

Rosorial Psalm. Your ways, O Lord, are love & truth to those who keep your covenant

Gospel Acclamation. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon One does not live by bread alone,
But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

ROSTERS - 24th/25th February 2018
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

BEGA SUN 9:30
Commentator K Summerell
Readers V Northcott, A Woods
Gifts Jean Ubrhien
Cleaners V Northcott
Counters V Northcott & B Burton
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte Sean McCambridge
Eucharistic Ministers A Tarlinton, B Tygh
J Taylor, M Twyford

WISE WORDS: The grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference.
Thomas Merton



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 9.15am Bega
4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
Saturday 9.00am Bega

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

Bega Friday, 5.30 - 6.00pm
Saturday, 9.30 - 10.00am
Bemboka before vigil Mass
Candelo before vigil Mass
Tathra before Sunday Mass

FEAST DAY - 22nd February

THE CHAIR OF ST PETER

This feast commemorates Christ's choosing Peter to sit in his place as the servant-authority of the whole Church. After the "lost weekend" of pain, doubt, and self-torment, Peter hears the Good News. The disciples were slow to realize the resurrection, waiting fearfully behind locked doors until "Peace be with you," and they rejoiced.

The Pentecost event completed Peter's experience of the risen Christ. He at once becomes the spokesman for the 12 about their experience of the Holy Spirit—before the civil authorities who wished to quash their preaching, before the Council of Jerusalem, for the community in the problem of Ananias and Sapphira. He is the first to preach the Good News to the Gentiles and the healing power of Jesus in him is well attested.

Even a saint experiences difficulty in Christian living. When Peter stopped eating with Gentile converts because he did not want to wound the sensibilities of Jewish Christians, Paul says, "...I opposed him to his face because he clearly was wrong. ... [T]hey were not on the right road in line with the truth of the gospel..."

Jesus even indicated the sort of death by which Peter was to glorify God. On Vatican Hill, in Rome, during the reign of Nero, Peter did glorify his Lord with a martyr's death, probably in the company of many Christians.

A small memorial was built over his burial spot. In the 4th century, the Emperor Constantine built a basilica, 1200 years later it was replaced.

Like the committee chair, this chair refers to the occupant, not the furniture. Its first occupant stumbled a bit, denying Jesus three times and hesitating to welcome gentiles into the new Church. Some of its later occupants have also stumbled a bit, sometimes even failed scandalously. As individuals, we may sometimes think a particular pope has let us down. Still, the office endures as a sign of the long tradition we cherish and as a focus for the universal Church.



1st Lent —Year B

18th February 2018

St. Patrick's Parish

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

Fr. Luke Verrell. Parish Priest.
Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.

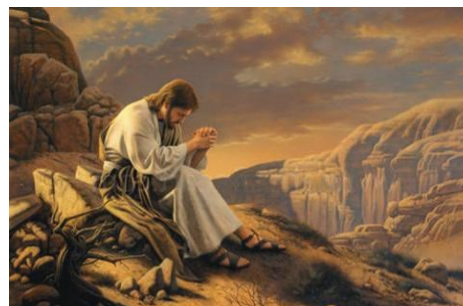
Hrs 9-1 Tuesday, 9- 3 Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*
St. Patrick's School, Bega. Mrs. Jo Scott-Pegum (Principal) 6492 5500
Lumen Christi Catholic College, Pambula. Mr. Steve Centra 6495 8888

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The First Sunday of Lent

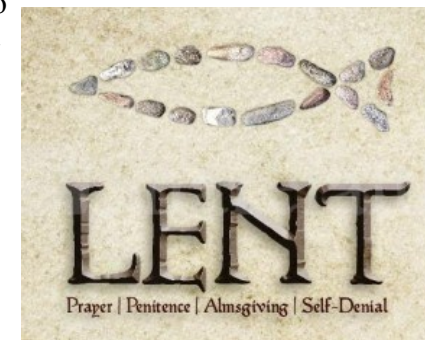


The Gospel is from St. Mark 1:12-15. The scene of the temptation, which opens the public life of Jesus, declares in the Gospels in a very forceful manner the great change in our lives that He introduces into the world by His work of redemption. Where Adam fell, Christ, the new Head of humanity, triumphs over the power of Satan: at the time of His passion "the prince of this world" will be cast out. The Gospel of the temptation heralds Christ's victory.



The Lord's suffering hunger, loneliness, and humiliation at the hands of his enemy in the desert was the beginning of his atonement for us and for our sins. He was the Son of God and his home was heaven, but he left it for a while to assume human nature, so that he could through his humiliations and sufferings bring us to share his eternal home with him.

As we enter the season of Lent we can all keep the last verse of today's reading before our minds with great profit. "Repent and believe in the gospel." This is the essence, the marrow, of Christ's teaching. Turn away from sin and come back to God. Anyone who believes in the gospel, who believes that there is an everlasting life after death prepared by God for all those who do his will while on earth, should not find it hard to give up offending that loving God who thinks so much of him. This life is only a passing shadow, every step we take, every breath we breathe is bringing us nearer to our earthly end and to the grave. But the believing Christian knows the grave is not the end. Rather, is it the beginning of the true life—provided we use this passing shadow, these few years properly.



