
<i>Cleaners</i>	Rachel & Tony Healey
<i>Altar</i>	E & P Caragher
<i>Counters</i>	T Malone & D Carey
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan & Choir
<i>Acolyte</i>	Frank Farrell
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	V Coman, E Collins C Tarlinton, M Twyford

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

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

FEAST DAY - 3rd July

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Poor Thomas! He made one remark and has been branded as “Doubting Thomas” ever since. But if he doubted, he also believed. He made what is certainly the most explicit statement of faith in the New Testament: “My Lord and My God!” and, in so expressing his faith, gave Christians a prayer that will be said till the end of time. He also occasioned a compliment from Jesus to all later Christians: “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen & have believed”

Thomas should be equally well known for his courage. Perhaps what he said was impetuous—since he ran, like the rest, at the showdown—but he can scarcely have been insincere when he expressed his willingness to die with Jesus. The occasion was when Jesus proposed to go to Bethany after Lazarus had died. Since Bethany was near Jerusalem, this meant walking into the very midst of his enemies and to almost certain death. Realizing this, Thomas said to the other apostles, “Let us also go to die with him”

Thomas shares the lot of Peter the impetuous, James and John, the “sons of thunder,” Philip and his foolish request to see the Father—indeed all the apostles in their weakness and lack of understanding. We must not exaggerate these facts, however, for Christ did not pick worthless men. But their human weakness again points up the fact that holiness is a gift of God, not a human creation; it is given to ordinary men and women with weaknesses; it is God who gradually transforms the weaknesses into the image of Christ, the courageous, trusting, and loving one.

WISE WORDS: “Folks ask me if I'm a practicing catholic. I tell them Yes, I am. Gonna keep practicing until I get it right.” Harry Connick Jr.

INTRODUCTION: Paul's admonition in Galatians 6:10, makes a great introduction to the issue of hospitality; “So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.” How we treat others is a picture window into the condition of our own souls. Our gracious treatment of others, or lack thereof, reveals a great deal about how we feel about ourselves. It also reveals our perspective on others and whether we see them as Christ sees them, or whether we simply treat them as their behaviour warrants. Most importantly it reveals our devotion to Christ and our willingness to let his desires and interests exceed our own self-interest. Our hope is that the Father will not treat us as we deserve to be treated, but will respond to us in mercy (not giving us that which we deserve) and in grace (giving us that which we do not deserve) based on the fact that we know and love his Son, Jesus, the Christ. In the same manner, Jesus does not expect us to treat others as they deserve, but to treat them with mercy and grace even as we have been treated by him. Imagine how drastically different the world would be if mercy and grace prevailed in all our dealings with others. How quickly some

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



behaviour would disappear, and opportunities to express love, compassion, and service would be eagerly sought. Jesus' words, “for as much as you do it to one of these you do it to Me,” would become the watch word for how we relate to others. This is especially true in respect to how we treat other Christians in whom Christ dwells, for in reality our treatment either honours or dishonours Christ who dwells in the other person. Likewise, Hebrews 13:2, “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares” should move us to treat all people with a similar attitude. For we do not know, and cannot know, if maybe the person we encounter has in fact been sent by God. One thing we do know if we are believers, is that we have been sent by God, and represent him to each person we encounter. Though I don't know if it is true, I recently heard

a story which effectively illustrates the need to treat strangers with love. Upon enthusiastically entering their church on a Sunday morning to hear a well-known visiting speaker, the worshippers were appalled to find a derelict lying close to the door in an apparent drunken stupor. Many as they passed by shied away looking in disgust and anger at his dishevelled appearance. When the time came for the morning worship to start there was some confusion inasmuch as the visiting pastor had not arrived. After a few minutes of delay, the supposed derelict, in reality the visiting pastor, walked down the aisle and took the podium to speak on the love of Christ and to

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remind the worshippers that “as much as you have done it unto one of the least of these you have done it unto me. “Without love, the outward work is of no value; but whatever is done out of love, be it ever so little, is wholly fruitful. For God regards the greatness of the love that prompts a man, rather than the greatness of his achievement. Whoever loves much, does much. Whoever does a thing well, does much. And he does well, who serves the community before his own interest.” (Thomas à Kempis in The Imitation of Christ) These days there is a lot of talk about Social Security and planning for our futures. Was Jesus serious when he said, “Whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water ... he shall not lose his reward?” I think he was. We are storing up for our heavenly future by how we respond to others today.

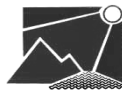


Baptisms This Weekend: Noah Joseph Lucas

PARISH WEBSITE: <http://cg.org.au/bega/> or google “St Patrick’s Parish Bega”

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES If you have not already done so, please collect your envelopes. Tax receipts will be available soon. 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.

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



ST PATRICK’S SCHOOL is seeking a school cleaner. Permanent position: 2hrs a day 5 days a week during school term (40 weeks pa.) commencing Mon 24th July. Requirements: Working With Children Check, commitment to the school’s Catholic values, Experience in cleaning Applications close 5pm Wed 12th July, 2017. More information, please contact the school on 6492

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 Mavis Sproates, Cyril Mulach, Doreen Beath, Joan Turl, Jesse Gosper, Oscar Franko, Rosemary Tarlinton, Albert Robbins, Sr Maureen McPhillips

ANNIVERSARIES Kath West, Catherine Rose, Malcolm Johnston, Basil Rose, Clare Johnston, Celia Rose, Patricia McCambridge, Alan Robson, John Jennings

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>

ARCHBISHOP’S CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2016 - Archbishop Christopher extends thanks to all parishioners for the contributions made to the 2016 Christmas Appeal. A total of **\$64,078.50** was raised. \$10,000 each has been given to the NCCA’s Christmas Bowl Appeal and to assist the Diocese of Wilcannia Forbes. \$20,000 has been given to assist the Diocese of Oturopa, Nigeria. \$19,000 to further assist the Diocesan Seminary in the Diocese of Tagbilaran, Philippines. \$5,078.50 towards providing safe and accessible water to the communities of Hera and Kasait in Timor Leste.

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.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE

hosted by:
Phil & Lorreta
McDonald
3rd - 9th July
6494 1924



ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY - 2ND JULY

Father of all, You gave us the Dreaming,
You have spoken to us through our beliefs,
You then made your love clear to us in
the person of Jesus
We thank you for your care.
You own us, you are our hope.
Make us strong as we face the
problems of change.
We ask you to help the people of Australia
To listen to us and respect our culture.
Make the knowledge of you grow strong
in all people,
So that you can be at home in us and we
can make a home for everyone
in our land.
Amen.

Prepared by Aboriginal people for Pope JP II visit’s to Alice Springs 1986