

Rosporial Psalm. In you, Lord, I have found my peace

Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, alleluia!
You have one Father, your father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Just as the Father sent me and I have life because of the Father,
So whoever feeds me shall have life because of me, says the Lord

ROSTERS - 11th/12th Nov 2017
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

BEGA SUN 9:30	
<i>Commentator</i>	F McNaught
<i>Readers</i>	B O'Reilly, J Scott-Pegum
<i>Gifts</i>	B Burton
<i>Cleaners</i>	Rachel & Tony Healey
<i>Counters</i>	V Northcott & B Burton
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan & Choir
<i>Acolyte</i>	David Grainger
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	M Rheinberger, R Healey J Morrow, C Sullivan



WISE WORDS: Pride is concerned with *who* is right. Humility is concerned with *what* is right. - Ezra T Benson

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 - 9th November

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Most Catholics think of St. Peter's as the pope's main church, but they are wrong. St. John Lateran is the pope's church, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome where the Bishop of Rome presides.

The first basilica on the site was built in the fourth century when Constantine donated land he had received from the wealthy Lateran family. That structure and its successors suffered fire, earthquake, and the ravages of war, but the Lateran remained the church where popes were consecrated until the popes returned from Avignon in the 14th century to find the church and the adjoining palace in ruins.

Pope Innocent X commissioned the present structure in 1646. One of Rome's most imposing churches, the Lateran's towering facade is crowned with 15 colossal statues of Christ, John the Baptist, John the Evangelist, and 12 doctors of the Church. Beneath its high altar rest the remains of the small wooden table on which tradition holds St Peter himself celebrated Mass.

Unlike the commemorations of other Roman churches, this anniversary is a feast. The dedication of a church is a feast for all its parishioners. In a sense, St. John Lateran is the parish church of all Catholics, because it is the pope's cathedral. This church is the spiritual home of the people who are the Church

On a lighter note: Health and Safety - the things that we are no longer allowed to do.



Changing lights using ingenious ladder combinations



31st Sunday—Year A

5th November 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 ARE COMING very near the end of the Church year. We are also coming to the end of Matthew's Gospel where there is a growing conflict between Jesus and the religious leaders of his people. But there is no conflict with the ordinary people who are delighted and amazed at the words and actions of Jesus.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



The readings today contain serious attacks on the religious leadership. The prophet Malachi in the First Reading says: "You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching... And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration."

It is important to note that, in the Gospel, Jesus is not making an attack on all the Pharisees and all spiritual leaders. We know that there were some very good Pharisees. Generally speaking, the Pharisees were among the most observant and devout of Jews. Nicodemus, the man who came to see Jesus by night, was a Pharisee. What Jesus was attacking was not specific people so much as a certain arrogant and hypocritical way of thinking and acting, of which some people in his time were guilty.

Jesus attacks this mentality in two areas. **A.** He says the teaching of the Scribes and Pharisees should be followed because they are simply handing on the truths of their faith. But their behaviour is a different matter altogether; this should not be imitated. They create a double standard — they say one thing and do another. **B.** The second criticism is of those in authority who claim special privileges: the wearing of special and distinct uniforms, the expectation that they are deserving of certain perks — not having to pay for certain services, company car, executive dining room, even special toilets...



The point Jesus wants to make is that only God himself as the source of all life has the right to titles of Lordship or authority. Secondly, only those are truly great who are totally at the service of their brothers and sisters. You are not great because you wear special clothes; you are not great because someone carries a cross or a mace in front of you; you are not great because people step back to let you go first; you are not great because you arrive in a chauffeur-driven limousine or appear regularly on the television news.

You are great when, whoever you are, you use your God-given talents to benefit the people around you. If you are not doing that you are not great in any sense of the word. It is easy to read today's Gospel and start pointing fingers at others but it is important that we see how it applies in my own life. The Gospel is always addressed to ME. And today I need to hear what it is saying to me now. Of course, I can

point a criticising finger at all the officials I know, political, religious or otherwise, but am I so different? How often do I stand on ceremony? How touchy am I about how people treat me, especially if I have some title or responsibility, even if just that of a parent or schoolteacher? Respect cannot be demanded but only earned.

