

Entrance Antiphon God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Responsorial Psalm Lord, on this day I called for help, you answered me.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,
and in that Spirit we called God our Father.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.


ROSTERS - 2nd/3rd August 2025
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 5pm	
Commentator	H Allen
Readers	E Bevitt
Cleaners	

Candelo Sat 5pm	
Commentator	L Thompson
Readers	K Dodds
Cleaners - Aug	Ann Hyam & Nikki Wagner


Tathra Sun 7:45am	
Commentator	David Grainger
Readers	Michael Hergenhan
Cleaners	Marg T & Lee R
Audio-Visual	Paul Gardiner
Eucharistic Ministers	Trish Sly, Jacinta Battista

Bega Sun 9:30am	
Commentator	M Dessmann
Readers	T Tomlinson
Gifts	Volunteer
Music	Matt Heffernan
Acolyte	David Grainger
Eucharistic Ministers	K Rix, B Burton
Nursing Home	F Farrell, A Tarlington



For Sale: Sunday Missal - \$32; Children's Mass Book - \$10. Contact the office or place your order in a marked envelope in the 2nd collection.

St Patrick's Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the rights and dignity of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families & carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all our thinking and actions. Parishioners are encourage to communicate concerns by emailing Fr Adrian, the Parish Office, the Parish Safeguarding Officer or directly to IPSS (ipss@cg.org.au)



17th Ordinary - Year C

St. Patrick's Parish

St. Patrick's, Bega - St. Columba's, Bemboka - St. Joseph's Candelo Star of the Sea, Tathra.


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We acknowledge the Djirringanj People, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon & cared for this land for thousands of years. We pay our respect to Elders past, present & emerging. We acknowledge & respect their continuing culture & the contribution they make to the life of the Bega Valley.

Trust in Prayer


Staying with the important theme of prayer, this week's extract from Luke brings the teaching on prayer that accompanied the giving of the Our Father. In Luke, Jesus teaches this prayer because the disciples have asked for his help. The form of the prayer is the short one, as opposed to the longer version in Matthew which was adopted by the church as the version for use in the liturgy. In its short form we see even more clearly how this simple prayer has all that we need.



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We praise God as Father, we acknowledge that we want what he wants and that we trust him to look after us. We also recognise our need for forgiveness and our willingness to forgive. Finally we ask that in the life of faith we will not have to endure anything that would cause us to lose that faith. In what follows, Jesus uses the images of the unwilling friend and the caring parent to make us think about the relationship with God that should lie behind our prayer.

God is the loving Father and in giving us the Holy Spirit he is holding back nothing. Today's gospel is about prayer and in it Jesus encourages his followers to persevere in prayer and not to lose heart. The unanswered request and the door that remains shut are not unusual experiences for people who pray. Indeed we can be left wondering why our prayers are not answered. Is it because we lack faith or worse still because of our sins? At such times we need to remember that Christian prayer is not about magic nor is it an elaborate heavenly lottery. Being baptised means that we share in the dying and rising of Christ, not just once but many times on our way home to the Father. Prayer teaches us about what is really important and, while it does not always take away our pain, through it we can come to understand a little better how and where God is at work in our lives. *Sean Goan.*



World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

'Blessed are those who have not lost hope'

Parish News: ✦ The Archdiocesan IT changer over continues with minor disruptions. If you don't receive an answer to an email you sent, please resend.
 ✦ The work on the confessional in Bega to reconfigure for anonymous confessions continues. ✦ The Parish office is open again Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am-2pm. Thank you for your patience.



Vinnies Winter Appeal July: *Homelessness is never a choice!* Thank you to all who have already contributed to this vital appeal. If you still wish to contribute envelopes are available at the entrance of the church all July. They can be dropped into the Bega Store or placed into the 2nd collection. Thank you for your generosity.



St Patrick's Primary Enrolling now. All grades including kinder 2026. For further details and to book an appointment contact the school office 6492 5500.

School Masses Term 3: ✦ St Mary of the Cross, Friday 8th August 9:15am
 ✦ Feast of the Assumption, Friday 15th August, 9:15am. *All Welcome*

RCIA: if you are interested in becoming a Catholic please contact Father Adrian.



