

Rosporial Psalm. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation. Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

ROSTERS - 3rd/4th March 2018

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

BEGA SUN 9:30

Commentator	P Malone
Readers	M Johnston, M Scott
Gifts	B Burton
Cleaners	B Burton & B Tygh
Counters	Collins, Sheedy, McNaught
Music	Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte	Frank Farrell
Eucharistic Ministers	U de Morsier, C Tarlinton E Caragher, C Sullivan
Nursing Home 11am	P Gardiner

WISE WORDS:

Keep the faith. The most amazing things in life tend to happen right at the moment you're about to give up hope.



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	9.15am Bega
3rd Thurs.	11.00am Hillgrove House
Friday	9.15am Bega
	4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
Saturday	9.15am 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 - 2nd March

ST AGNES OF BOHEMIA

Agnes had no children of her own but was certainly life-giving for all who knew her. Agnes was the daughter of Queen Constance and King Ottokar I of Bohemia. She was betrothed to the Duke of Silesia, who died three years later. As she grew up, she decided she wanted to enter the religious life.

She declined marriage to several European Kings, even appealing to Pope Gregory IX for help to enter religious life.

After Agnes built a hospital for the poor and a residence for the friars, she financed the construction of a Poor Clare monastery in Prague. In 1236, she & seven other noblewomen entered this monastery. Saint Clare sent five sisters from San Damiano to join them, and wrote Agnes four letters advising her on the beauty of her vocation and her duties as abbess.

Agnes became known for prayer, obedience and mortification. Papal pressure forced her to accept her election as abbess, nevertheless, the title she preferred was "senior sister." Her position did not prevent her from cooking for the other sisters and mending the clothes of lepers. The sisters found her kind but very strict regarding the observance of poverty; she declined her royal brother's offer to set up an endowment for the monastery. Devotion to Agnes arose soon after her death on March 6, 1282. She was canonized in 1989.

Agnes spent at least 45 years in a Poor Clare monastery. Such a life requires a great deal of patience and charity. The temptation to selfishness certainly didn't vanish when Agnes walked into the monastery. It is perhaps easy for us to think that cloistered nuns "have it made" regarding holiness. Their route is the same as ours: gradual exchange of our standards—inclinations to selfishness—for God's standard of generosity.



2nd Lent —Year B

25th 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.
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The Gospel is from St. Mark 9:2-10. This vision of Christ glorified, given to these Apostles on Mount Tabor (the traditional site of Transfiguration) was surely a very special privilege, and it was one they did not forget. "We saw his glory," St. John says in his gospel, written over sixty years later. In his epistles John also refers to this privilege (1 Jn. 1:1-4). St. Peter, writing from Rome to the churches in Asia Minor about thirty years later, mentions this outstanding experience: "For we were not following fictitious tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when from out the majestic glory a voice came down to him saying: 'this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.' And this voice we ourselves heard borne from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain" (2 Pt. 1:16-18).

The Second Sunday of Lent



Yes, the three Apostles were privileged and we too are sharers in their privilege. The Transfiguration of Christ is but one among many of the incontrovertible proofs of the divine Sonship of Christ which we have in the gospel narratives and in the twenty centuries-long history of the Church which he founded. Were he not divine, that Church would long since have crumbled and fallen under the many vicious assaults from outside which it has undergone, as well as from the many human weaknesses which have beset it from within. But Christ is God and the Church has his divine protection and assistance. Therefore, it will go on to the end of time to continue his work of elevating and redeeming mankind.

This enlightening glimpse of Christ's future glory—a glory in which they would share—was given to these Apostles to strengthen and encourage them in the terrible test of their faith which the passion and death of Jesus would be for them very soon.

Let us thank our divine Lord today, for giving this consoling and encouraging vision of his glory to his Apostles and through them to us. It was for them, and it is for us, a guarantee and a foretaste of the joys and the glory that will be ours for eternity, if we but persevere in our struggles against the world, the flesh and the devil. This struggle is not easy for our weak nature, but our loving Savior is ever beside us to "raise us up and tell us not to fear" if we but rely on him. When we are tempted to give way to our human weaknesses, or to give way under the weight of the crosses that sometimes are about to crush us, let us think of Mount Tabor, and the glorified Jesus, who a few weeks later faced his own real passion and cross cheerfully for our sakes. This thought will help us to carry our crosses as the thought of the future glory which will be ours should make us thank God that we have been created and thank his beloved Son for setting us on the road to that future glory.



Baptisms This Weekend: Finlay Broadbent



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.

CHANGE TO MASS TIMES: Thursday, Friday & Saturday Mass St Patrick's Chapel now **9:15am**

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST - 3rd March 8am St John's Church. Guest speaker - bee keeper Garry Mallard on the extraordinary lives of these important pollinators. All Welcome.

School Reunions: *St Vincent's College, Potts Point.* Ex students are asked to update their contact details at www.vinniescensus.nes.edu.au Soon to celebrate 160 years. *Chanel College Geelong.* 60th Anniversary Reunion for students of **THE MARIST FATHERS ERA [1958-1970]**. For details email chanel.geelong@gmail.com or PO Box 3069 Geelong West 3218

FOR SALE: available from the Parish office: Bibles - \$16; Sunday Missal - \$32. Contact the office or place your order in a marked envelope in the 2nd collection.



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

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

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.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED Frank Bryne, 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

PLEASE PRAY FOR Owen Whitby who has been involved in a tractor accident and is in serious condition in Canberra hospital. Owen is the Son in Law of Kathleen Summerville

Rattanak in Cambodia contracted polio as a child and also became deaf. The Deaf Development Program, supported by Caritas Australia, helped him become a barber and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help deaf youth in Cambodia to build a just future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, 8TH MARCH - Launch of a new initiative to support and encourage women of all ages at Merici College. The national program was devised and is being developed by women, inspired by the words of St Catherine of Siena: "*Be who God wants you to be and you will set the world on fire.*" Find out more at: www.catholicwomensmentoring.org.au

PALMS AUSTRALIA is a Catholic agency who prepare volunteers for missions in overseas vulnerable communities for up to 3 years. If you are a qualified and/or experienced professional, trades and business person willing to volunteer as a mentor to local communities building their capacity through skill-transfer, please go to <https://www.palms.org.au/volunteer/current-opportunities/> for more information.

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FAITH CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS!



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PSALM FOR A PRAYERFUL HEART

O God,
Draw me into your presence during this Lenten season.
Show me how to quiet my thoughts & bring my ceaseless activity to a standstill.
Let silence & solitude enfold me so that I can attend to the stirrings of my own heart & listen for your voice.
Deliver me from the temptation to run away when shadowy images emerge for you are found in both the dark & luminous experience of life.
May my prayer enlarge this Lent, thus leading me more fully towards Easter's hope & promise.

Amen