

**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** The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!  
 A great prophet has appeared among us;  
 God has visited his people.  
 Alleluia!

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

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| <b>ROSTERS - 3rd/4th August 2024</b><br>Please arrange a swap if you are not available |                             |
| <b>Bemboka Sat 5pm</b>   |                             |
| <i>Commentator</i>   | G Bevitt                    |
| <i>Readers</i>   | E Bevitt                    |
| <i>Cleaners</i>  |                             |
| <b>Candelo Sat 5pm</b>   |                             |
| <i>Commentator</i>   | L Thompson                  |
| <i>Readers</i>   | K Dodds                     |
| <i>Cleaners - Aug</i>  | A Hyam & N Wagner           |
| <b>Tathra Sun 7:45am</b>   |                             |
| <i>Commentator</i>   | David Grainger              |
| <i>Readers</i>   | Michael Hergenhan           |
| <i>Cleaners</i>  | Margaret T & Lee R          |
| <i>Audio-Visual</i>  | Paul Gardiner               |
| <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>   | Trish Sly, Jacinta Battista |
| <b>Bega Sun 9:30am</b>   |                             |
| <i>Commentator</i>   | Mel Ferris                  |
| <i>Readers</i>   | M Scott, A Twyford          |
| <i>Gifts</i>   | Volunteer                   |
| <i>Counters</i>  | Danni & Mary                |
| <i>Music</i>   | Matt Heffernan              |
| <i>Acolyte</i>   | Sean McCambridge            |
| <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>   | D Koenigkamp, C Tarlinton   |
| <i>Nursing Home</i>  | A Tarlinton, F Farrell      |
| <b>Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation</b>   |                             |
| <i>Bega</i>  | Saturday, 9.40 - 10am       |
| <i>Bemboka</i>   | before vigil Mass           |
| <i>Candelo</i>   | before vigil Mass           |
| <i>Tathra</i>  | before Sunday Mass          |

**St. Pat's Choir** practices Thurs 5.15—6pm  
 Contacts Mary 0428 471 012 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.


**ROSARY - all are welcome.**  
*Tathra* - 7:20am before Sunday Mass  
*Bega* - 9am before Sunday Mass

**MENS' GROUP:** 2nd & 4th Thursdays  
 St Patrick's Church.  
 Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997

**St Patrick's Sacramental Programme**  
*Baptisms*—During Mass, 1 month notice  
*Reconciliation*—26th May 2024  
*First Communion* - 25th August 2024  
*Weddings*—by appoint, 6 months notice req.  
 Please contact the Parish Office.

**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. **Bulletin & Forms** can be found on the website

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 B**

# St. Patrick's Parish

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

**28th July 2024**

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Fr. Adrian Chan. Parish Priest.  
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 Hrs 9-2 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*  
 Safeguarding, Mrs. Emma Grant, [Bega.Safeguarding@cg.org.au](mailto:Bega.Safeguarding@cg.org.au)  
 St. Patrick's School, Bega. Mrs. Jo Scott-Pegum (Principal) 6492 5500  
 Lumen Christi Catholic College, Pambula. Mr. Shane Giles 6495 8888

*We acknowledge the Yuin 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 and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of the Bega Valley.*



**Word made Flesh**

For the next five Sundays we set aside our reading of the gospel of Mark to devote attention to John 6 and the Bread of Life discourse. The fourth gospel differs from the others in many respects and one is the way in which the evangelist teases out the implications of Jesus' actions through long discussions in which the participants are being asked to consider in depth the symbolism behind his deeds. The multiplication of the loaves and fishes is the only miracle story that John shares with the other gospels, though he calls them signs because of his desire to highlight not so much the power of Jesus but his identity. The signs point to who he is as the one sent by the Father. John's account of this differs in some small ways. He tells us these events take place just before the feast of Passover and thereby invites us to make a connection with that founding story of the Israelites when God fed them in the wilderness. He also notes that the boy brings five 'barley loaves' which was the bread of the poor. Finally, we are told that twelve baskets of scraps are gathered up so that nothing may be lost. Here it is possible to see a symbolism referring to Jesus' desire to gather to himself the new people of God.

