

**Rosporial Psalm.** I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**Gospel Acclamation.** Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon** The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

**ROSTERS - 21st /22nd October 2017**  
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

**BEGA SUN 9:30**

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| <i>Commentator</i>           | T & E Tomlinson                                  |
| <i>Readers</i>               | V Northcott, A Woods                             |
| <i>Gifts</i>                 | B Tygh   |
| <i>Cleaners</i>              | J Taylor   |
| <i>Counters</i>              | B & E Richards                                   |
| <i>Music</i>                 | Matt Heffernan & Choir                           |
| <i>Acolyte</i>               | Sean McCambridge                                 |
| <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i> | A Tarlinton, U de Morsier<br>E Caragher, V Coman |



**WISE WORDS:** Leaves without flowers:  
These are they who have words without works. St Thomas Aquinas

**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
- *Bega* - Sundays - 9.30am 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' |
| Saturday   | 9.00am Bega                           |

**Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation**

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| <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        |
| <i>Tathra</i>  | before Sunday Mass       |

**FEAST DAY - 18th October**

**SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST**

Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the Gospel writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him "our beloved physician." His Gospel was probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.

Luke appears in Acts during Paul's second journey, remains at Philippi for several years until Paul returns from his third journey, accompanies Paul to Jerusalem, and remains near him when he is imprisoned in Caesarea. During these two years, Luke had time to seek information and interview persons who had known Jesus. He accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome where he was a faithful companion.

Luke's unique character may best be seen by the emphases of his Gospel, which has been given a number of subtitles: 1) The Gospel of Mercy; 2) The Gospel of Universal Salvation; 3) The Gospel of the Poor; 4) The Gospel of Absolute Renunciation; 5) The Gospel of Prayer and the Holy Spirit; 6) The Gospel of Joy

Luke wrote as a Gentile for Gentile Christians. His Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles reveal his expertise in classic Greek style as well as his knowledge of Jewish sources. There is a warmth to Luke's writing that sets it apart from that of the other synoptic Gospels, and yet it beautifully complements those works. The treasure of the Scriptures is a true gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church



28th Sunday—Year A

15th 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.  
Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.

Hrs 9-1 Tuesday, 9- 3 Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*  
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**WE HAVE TODAY ANOTHER**

PARABLE about the rejection of Jesus by the leaders of his own people. It is, as the others were, addressed to the "chief priests and elders of the people", that is, the religious and civic leaders. The parable divides clearly into three distinct parts: **a.** two invitations sent out to the intended guests; **b.** a general call to all kinds of outcasts; **c.** some criteria set for taking part in the feast.

## 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



In the parable, the king sends out his servants, referring to the long line of prophets sent to the people of Israel calling them to love and service. "But they would not come," says Jesus. Another batch of servants is sent out. "Tell those who have been invited that I have my banquet all prepared... Everything is ready. Come to the wedding." When God calls there is always a sense of urgency. The only time to respond is NOW. I need always to be on the watch. That is not what happens here. We are told that those invited were simply not interested. They reacted in two ways. Either they were too involved in their own worldly interests to be bothered or else they seized the king's messengers, "maltreated them and killed them".



With the refusal of those originally invited, the king once again repeats that the wedding is "ready". There is an urgency to respond to the king's call. The servants are now sent out, not to the houses of the wealthy and respectable, but to the "crossroads". These are near the gates and markets of a typical Middle East town where large crowds of ordinary people would gather. Here, they are the social and religious outcasts, tax collectors, prostitutes, all those in despised trades. No exceptions are made. All are invited, good and bad alike, until the wedding hall is filled.

Having said all this, the last part of the parable seems a gross contradiction. It seems so unjust. Having gone out to the highways and byways to bring in all and sundry without exception, how can one justify tossing out someone because he does not have a "wedding garment"? Where was he expected to get it at such short notice?

The wedding garment in the parable symbolises the wedding guest, whatever his past may have been, "putting on" Christ. Such a person, through Baptism, the sacrament by which one is given access to the wedding banquet of the Lord, has grown to be clothed in the spirit and teaching of Jesus. This is shown by the gradual transformation of his life through the influence of Jesus he experiences in the Christian community.

Today's readings tell us that God has wonderful things in store for us. Everyone, no matter what kind of past they have had, receives the same invitation to sit down at God's table. However, having initially answered the invitation, we cannot take things for granted. There is no room for complacency. Almost more dangerous than being an obviously sinful person is being the "ordinary, run-of-the-mill Catholic", the "Sunday" Catholic, the "I'm a good

enough Catholic”, the “I’m a Catholic but not a fanatic about my religion”. These are all cop-outs. And it is not God but ourselves who are the losers. So let us pray that we may keep our wedding garments pure and spotless, that we become disciples who really hear and do the teaching of Jesus. Let us pray for a deeper faith and love and a better spirit of service and sense of responsibility to our community.



## Welcome to our First Reconciliation Candidates, mini Vinnies & their Families

**ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL NEWS:** Grandparents Day 27th October. Mass at 9am.  
Giving Mass 10th November 9am

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

All Saints Day - 1st November, usual weekday Mass - 9am Tathra, 5:30pm Bega.

**ALL SOULS DAY MASS** Bega's cemetery - Thurs 2nd Nov 7am. **BYO your own chair.**

**MASSES FOR THE DEAD WILL BE OFFERED IN NOVEMBER. Envelopes may be placed on the collection plates.**

**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 in-service weekends in Sydney. *You can make a difference.* More information: Carmel Jeffreys 9730 0258.

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

### 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 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.

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE

hosted by:  
Mary Twyford  
16th - 22nd October  
6492 1850

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Gladys Hankinson, Kevin Ryan, Lydia Crowe, Barry Savage, Loretta McDonald (McNamara), Fr Phil Harding, Zel Caddy, Tora Kite

**ANNIVERSARIES** Leo Bateman, Monica Brown, Margaret Bateman, Dulcie Heffernan, Fr. M. Eugene, Fr. Dom Egan, Maura Anne Wesley-Collins, Paul Malone, Danny McCambridge, Gerald Rheinberger

**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 well-being of those experiencing same-sex attraction or gender uncertainty. 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. Visit [www.acmfc.org.au](http://www.acmfc.org.au) for more information.

**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 [mmm@grapevine.com.au](mailto:mmm@grapevine.com.au).



YOU'RE invited

**GOD GRANT ME THE SERENITY,** To accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.

Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it;

Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will;

That I may be reasonably happy in this life, & supremely happy with Him forever in the next.  
**Amen.**