

**Responsorial Psalm.** The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

**Gospel Acclamation.** Alleluia, alleluia!  
I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon** The Lord is good to those who hope in him,

**ROSTERS - 14th /15th October 2017**

**BEGA SUN 9:30**

<i>Commentator</i>	Enrolment Mass
<i>Readers</i>	Enrolment Mass
<i>Gifts</i>	Enrolment Mass
<i>Cleaners</i>	Margaret Robertson
<i>Counters</i>	T Malone & D Carey
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan & Choir
<i>Acolyte</i>	David Grainger
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	L Stewart, R Healey J Ubrihien, E Caragher

**WISE WORDS:** Jesus teaches us another way: Go out. Go out and share your testimony, go out and interact with your brothers, go out and share, go out and ask. Become the Word in body as well as spirit.

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

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

**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'

**Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation**

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

**FEAST DAY - 14th October**

**SAINT CALLISTUS I**

The most reliable information about this saint comes from his enemy St Hippolytus, antipope & later martyr for the Church. A negative principle is used: If some worse things had happened, Hippolytus would surely have mentioned them.

Callistus was a slave in the imperial Roman household. He lost money, ran away, brawled, was imprisoned & finally freed through the influence of the emperor's mistress. After winning his freedom, Callistus was made superintendent of the public Christian burial ground in Rome (the cemetery of St Callistus), probably the first land owned by the Church. The pope ordained him a deacon & made him his friend & adviser. He was elected pope by a majority vote of the clergy & laity of Rome, & thereafter was bitterly attacked by the losing candidate, St Hippolytus, who was set up as the 1st antipope in the history of the Church. The schism lasted about 18 years.

Hippolytus attacked Callistus on 2 fronts -doctrine & discipline. They argued over theological language & Hippolytus accused Callistus of being too lenient. Callistus was martyred during a local disturbance in Trastevere, & is the 1st pope (except for Peter) to be commemorated as a martyr in the earliest martyrology.

The life of this man is another reminder that the course of Church history, never did run smooth. The Church had to (& still must) go through the agonizing struggle to state the mysteries of the faith in language that, sets up definite barriers to error. The Church had to preserve the mercy of Christ against rigorism, while still upholding the gospel ideal of radical conversion & selfdiscipline. Every pope, indeed every Christian, must walk the difficult path between "reasonable" indulgence & "reasonable" rigorism.



27th Sunday—Year A

8th October 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.  
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## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



TODAY'S PARABLE is linked to last Sunday's about the two sons sent to work in their father's vineyard. One promised to go and work there but he did not actually go. The other at first refused but later relented and went. The message of Jesus is clear (especially in the context of Matthew's Gospel).

God's people had disappointed their God. It was the formerly sinful Gentiles who took on the task of building the Kingdom. This should not be understood as anti-Jewish. On the contrary this was being written by Christian Jews for Christian Jews and it must have been a painful thing for them to see and accept.

Both the First Reading and the Gospel focus on the Lord's vineyard, that is, the place where God's people are to be found. At first, Jesus chose the Israelites to be his own people. He was with them on their wanderings in the desert on the way to "a land flowing with milk and honey". "What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?" the Lord asks in the First Reading. But the response of the people/tenants in the vineyard was far from the expectations of the master of the vineyard: "I expected my vineyard to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?"

In Jesus' story the owner sends his servants to collect the harvest. Instead, the tenants seized, beat, stoned and even killed the owner's messengers. This happened again and again. The message is clearly understood by Jesus' hearers. The Lord had sent his prophets to remind his people of their duty to serve, to be a fruitful people. Yet, one by one, God's messengers were rejected.



Finally, the owner's own son was sent. "They will respect my son," the owner said. But no. He also was seized, thrown out of the vineyard and killed. They could now take over the vineyard for themselves. It reminds one of the arrogance of our first parents who thought the knowledge of good and evil would give them power over God; of those who tried to build a tower that would reach right to the heavens. And the killing of the son "outside the city" is a clear reference to Jesus dying on the cross outside the walls of Jerusalem.

Today, we are God's people. We are the tenants in the vineyard. Now he expects us to produce fruit, fruit that will endure. The obvious question for us to ask ourselves today is: How are we doing? How much better are we than the chief priests, the elders, the Scribes and the Pharisees? We are specially privileged, by baptism, to be called to work in the Lord's vineyard. Each week we are invited to gather together to hear the Gospel message and to make it part of our lives. We are all called to be members, active members

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of the Body of Christ, the Christian community, the Church.  
Our parish is our vineyard. It must not produce sour grapes that no one can eat. It must be open to the various ways the Lord speaks to it, whether those people are Church leaders or prophetic voices which may sometimes say things which are painful to hear.

