

Rosorial Psalm. Give the Lord glory and honour

Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

ROSTERS - 28th /29th October 2017
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

BEGA SUN 9:30

<i>Commentator</i>	K Summerell
<i>Readers</i>	M Johnston, M Scott
<i>Gifts</i>	Bex Gabriel
<i>Cleaners</i>	J Campbell
<i>Counters</i>	T & M Collins
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan & Choir
<i>Acolyte</i>	Frank Farrell
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	C Tarlinton, J Morrow C Sullivan, M Rheinberger

WISE WORDS: "Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could." - St Gregory Naziansen

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

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

<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 - 28th October

SAINTS SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES

Jude is so named by Luke & Acts. Matthew & Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except, of course, where all the apostles are mentioned. Scholars hold that he is not the author of the Letter of Jude. Actually, Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to "Jude" in English.

Simon is mentioned on all 4 lists of the apostles. On 2 of them he is called "the Zealot." The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free & independent nation. God alone was their king, and any payment of taxes to the Romans - the very domination of the Romans - was a blasphemy against God. No doubt some of the Zealots were the spiritual heirs of the Maccabees, carrying on their ideals of religion & independence. But many were the counterparts of modern terrorists. They raided & killed, attacking both foreigners & "collaborating" Jews. They were chiefly responsible for the rebellion against Rome which ended in the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70.

As in the case of all the apostles except for Peter, James and John, we are faced with men who are really unknown, and we are struck by the fact that their holiness is simply taken to be a gift of Christ. He chose some unlikely people: a former Zealot, a former (crooked) tax collector, an impetuous fisherman, two "sons of thunder," and a man named Judas Iscariot.

It is a reminder that we cannot receive too often. Holiness does not depend on human merit, culture, personality, effort, or achievement. It is entirely God's creation and gift. God needs no Zealots to bring about the kingdom by force. Jude, like all the saints, is the saint of the impossible: Only God can create his divine life in human beings. And God wills to do so, for all of us



29th Sunday—Year A

22nd 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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IN PAST SUNDAYS we have seen Jesus attacking the religious leaders of his people for their failure to recognise in him the Word of God, the power of God, the compassionate love of God. All they could see was a man who broke their laws.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today, in the first of four challenges by different leaders, they hit back. Their plan was to get Jesus to discredit himself. The first challenge, in today's Gospel, comes from the Pharisees. Their opening statement is clever and very flattering. They praise the utter honesty and integrity of Jesus. All of which was perfectly true. Jesus, in fact, is being praised as endowed with God's own sense of truth and justice, totally impartial, with perhaps a bias for the poor, the weak and powerless.



After this flattering softening up and linguistic foreplay comes the apparently straightforward question: "Is it against our Law to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" In fact, this seemingly simple question turned on a red-hot issue. Palestine was a colony of Rome, a very unwilling and troublesome colony. The Jews hated the Romans, hated their brutality, their moral corruption, above all their godlessness. So, the nationalistic Pharisees felt that the taxes should not be paid to the oppressor. It was a loaded question. If Jesus said taxes should not be paid, he would have pleased the Pharisees but they could report him for sedition and have him arrested. If he said taxes should be paid he might please the Herodians but almost certainly he would lose all credibility with his own people.

The Jews believed that they had only one Lord and Ruler and that was their God. Taxes, or any form of submission, should only be made to him, by offerings made in God's Temple. Jesus, of course, is perfectly aware of the dangers in giving a straight answer. He accuses them of gross hypocrisy in setting this trap. They have no desire to know the answer. They have their own answers already. Their only intention is to lay a trap for Jesus to hang himself with. Jesus asks them to show him a coin. He asks to know whose image and what is the inscription on it. The head was that of Tiberius Caesar, the Roman emperor of the day.

We all are, in some way, the citizens of two kingdoms: citizens of the political territory where we belong and citizens in God's Kingdom. As Jesus says, they both require certain loyalties from us. We all depend to a large extent on our civil government. In modern times very few people can supply their own water, electricity, telephone system. There are many other services which only a civil authority can provide, such as education, hospitals, roads, welfare services for the unemployed, the handicapped, the elderly...

It is obvious that if these services are to continue and even be improved they require the cooperation and support of the community at large. We do this for the most part through paying taxes. Taxes are not just a necessary evil. In a just administration they are our contribution to making the services we take for granted available. In a just tax system,

too, we help to spread more evenly the wealth of the community so that each one has access to what they need for a life of human dignity. There are many other ways, too, in which we can give our support to raising the quality of life in the community. All of this can be seen as “giving to Caesar what belongs to Caesar”.

Today’s Gospel makes it very clear that we have two responsibilities: to the government of our country or territory and to God. Where both are in harmony there will be no conflict. Wherever there is immoral or unjust behaviour against people’s dignity and rights, then there has to be conflict. Such conflict is not always bad. On the contrary, it is because of creative conflict that our society makes progress. Provided we always act in a positive and creative way, “speaking the truth in love” (Ephesians 4:15), then the flawed kingdoms that men build can, in time, become the Kingdom of God. As a famous dissident – and martyr, St Thomas More, said: “The King’s good servant, but God’s first.”



TO OUR WONDERFUL GRANDPARENTS & GRAND FRIENDS you are invited to join St Pat’s students and staff at school for a special Grandparent’s Day. Friday 27th October, Mass starts at 9.15am, then join the school for morning tea in the hall. Afterwards you are welcome to then go into our classrooms and play some cards or board games. This year we are also having ‘Wear Red for Daniel’ on the same day. This day is about promoting child safety. You are welcome to wear an item of red along with our students.

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

ST PATRICK’S SCHOOL NEWS: Giving Mass 10th November 9am

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.

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 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 June Douch, 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

MONTH OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY -This week we pray for our leaders’ understanding of the importance of marriage: that they will act to protect God’s plan for marriage and family life. 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 for more information.

HENRY OLONGA TO VISIT BEGA. Henry has an amazing story to tell. He was the first black African cricketer to represent Zimbabwe. He protested about inequality in Zimbabwe and had to leave his career in cricket, and his country. Henry & his amazing voice have been featured on “Songs of Praise”. He is visiting Bega with Anglican Aid and telling us about some projects in Africa. *Wednesday 25th October at 7.30 pm, Sapphire Coast Anglican College.*

NEW PARISH APPOINTMENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE:
Parish Priests
 Fr Luke Verrell—Bega
 Fr Loi Vivovicente—North Belconnen,
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 Fr Pale Leota—Pambula/Merimbula
 Fr Simon Falk—South Belconnen,
 St Matthew’s & St Vincent de Paul
 Fr James Antony—South Tuggeranong
 Fr Michael Lim—Weston Creek
Assistant Priests
 Fr Andrew Lotton—St Christopher’s Cathedral
 Fr Joshua Scott—Central Canberra
 Fr James Onoja—Cooma
 Fr Lolesio Gisa—Goulburn
 Fr George Ogah—Tumut
 Fr Varghese Assin—Young

MEET FR LUKE. Fr Luke Verrell will be visiting Bega on 27th Nov-3rd Dec. There will be a cuppa in the school hall after the 9:30 Sunday mass. Please bring a plate to share.

SAVE THE DATE: In 2018 we will celebrate 100 years since the founding of St Clements and will have the Pope’s Ambassador, Archbishop Adolfo Yllana leading us. Keep October 14, 2018 free.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE
 hosted by:
 Bob & Yvonne Sixsmith
 23rd - 29th October
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