

Responsorial Psalm. The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth
Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, alleluia!
 This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight:
 listen to him.
 Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon When Christ appears, we shall be like him,
 for we shall see him as he is.

ROSTERS - 12th/13th August 2017
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

BEGA SUN 9:30	
<i>Commentator</i>	J Lott
<i>Readers</i>	B O'Reilly, J Scott-Pegum
<i>Gifts</i>	Tomlinson Family
<i>Cleaners</i>	Y Sixsmith, J Campbell
<i>Altar</i>	M Robertson
<i>Counters</i>	Collins, Sheedy, McNaught
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan & Choir
<i>Acolyte</i>	Tony Healey
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	E Collins, E Caragher 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 ' <i>Holy Hour of Mercy</i> '
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 - 10th August

SAINT LAWRENCE

Very little about the life of St Lawrence is known. His martyrdom made a deep and lasting impression on the early Church. He was a Roman deacon under Pope Saint Sixtus II. Four days after this pope was put to death, Lawrence and four clerics suffered martyrdom, probably during the persecution of the Emperor Valerian. The church built over his tomb became one of the seven principal churches in Rome.

A well-known legend has persisted. As deacon in Rome, Lawrence had responsibility for the material goods of the Church, and the distribution of alms to the poor. When Lawrence knew he would be arrested, he sought out all the poor of Rome and gave them everything on hand. When the prefect of Rome heard of this, he imagined that the Christians must have considerable treasure. He sent for Lawrence saying, "You Christians use gold and silver at your services. Now, you say you must render to Caesar what is his. Give me the money, and be rich in words."

Lawrence replied that the Church was indeed rich. "I will show you a valuable part. But give me." After three days he gathered a great number of poor and maimed and put them in rows. When the prefect arrived, Lawrence simply said, "These are the treasure of the Church." The prefect was so angry he told Lawrence that he would indeed have his wish to die but it would be by inches. He had him roasted over hot coals.

Once again we have a saint about whom almost nothing is known, yet one who has received extraordinary honor in the Church since the 4th century. The greatest fact of his life is certain: He died for Christ. We are reminded that their holiness was a total response to Christ, expressed perfectly by a death like this.



Transfiguration—Year A

6th August 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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One of the bible's names for the God is "El Shaddai" or "God of the Mountains." And from the very beginning of salvation history, we see that mountains are a special place to communicate with Heaven. Abraham ascends Mount Moriah to sacrifice his son (Gen 22). God reveals his name and to Moses on Mount Sinai (Ex 3). Moses later receives the 10 Commandments on that very spot (Ex 31:18). Elijah returns to the same mountain, also known as Horeb, to hear what God's "still, small voice" has to say (I Kg 19:8). So it is no surprise that Jesus brings his three disciples with him up a high mountain to experience a special moment of communion with the Most High.

It is this event that is commemorated by the Church each year on August 6. As tradition has it, Mount Tabor is the place. Rising from the plain of Jezreel, its summit provides a spectacular view of all of Galilee. But what Jesus intends for Peter, James, and John to see is not the countryside. He wishes to provide them a glimpse of who He really is.

Jesus is a carpenter from Nazareth, true. He must have looked much like any other Jewish craftsman of that time and place. That much could be seen by the naked eye. But this exterior appearance of his ordinary humanity was a veil hiding something more extraordinary—his glorious divinity. So on this mountain, God pulls back the veil. Moses and Elijah appear. These heroes of old had long since passed out of this world and gone to God. So what does it say about Jesus' identity that they appear on his right and his left?



Jesus' clothes suddenly appear dazzlingly light and his face shone like the sun. The first reading for the Feast of the Transfiguration tells us the significance of this. Daniel sees a vision of the "Ancient One." How does he appear? With clothing that is snow white. Then one like "a Son of Man" comes on the clouds to receive dominion, glory and kingship from the Ancient One. On Tabor, a cloud comes and overshadows Jesus and a Voice from the Cloud proclaims that this particular Son of Man happens to be the beloved Son of God.

What we have here is what is called a "theophany," a manifestation of God. It is revelation, first of all, of the divinity of Christ. What the creed says about him could be viewed as a commentary on this very episode: "God from God, light from light, true God from true God." But it is also a manifestation of the entire Trinity. The cloud that overshadows the apostles is the same one that overshadowed Mary. It is the glorious cloud of the Holy

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The Transfiguration of the Lord

Spirit out of which the Father's voice resounds. Father, Son, Holy Spirit, one God in three persons, prefigured in Daniel's vision, revealed in the Transfiguration.

Suddenly, after a brief prostration, they get up and see only Jesus, looking the way he had always looked. The veil was now back in place.