It is just as easy for us in these times to fail to recognise the voice of God in the messengers he sends us, just as the Jewish authorities of Jesus' time failed to recognise the Word of God in him. If we are not really making sure that our vineyard produces rich grapes, not only for us but for others, too, to enjoy, then we are falling short as "tenants". It may well happen that the Lord may ask others to come and take our place.

If our church was closed down, sold off and turned into a dance hall what real difference would it



**ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL NEWS:** Enrolment Mass and Blessing of Mini Vinnies 15th October, Grandparents Day 27th October. Mass at 9am.

**EARN AND LEARN STICKERS:** Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers can be placed in the collection and will be passed on to St Patrick's School.

**FAMILY MASSES FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION:** 22nd & 29th October 5pm. ALL WELCOME

**Children's Station of the Cross:** If you missed out on ordering this book last time. Please use the form at the church entrance. Orders will not take place until the cost is approx. \$40.

**PRO-LIFE PREGNANCY HELP:** Do you have a phone? Do you want to help those worried by pregnancy issues? Can you work from home? Contact Pregnancy Help Sydney NOW to find out about their free training course you can do by mail from your own home and 2 inservice weekends in Sydney. *You can make a difference.* More information: Carmel Jeffreys 9730 0258.

**2018 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS** still available \$9.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA  
STATUE**

hosted by:  
Cecilia, Alex & Marie  
9th - 15th October

**ROSARY**

*Tathra* - 7:20am before Sunday Mass  
*Bega* - 9am before Sunday Mass  
*Our Lady's Grotto—St Patrick's Church*  
every 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**BENEDICTION.**

*Bega* - 1st Sun. of the Month after 9:30 Mass  
*Candelo* - 1st Saturday after 6pm Vigil.  
*Bemboka* - 2nd Saturday at 5:30pm

**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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Loretta McDonald (McNamara), Fr Phil Harding, Zel Caddy, Tora Kite, Fr Mayne Murphy, Richard Heffernan, Marge Simpson, Gordan Ryan  
**ANNIVERSARIES** Maura Anne Wesley-Collins, Paul Malone, Danny McCambridge, Gerald Rheinberger, Ben Bollar, Harold Tarlinton, Don Fletcher, Patrick O'Callaghan

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Deacon Joshua Scott who will be ordained to the Priesthood Friday 13th October 6pm.

**RETREAT ON THE TRUE DEVOTION TO MARY** - 10-12 November. St Clement's Galong and directed by Fr Hugh Thomas CSSR. Bookings Rick Banfield 0429 878 794

**MONTH OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY** - This week we pray for the strengthening of marriages and families in distress. Please make this your intention during Mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, parish rosaries and prayer groups and family prayer times. Please join this intention to your acts of fasting and sacrifice during the week. More information: [www.acmfc.org.au](http://www.acmfc.org.au)

**CONCERT AT QUEANBEYAN BICENTENNIAL HALL**—10th November. The Alphonsa Syro-Malabar parish community extend an invitation to one and all to join them for a concert with the *Rexband from India*. The Rexband are associated with the Jesus Youth movement and they will share the Good News of the Gospel through a three hour performance of lively music, which promises to be a fun and memorable evening for anyone who comes along. Online Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/RLQA> <https://www.trybooking.com/306644> <http://stalphonsa.com.au>

**CAN YOU SHARE YOUR MARRIAGE JOURNEY WITH YOUNG COUPLES?** - Ministry to the Newly Married is a mentoring program for Couples in the first five years of their marriage. The mentors are Catholic couples, married at least ten years, who share their marriage journey through a series of four talks each year. A very supportive environment is provided to help prepare for each talk. If you would like to assist young couples starting on their marriage journey, contact Debbie & Brian Kensey on 0414 878 167 or [mnmm@grapevine.com.au](mailto:mnmm@grapevine.com.au).

**The CatholicCare (Bega)** provides Family & Relationship Counselling Service and Conflict Resolution and Family Therapy for Adolescent and Their Families for the local community. Those who are interested to know more about their service, brochure are available in front of the church or contact (02)6492 4203