ST PATRICK'S NEWS - St Patrick's Day Mass Friday 16th March 2pm.
 Coles sport for schools vouchers can be placed in the 2nd collection to be passed onto the school.




PROJECT COMPASSION boxes and envelopes are available at the church entrance.

PREPARE FOR THE SUNDAY MASS READINGS - A small group meets on Tuesday evenings in Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Tathra at 7pm each week to take time to appreciate the coming Sunday Readings more fully. The gathering goes no longer than one hour and you can attend when you can. No permanent commitment. If you have a Sunday Mass book or a bible, bring it along but it is not necessary. All welcome!

AN ITALIAN DREAM - Catholic Voice talks to Dominic Lenarduzzi as he heads towards his cycling dream. OUT NOW in the February Edition. Grab your copy at Mass or online: <http://cgatholic.org.au/catholic-voice>


EX STUDENTS OF ST VINCENT'S COLLEGE, POTTS POINT - Are invited to help the College celebrate 160 years of educational excellence. Current, past and future students, families and staff are invited to join in the celebration, to recognise achievements and to look forward to the future. In order to reach as many people as possible, the college is calling on past students and staff to update their contact details, complete the Census and spread the word. The Census is available online. www.vinniescensus.nsw.edu.au

Celebrating the Life of
Nat Sears
Requiem Mass
St Patrick's
Tuesday 20th 11am.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS - LENT

Bega - Fridays 5:30pm at the outdoor stations.
Candelo - Tuesday 7pm
Tathra - **Good Friday**, 10am.



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.



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

St. Pat's Choir practices Thurs 5.15—6pm
 Contacts Mary 64921850 or Matt 0429 338 348.

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.

ST PATRICK'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2018

Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice
First Reconciliation—7th November
First Eucharist—31st May
Weddings—by appointment, 6 months notice required.
 Please contact the Parish Office.

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION GROUP
 Tuesday at 7pm Star of the Sea Tathra.
 All Welcome.

RECENTLY DECEASED Nat Sears, Bonnie Sinn, Betty Carriage, Beryl Moloney, Jill Lawler

ANNIVERSARIES Denise Mulligan, Anne Sixsmith, Basil Rose, Clare Johnston, Catherine Rose, Pam Collins, Carrie, Eric & Neville Turnbull, Alan Hanscombe

In Nepal, a Caritas Australia supported program has helped Janaki turn her life of poverty and disadvantage around. She is now running her own successful sewing business and has become a role model in her community.

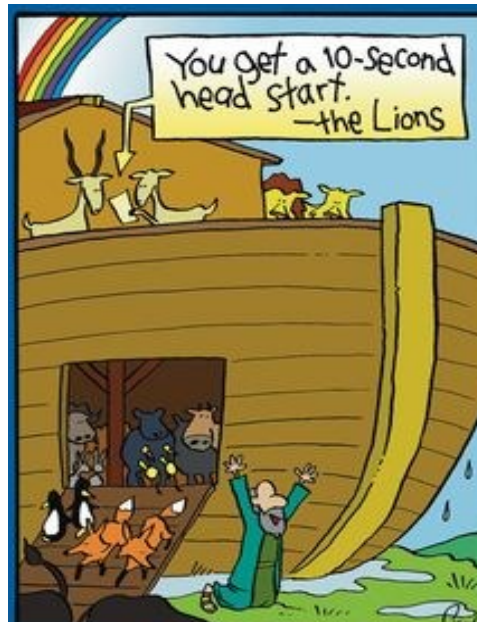


Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and empower vulnerable young people like Janaki in Nepal to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

2018 LENTEN MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS - copies are available to read in the Church Entrance.

FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS 2018 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE - Join Fr Gabriel Ezenwa (PP Tweed Heads) on 7 - 20 June 2018 for a 14 day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Take the chronological road of Jesus' life from Bethlehem to Nazareth and Galilee to Jerusalem. Daily Mass. Optional Extension to Petra. If interested, call Harvest Journey today for bookings or for more info 1800 819 156. The price is \$6590.

"HOW TO START, CARRY ON AND END CONVERSATIONS: scripts for social situations for people on the autism spectrum" by Paul Jordan. A book to teach adolescents with autism (its' primary audience) what to think and say in social situations, how to socialise and cope effectively. Available from Amazon and Footprint Books in Sydney for around \$20 per copy. www.footprint.com.au (02) 9997 3973



DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

- Fast from hurting words & say kind words
- Fast from sadness & be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger & be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism & be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries & trust in God.
- Fast from complaints & contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures & be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness & fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness & be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges & be reconciled.
- Fast from words & be silent so you can listen.

Pope Francis