

Responsorial Psalm. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
 Blessings on the coming of our father David!
 Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon The Lord sits as King for ever.
 The Lord will bless his people with peace.

ROSTERS - 2nd/3rd December 2017
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

BEGA SUN 9:30AM	
<i>Commentator</i>	T & E Tomlinson
<i>Readers</i>	V Northcott, A Woods
<i>Gifts</i>	Woods Family
<i>Cleaners</i>	Bex Gabriel
<i>Counters</i>	T Malone, D Carey
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan & Choir
<i>Acolyte</i>	Tony Healey
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	M Rheinberger, J Morrow J Ubrihien
Casuarina: Pat Platts	
<i>Nursing Home 11am</i>	C Sullivan

WISE WORDS: “Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them” - St Therese of Lisieux

SUNDAY MASS TIMES	
➤ <u>Bemboka</u>	- Saturdays 6pm Vigil Mass
➤ <u>Candelo</u>	- 1st, 3rd & 5th Sat. - 6pm Vigil Mass
➤ <u>Candelo</u>	- 2 nd , 4 th Sunday - 9.30am Mass
➤ <u>Tathra</u>	- Sundays - 7.45am Mass
➤ <u>Bega</u>	- 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	
<u>Bega</u>	Friday, 5.30 - 6.00pm Saturday, 9.30 - 10.00am
<u>Bemboka</u>	before vigil Mass
<u>Candelo</u>	before vigil Mass
<u>Tathra</u>	before Sunday Mass

FEAST DAY - 23rd November
SAINT CLEMENT

Clement of Rome was the third successor of Saint Peter, reigning as pope during the last decade of the first century. He’s known as one of the Church’s five “Apostolic Fathers,” those who provided a direct link between the Apostles and later generations of Church Fathers.


His *First Epistle to the Corinthians* was preserved and widely read in the early Church. This letter from the bishop of Rome to the Church in Corinth concerns a split that alienated a large number of the laity from the clergy. Deploring the unauthorized and unjustifiable division in the Corinthian community, Clement urged charity to heal the rift.

Today many in the Church experience polarization regarding worship, how we speak of God, and other issues. We’d do well to take to heart the exhortation from Clement’s *Epistle*: “Charity unites us to God. It knows no schism, does not rebel, does all things in concord. In charity all the elect of God have been made perfect.”

Rome’s Basilica of St. Clement, one of the city’s earliest parish churches, is probably built on the site of Clement’s home. History tells us that Pope Clement was martyred in either the year 99 or 101.

Saint Clement is the Patron Saint of: Marble Workers; Mariners; Tanners

Prayer of St Thomas Aquinas
 Grant me, O Lord my God,
 A mind to know you,
 A heart to seek you,
 Wisdom to find you,
 Conduct pleasing to you,
 Faithful perseverance in waiting for you,
 And a hope of finally embracing you.
 Amen



Christ the King—Year A

25th 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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TODAY IS THE THIRTY-FOURTH AND FINAL SUNDAY of the liturgical year. Next Sunday we will start a new year with the First Sunday in Advent. As is the custom now, on this last Sunday we celebrate the feast of Jesus Christ our King. All during the past year we have been hearing the Gospel read to us and reflected on in Sunday (and weekday) homilies. Perhaps we have done some prayer reflection of our own. Today somehow sums up all that we have been hearing. The Jesus we have watched going around the towns of Galilee, Samaria and Judea, the Jesus we have watched teaching, healing, consoling, liberating is our Lord and King. He is the visible presence of God in our midst.



The Gospel reading for today is the scene is the final judgement. There will be two kinds of people coming for judgement, described respectively as ‘sheep’ and ‘goats’, the good guys and the bad guys. And how are the good and the bad guys to be distinguished from each other? It is quite obvious that both groups are very surprised at the criteria that Jesus presents.

Speaking first to the sheep, Jesus says: *Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.*

Surprised reaction: The sheep are clearly very surprised. This is obviously not what they were expecting to hear. One gets the impression that they hardly remember doing these things although definitely they had done at least some of them. And certainly they do not remember ever doing anything of the kind for Jesus. “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” Were they even more surprised at the answer they got? “Truly, I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.”

Then turning to the goats, whom he calls “accursed”, he condemns them for not doing any of the things he mentioned above and for not recognising Jesus in their brothers and sisters.

There are a number of things to notice here: none of the things Jesus mentions are religious in nature there is no mention whatever of any commandments being observed or violated people are condemned not for doing actions which were morally wrong but for not doing anything at all the actions are done (or not done) TO Jesus and not just FOR Jesus.

In other words, Jesus is truly present in every person I meet. I am not just nice to this person (whom I may not care about very much) in order to do a “good act” which Jesus will reward and add to my bank account of “good works”. People cannot be used – even for spiritual purposes.