The five senses are wonderful gifts from God. But they are limited nonetheless. Often we make the mistake of thinking that reality is nothing more than what our senses perceive it to be. So God gives us occasional mountaintop experiences, glimpses into realities that our senses can't normally detect. Jesus is always divine, regardless of his everyday human appearance. Jesus is always accompanied by saints and angels even when he appears to be alone. It was the entire Trinity who opened the eyes of the man born blind, even though it was only Jesus' hand we could see touching the man's eyes.

Even though it's much easier to forget such things and live according to what everybody can see, faith is remembering such moments of revelation and building our lives upon them.



MARY MACKILLOP INTERNATIONAL APPEAL THIS WEEKEND. 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

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY NEWS: If you would like to be involved in the planning for the 150th anniversary celebrations please email office.bega@cg.catholic.edu.au
SCHOOL MASSES: *St Mary of the Cross* - 8th August 9am; *Assumption* - 15th August 9am.



FAR SOUTH COAST FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES conducts a FREE support group for Mums & other female carers & their children: fun activities, morning tea, child care. Every Tuesday during school terms, 10am to 1pm, at Bega Uniting Church building. To be part of the group, contact Valerie (64923411 or 0438037459 or vvalerie@fscfss.ngo.org.au)

BEGA VALLEY MEALS ON WHEELS are Urgently seeking volunteers. Please see the notice board for more information.

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 On Hold.

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 Bernard Goldsworthy, John Daly, Joseph Xiet Van Trinh, Kevin Bateman, Frank Lawless, Sr Maria Goretti Pearson, Sr Elizabeth of Jesus ocdm
ANNIVERSARIES Jack Bollier, Aino Senbruns, Brian O'Farrell, Joseph & Mary Nyugen, Eunice Tarlinton, Malcolm McCambridge, Kath West, Catherine Rose

THE CATHOLIC VOICE is always trying to improve and respond to the community. A brief 30 sec. survey has been prepared and responses are anonymous. The more feedback the better equipped John and the Communications Team will be in creating a paper that will both 'inform' and 'form'. Please visit: <http://cgatholic.org.au/catholic-voice/survey/>

PETER'S PENCE 2017 in Canberra Goulburn collected \$31 195 & the Archbishops office received a letter of thanks from Fr Brian Lucas, Catholic Mission, advising the donation of \$4,928.50 was received from our Archdiocese, and will be donated towards the Timor-Leste project, which will provide 250 people directly & 150 indirectly with safe and accessible water sources through the creation of 10 water modules.

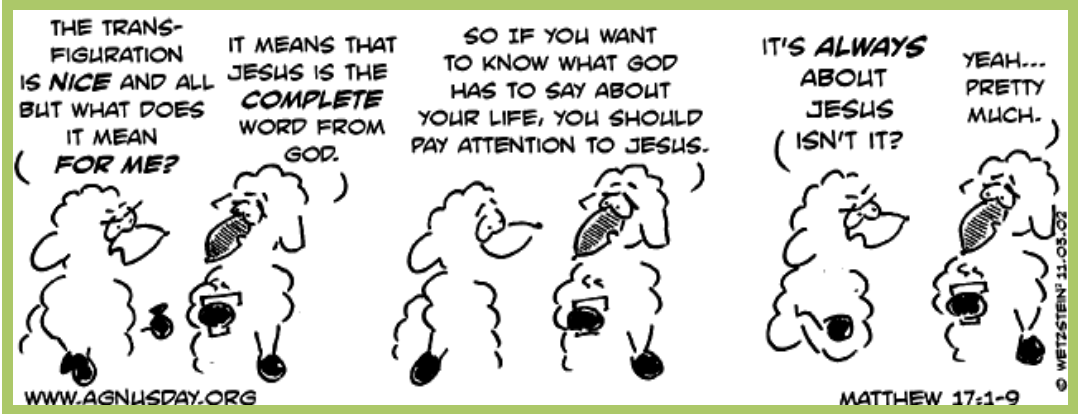
CALLING YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS to gather, connect with one another, be empowered through faith & experience the broader Church! Come along to the SHINE Youth Mass & Youth Rally with Archbishop Christopher on Sunday 13th August from 5:30pm for the Eucharist as well as live music, free food & an opportunity to celebrate young people in the Church! Contact Huw Warmenhoven for more information. (huw.warmenhoven@cg.org.au)

WISE WORDS: "God is constantly revealing himself to us. He whispers to us, he doesn't shout." Cardinal Timothy Dolan

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE
hosted by:
Les & Carleen Maley
7th - 13th August 6494 1778

EDEN PILGRIMAGE
Next Saturday. Reaching Eden for Mass at midday, a BBQ lunch will be provided.

PLANNED GIVING COMPARISONS			
History	2nd Collection		Contributors
2012	108200		174
2013	103100		175
2014	103900		168
2015	99349		149
2016	97826		139
Expenses	Insurance 2005	24000	
	Insurance 2016	38911	



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MATTHEW 17:1-9