

Responsorial Psalm. I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.
Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
 you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
 Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Taste and see that the Lord is good;
 blessed the man who seeks refuge in him

ROSTERS - 15th/16th July 2017

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

BEGA SUN 9:30

<i>Commentator</i>	P Malone
<i>Readers</i>	V Northcott, A Woods
<i>Gifts</i>	Kath Summerell
<i>Cleaners</i>	S Keller, L Stewart, J Taylor
<i>Altar</i>	T Tomlinson
<i>Counters</i>	B & E Richards
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan & Choir
<i>Acolyte</i>	Tony Healey
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	J Ubrihien, U de Morsier
	M Rheinberger, J Morrow
<i>Nursing Home 11am</i>	E Caragher

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 - 13th July

SAINT HENRY

As German king and Holy Roman Emperor, Henry was a practical man of affairs. He was energetic in consolidating his rule. He crushed rebellions and feuds. On all sides he had to deal with drawn-out disputes so as to protect his frontiers. This involved him in a number of battles, especially in the south in Italy; he also helped Pope Benedict VIII quell disturbances in Rome. Always his ultimate purpose was to establish a stable peace in Europe.

According to eleventh-century custom, Henry took advantage of his position and appointed as bishops men loyal to him. In his case, however, he avoided the pitfalls of this practice and actually fostered the reform of ecclesiastical and monastic life. He was canonized in 1146.

All in all, this saint was a man of his times. From our standpoint, he may have been too quick to do battle and too ready to use power to accomplish reforms. But, granted such limitations, he shows that holiness is possible in a busy secular life. It is in doing our job that we become saints



WISE WORDS: "Having faith does not mean having no difficulties but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone." Pope Francis.



14th Sunday—Year A

8th July 2017

St. Patrick's Parish

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

Fr. Michael Lim. Parish Priest.
 Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.
 Hrs 9-1 Tuesday, 9- 3 Thursday

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The theme of today's readings is very much one of peace and consolation. The First Reading from the prophet Zechariah speaks of a king entering Jerusalem riding on a young donkey. The scene is one of humility but also of peace. He rides on a placid donkey rather than on a prancing war horse. This is confirmed later in the words: "He will banish [war] chariots from Ephraim and [war] horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished."

Our king is a king of peace. "He will proclaim peace for the nations." He is a king of peace, not just in the sense of an external absence of violence but of a deep, inner peace, shalom. Jesus, who is identified with the king in Zechariah's passage, also brings peace. He is the Prince of Peace. (He also brings the "sword" but this is not contradictory, as we will see below.) "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest."

Whatever demands Jesus may make on our following of him, he wants to be at all times truly a source of comfort, of consolation and of forgiveness and reconciliation. Whatever demands life may be making on us, he is there too to be called on. When we are in difficulties and pain, we can ask him to take them away. He may not always do so but we can expect him to restore our peace. For we need to remember that Jesus is not to be seen as an escape from our problems. Sometimes he will give us peace not from our pain but within our pain. There can be the danger that we expect Jesus or his Mother or some other saint or the Church to be there to wave a magic wand that wipes away all our problems, all difficulties, all obstacles.

So Jesus says today, "Shoulder my yoke... and you will find rest... Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is light." A yoke we think of as a heavy (and very burdensome, even painful) piece of wood laid on the shoulders of an ox. But, because of the yoke, the ox can pull the weight of the cart behind it more easily. It is a burden which is also a help. The words of Jesus often seem, at first sight, to be very burdensome. "These are hard sayings; who can take them?" ... After this many of his disciples drew back and no longer went about with him" (John 6:60,66) Yet, in fact, once understood, we know that there can be no other way of living in true freedom and peace.




There is still another way of understanding the image of the yoke. Think of it as a double yoke, where two oxen can work together better. We now have a lovely image of Jesus and me yoked together, pulling together. "Shoulder my yoke" then becomes "Share my yoke". Where I go, he goes along with me, pulling together with me and making it all the easier.

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There is only one Jesus, only one Gospel. We are called to be with Jesus all the way, accepting his life vision, his standards, his values – unconditionally. This calls for the simplicity and openness of children rather than intellectual sophistication. Accepting Jesus all the way is not intended as a burden but as a source of comfort, peace, liberation and joy. Happy are those who carry the “burden”, the yoke of the Gospel. Jesus has the secret of living well. Is it not time that we Christians discovered this wonderful secret and began to share it with others?

PLANNED GIVING Tax receipts are now available for collection. If you have not already done so, please collect your envelopes. 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.

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 24 July. Requirements: Working With Children Check, commitment to the school’s Catholic values, Experience in cleaning Applications close 5pm Wed 12 July, 2017. More information, please contact the school on 6492 5500.

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



ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The Bega Conference thanks you once again for your generosity. Your kind donations ensure that we will be able to assist those people in our area who come to us for assistance during this winter period.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE

hosted by:
Pat McRae
10th - 16th July
6494 4602

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 Eunice Tarlinton, Malcolm McCambridge, Kath West, Catherine Rose, Malcolm Johnston, Basil Rose, Clare Johnston, Celia Rose, Patricia McCambridge

CHURCH CLEANERS MEETING Father Michael would like to meet with the volunteers on the Bega Church cleaners roster to discuss making changes to the cleaning of St Patrick’s. Please stay after Mass next Sunday for a quick meeting. Thanks. Fr Michael.

HIGH TEA FOR HAMLIN. If you are interested in hosting a High Tea for Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia to fund fistula surgeries please contact Madeleine Estherby at maddy@hamlin.org.au or 02 9440 7001



MARY MACKILLOP INTERNATIONAL APPEAL 5/6 AUGUST. Your donation will support thousands of people in Timor-Leste, Peru and Papua New Guinea in education, health and livelihoods opportunities, bringing hope to communities for generations to come. “Let us show love in our acts.” Mary MacKillop 1890. www.mmi.org.au

CALL TO CONNECT WOMEN’S RETREAT 19 August, Carmelite Monastery Red Hill from 9.15 to 4 pm. The title is “I am the Door” John 10:9 and the day will include, talks, sharing, discussion points, private time, reflection & prayer time, reconciliation & Mass. Morning tea and lunch included for \$35 per person with a pensioner concession available. RSVP 14 August to Lorraine 0437329371

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.



UPCOMING ORDINATIONS @ ST CHRISTOPHERS

To the Priesthood
Deacon Joshua Scott - Friday 13th October 6pm
To the Diaconate
Namora Anderson and Adrian Chan - Friday, 22nd September 7pm