To sum up, Jesus is saying that, if I wish to be counted among the sheep, then I must be an actively loving person, irrespective of the response I get to my love. This is the way God loves me. It is not enough just to fulfil obligations, religious or otherwise. It won't do to say, "I am a good enough Catholic". This is the King I am called to serve. And the way he wants to be served is for me to be filled with care and compassion for brothers and sisters everywhere and especially for those who are furthest from him and those who are not experiencing the abundance with which he has filled this world. I serve by loving those who are materially, socially, psychologically, morally and spiritually poor.

The picture of the Judgement in the Gospel is not meant to fill us with fear and trembling. No, it is a challenge not about the future but about today. The surest way to guarantee that I will be numbered among the sheep is for me to become right now a loving, caring, tolerant, accepting person.

Help me, Lord, to seek and find and respond to you in every person and in every experience of this day. Grant, Lord, that all my thoughts, intentions, actions and responses may be directed solely to your love and service this day.

Today we welcome and celebrate the commissioning of the new & existing members to the Bega Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society



ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL MASS: 8th Dec –Feast of the Immaculate Conception. 9am

LUMEN CHRISTIE YEAR 7, 2018 ORIENTATION DAY - Friday 1st Dec, 9am-3:20pm. Students wear their primary sports uniform and runners. Bring a pencil case, recess, lunch, drink & hat. Please note a sausage sizzle will also be held at lunchtime.

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

PLEASE HELP our counters by NOT folding notes before placing them into the PG envelopes. Notes now go through a counting machine at the bank and folded notes are a problem. THANK YOU.

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.

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.

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

MENS' GROUP: fortnightly on **Thursdays**
Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997

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 Philip Ward, Dimitry Tiutiunnik (Mary Plevey's father) Joan Talbot, Mary Porrill, Sr M Elizabeth Couch rsj, Edith McDonald

ANNIVERSARIES Cec Berman, Jim Barretts, Patricia Tregurtha, Max Heffernan, John Bateman, Kevin Russell, Cec Berman, Ada Wilds, Leo Bateman, Monica Brown

MASS TIME CHANGES 2ND DECEMBER ONLY

To allow Fr Luke to say Mass in all churches during his visit. Mass on Saturday 2nd December has been changed to:

Bemboka - 5pm
Candelo - 6:30pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL 9TH/10TH DECEMBER



Making dreams come true.

Last Year the Bega Conference distributed 30 ham-pers plus toys and Gift cards to local families in need. We thank you for your continued generosity this Christmas

HEARTSONG AND SPIRIT ALLEGRO combine to sing beautiful music in the spirit of Christmas.
7pm Sat 9 Dec - St Joseph's Catholic Church, Merimbula. 7pm Sun. 10 Dec - St John's Anglican Church, Bega. Entry \$10 or by donation.

SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCATES OF THE SAPPHIRE COAST ROHINGYA CHALLENGE. The advocates are taking donations on behalf of the Red Cross for the Rohingya Refugees. They will match donations up to \$5000 and the Federal Government are matching all Red Cross donations. Donations can be made at the **Bendigo Bank Bega BSB633-000, A/C 157357567**. Please see the poster for more details.

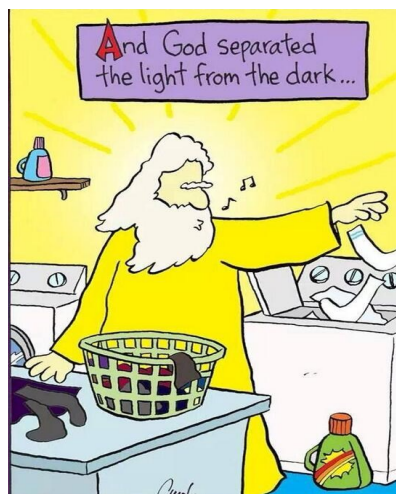
FR. MICHAEL'S FARWELL'S

Bega - Sun 17th Dec after 9.30am Mass
Bemboka - Sat 9th Dec after 6pm Mass
Candelo - Sat 16th Dec after 6pm Mass
Please bring a plate to share

Tathra - Tues 12th Dec - 6pm Beach Café.
Names and money need to be given to Pat by 6th Dec.

Contributions to a gift can be given to Betty O'Brien; sent to the Parish office to be passed on or directly deposited into the following account.

BSB: 802-124 A/C no: 100085724
Ref: Betty O'Brien
For more information see Betty O'Brien.



Christmas Penitential Services:

Sat 9th Dec at Bemboka before 6pm mass.

Tues 19th Dec 7pm second rite at St Patrick's church Bega.

Wed 20th Dec at Tathra after the 9am mass



SAVE THE DATE
St Patrick's Primary School
150th Anniversary
15th—17th March
2019

**REQUIEM MASS FOR
JOAN TALBOT**
Wednesday 29th, 10am
St Patrick's Church
A celebration of the life of our much loved organist.