St Mary Mackillop Pilgrimage 9th August. Walk starts at 11am. Mass at 12noon. Reconciliation will be available during the walk. For inquiries, email woodb4922@gmail.com

Prayer event for National Vocations

Awareness: 5th August, Sacred Heart, Pearce. Rosary at 5:10pm, Mass at 5:30pm, followed by Adoration and prayers for vocations until 7pm. All Welcome.

Upcoming Ordinations: 5th September 6pm. Please prayer for Deacon Joseph Nivaskaran MGL & Deacon Michael Last MGL

You're Invited - after mass

- ✦ *Tathra* - Breakfast 2nd Sunday of the Month
 - ✦ *Bega* - Morning Tea last Sunday of the Month
- All Welcome. Please bring a friend.**

Wise Words:

Physical condition or advancing age are not obstacles to a perfect life. God does not look at external things but at the Soul.
 - Pope John Paul II

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation
Bega Saturday, 9.40 - 10am
Bemboka before vigil Mass
Candelo before vigil Mass
Tathra before Sunday Mass

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Sunday Mass Times

- *Bemboka* - Saturdays - 5pm Vigil
- *Candelo* - Saturdays - 5pm Vigil 1st, 3rd, 5th
 - Sundays - 9:30am liturgy 2nd, 4th
- *Tathra* - Sundays - 7.45am Mass
- *Bega* - Sundays - 9.30am Mass
 - 4th Sunday- 9:30am Family Mass

Weekdays

- Tuesday 4.00pm Bega Chapel
- Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.
- Thursday 9.15am Bega Chapel
- *Hillgrove House 3rd Thursday 3pm*
- Friday 9.15am Bega Chapel
 4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
- Saturday 9.15am Bega Church

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kath Lindwall, Sue Gardiner, Michael Guthrie

ANNIVERSARIES Ann Farrell, Tony Dessmann, Joseph van dam Nguyen, Malcolm & Patricia McCambridge

29th - Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus. Previously the memorial of St Martha, this memorial of Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus was established by Pope Francis in 2021
30th - St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 390-450. Remembered for his eloquent sermons, his loyalty to the bishop of Rome, and his pastoral zeal
31st - St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest 1491-1556. A Spanish nobleman trained in diplomacy & the use of arms, wounded in battle against the French. The experience of conversion while convalescing led him to write the Spiritual Exercises.
1st Aug - St Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1696-1787. A lawyer before ordination. Foundingikea the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists).
2nd - St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop 300-371. He was exiled by the emperor Constantius because of his opposition to Arianism, suffered many hardships, but was eventually restored to his diocese.
2nd - St Peter Julian Eymard, Priest 1811-1868. Remembered for his lifelong devotion to Christ's eucharistic presence and for promoting eucharistic adoration among priests and people.



Minute Meditations - God Desires Communion with Us

Is prayer multiple times a day for everyone? I don't know. Nor do I know whether it is, in fact, even possible for everyone to carve out that many times a day. Some individuals' lives are too complicated and demanding, but I believe that those individuals are rare. In fact, I'm hard-pressed to think if I know one such person. If God is a maybe—or even just a good idea—then it makes sense to pray a little in the morning and whisper prayers here and there through the day. But if God is God and desires to be in communion with me, then the only thing that makes even a particle of sense is to pursue God 24/7 and drop everything to enjoy that sweet, delicious honour. Prayer is astonishing. It is the most outrageous and enlivening thing we can do.

- from St. Anthony Messenger's "How to Fit Prayer into a Busy Life" by Linda McCullough Moore

Prayer for the Fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

'Blessed are those who have not lost hope' (Sir 14:2)

How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord!
 Help us to continue our pilgrimage through time, animated by the hope that comes from You! Help us in this divisive world, to bring the hope of communion.
 Help us in this world, wounded by wars, to bring the hope of peace.
 Help us in this world, which is dehumanizing, to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.
 Help us to be, for our grandchildren, for our loved ones and for everyone we meet, the memory of your tenderness.
 Help us to bring, in a world distracted from You, the Hope of a new life that only You can give!
 For in You, Lord, nothing is lost For in You, Lord, everything begins again! Amen