Today's Gospel, addressed to all of us, calls for integrity and honesty, where there is no pulling of rank, no demand for respect or privilege or a hearing, no double standards but a deep sense of equality and mutual respect, a desire to serve, to share what we have and are for the benefit all.



*Congratulations to:
Vince Pook & Sharon Buenayentura
Married on the 4th November*



*Baptisms This Weekend:
Alexandria Louise Pook*

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL NEWS: Giving Mass 10th November 9am. Kinder 2018 Orientation Dates: 15th, 22nd, 29th November.

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

LUMEN CHRISTIE YEAR 7, 2018 ORIENTATION DAY - Friday 24th Nov, 9am-3:20pm. Students wear their primary sports uniform and runner. Bring a pencil case, recess, lunch, drink & hat. Please note a sausage sizzle will also be held at lunchtime.

ADVENT DAILY REFLECTIONS BOOKLET—Now available—Cost \$4.50.

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 Edith McDonald, Gladys Evans, Kim Hopkins, Fr John Airey James Scott, June Douch, Gladys Hankinson, Kevin Ryan, Lydia Crowe, Barry Savage, Loretta McDonald

ANNIVERSARIES Max Heffernan, John Bateman, Kevin Russell, Cec Berman, Ada Wilds, Leo Bateman, Monica Brown, Margaret Bateman, Dulcie Heffernan,

RICKY'S PLACE is still firing away after 8 years. We serve tasty, nutritious meals twice a week. We are always looking for new (or returning) volunteers to come on board. Shifts include: Monday prep: 1 – 3:30pm; Monday serving/clean up: 5 – 7pm; and Friday 9 – 2 or any hours you can manage: Friday 12:30 – 3pm for cleaning kitchen/hall. Please contact Sharon Zweck 0429699493 or St. Johns Anglican church office 64925555 for more details about how you can get involved.”

“**ONE HEART AND ONE SOUL**” a Christian tour to India in February 2018, Bookings will be closing shortly. Please contact Marie Fonseca the organiser on 02 9344 0523 or 0418 265117, Email: info@spiceodyssey.net.au Website: www.spiceodyssey.net.au to download a flyer.

GRIEF TO GRACE – HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABUSE - A spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. *13 April 2018*. Contact Anne: info@griefftoGrace.org.au or 0407704539. Vistt www.griefftoGrace.org

THE CURRENT OF GRACE-11 November. A day of teaching, worship and prayer led by Archbishop Christopher in the Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin Street, Manuka. BYO lunch with morning tea provided. Mass will be celebrated at 12.15pm in St Christopher's Cathedral. Information Neda: 0415266019; Sandra 0405692999; Susanna 0419902293

2018 SOCIAL JUSTICE DIARY—Parishioners are invited to join in the diocesan bulk order of the **2018 Social Justice** diary on the theme: an inclusive and sustainable economy. Cost: \$5.60 each. Contact Mike Cassidy: Social.Justice@cg.org.au or 0412 145 088 by 15th November

FR. MICHAEL'S FARWELL

The PPC are making plans to farewell and thank Fr Michael before Christmas. If you would like to contribute to a gift a special account has been opened and you can make a direct deposit if you wish.

BSB: 802124

A/C no: 100085724

Ref: Betty O'Brien

For more information see Betty O'Brien.

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.

Fr. Luke Verrell grew up in Queanbeyan and joined the Good Shepherd Seminary in 2005. He was ordained a priest in December 2013 by Archbishop Christopher and has served as an assistant priest in Corpus Christi Parish, Tuggeranong and the Immaculate Conception Parish Tumut. Fr. Luke's parents live in Narooma and he has a sister (with family) in Canberra and brother in Sydney.