It is not given to us to perform miracles like Elisha and Jesus but perhaps that is as it should be. In a world where there is so much need, we have a great deal to give. It may not seem like much to us but when it is shared it becomes more than we can ever imagine. The miracles worked by Jesus and Elisha needed someone to come along and offer what they had. God still needs us to do the same and still guarantees that if we do, things will happen! That we are reading from John over the next few weeks is an invitation to realise that while all the gospels proclaim Jesus, they do so differently. This means that we need to read them differently so that we can get the most from what the evangelist is trying to say. Very early on in the tradition of the church, John's was called the 'spiritual gospel' because from the beginning it was recognised that he was challenging us to think very deeply about the mystery of the Word made flesh.

*Sean Goan*

*17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**Vinnies News: Winter Appeal.** Sunday's in July. Please help our local vinnies support our local community this winter. Envelopes available at the church entrance. They can be returned via the 2nd collection or directly to the shop in Bega.

**Maintenance Works Update:** The Builders have now moved into Bega church. The church is still available for weekend worship but now not accessible during the week. Parts will be fenced off as the work progresses. Thank you for following the directions when using the building.

**St Patrick's Primary Enrolments** Now being taken for kinder 2025. There are places available in all classes. Please contact the office for more information. 6492 5500 or office.bega@cg.catholic.edu.au



**Annual Eden Mary Mackillop Pilgrimage.** Saturday 3rd August. 11am Walk; Mass 12noon; 1pm lunch. To book for lunch: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1228948?> Please call Sue Heffernan 0405 251 947 with dietary needs. For more information <http://cg.org.au/pambula/Home.aspx>

**Christ Our Firm Foundation Retreat.** 10th August 10AM. Queanbeyan parish Retreat open to all. Queanbeyan parish Retreat. Men and women (ages +18+) are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia. The day will focus on renewing the foundations of the spiritual life and will include Talks, a Holy Hour, Confession and a time of Fellowship.

**National Vocations Week** 4- 11 August. During National Vocations Week. An Archdiocesan Vocations Holy Hour will be held at St. Christopher's Cathedral on Tuesday 6th August (Feast of the Transfiguration) It will include Adoration, Evening Prayer and Rosary.

**You're Invited**

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

**Fr Adrian Contact:** Mobile: 0411 676 064  
Email: [Adrian.Chan@cg.org.au](mailto:Adrian.Chan@cg.org.au)

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Harmony Morrow, Marie Busby, Jean Ubrihien

**ANNIVERSARIES** Barney & Nora Sheehan, Liz Coman, Anthony Dessmann, Eunice Tarlinton, Marie Rheinberger

**PRAYERS** Marina Peric,

**Feasts Days this Week**

- 29<sup>th</sup> - Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus.** Previously the memorial of St Martha, this memorial of Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus was established by Pope Francis in 2021
- 30<sup>th</sup> - St Peter Chrysologus,** Bishop & Doctor of the Church. Ca 380-450. Remembered for his eloquent sermons, his loyalty to the bishop of Rome, and his pastoral zeal
- 31<sup>st</sup> - St Ignatius of Loyola,** Priest 1491-1556. Remembered for his loyalty to the Church and its renewal, his ministry to the marginal, his concern for education, and his dedication "to the greater glory of God," the motto of the Jesuits
- 1<sup>st</sup> Aug - St Alphonsus Ligouri,** Bishop & Doctor of the Church 1696-1787. Remembered as a popular preacher and devotional writer and as an influential master of moral theology.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - St Eusebius of Vercelli,** Bishop ca 300-371. Remembered for his preaching, his doctrinal orthodoxy, and his defence of Saint Athanasius.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - 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
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - St Dominic,** Priest 1170-1221. Remembered as a preacher, organiser, and patron of learning

**Parish Office.** Due to presbytery building works the office is accessible via the kitchen door. Please follow the green signs and use the temporary doorbell.



**Minute Meditations - A Fountain of Love and Light**

Light is at the heart of Bonaventure's spiritual vision. Bonaventure's God is a fountain of love and light. Christ is the light of the world, illuminating and freeing our spirits to solidarity with and service to humankind, grounded in unity with God. The beginning of the Gospel of John joins theology, spirituality, and practice. In this spirit, Bonaventure describes God's light shining in all things, a fountain of light and love, an inexhaustible stream flowing through creation. Our lives, like the roots of a tree, are nourished by "an ever-flowing fountain that becomes a great and living river. Contemplate the following words, reading them a few times in silence and noticing where they inspire you today. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.... The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. (John 1:1-5, 9- from *Head, Heart, and Hands: An Introduction to Saint Bonaventure* by Bruce Epperly .