

**Responsorial Psalm.** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

**Gospel Acclamation.** Alleluia, Alleluia!  
The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon** The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

**ROSTERS - 16th/17th June**  
**Please arrange a swap if you are not available**

<b>BEMBOKA SAT 6PM</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	P Bateman
<i>Readers</i>	G Berman
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	Allen
<b>CANDELO SAT 6PM</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	Sharon Heffernan
<i>Readers</i>	R Hopkins
<i>Gifts</i>	Peter & Ann Haesy
<i>Cleaners - June</i>	Paul & Ann Kelly
<b>TATHRA SUN 7:45AM</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	Marie Oakley
<i>Readers</i>	Judith Reid
<i>Gifts</i>	Paul Gardiner
<i>Cleaners</i>	Pat Platts
<i>Wardens</i>	Les Maley, Michael & Edie
<i>Audio-Visual</i>	Pat McRae
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	J Battista, Denise Miller
<b>BEGA SUN 9:30</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	P Malone
<i>Readers</i>	V Northcott, A Woods
<i>Gifts</i>	Woods Family
<i>Cleaners</i>	Rachel & Tony Healey
<i>Counters</i>	T & M Collins
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan & Choir
<i>Acolyte</i>	David Grainger
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	M Rheinberger, U de Morsier
	E Collins, V Coman
<i>Nursing Home</i>	M Twyford

**WISE WORDS:**  
Forgiveness is above all a personal choice, a decision of the heart to go against the natural instinct to pay back evil with evil.  
- Pope John Paul II



**BENEDICTION.**  
**Bega** - 1st Sun. of the Month after 9:30 Mass  
**Tathra** - 1st Wednesday after 9am Mass

**Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation**  
**Bega** Saturday, 9.30 - 10.00am  
**Bemboka** before vigil Mass  
**Candelo** before vigil Mass  
**Tathra** before Sunday Mass

**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.

**ROSARY**  
**Tathra** - 7:20am before Sunday Mass  
**Bega** - 9am before Sunday Mass  
**ALL ARE WELCOME.**

**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 appoint, 6 months notice req.  
Please contact the Parish Office.

**FOR SALE:** Bibles - \$16; 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



**10th Sunday —Year B**

**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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**10th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today marks the first time the Church will celebrate a Sunday of “ordinary time” since February 11th, almost four months ago. In the meantime, of course, we have observed the seasons of Lent, Easter, and the three other great feasts on Sundays: Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi.

Following these celebrations the Church now settles into the long ecclesial season that leads us back to the beginning of the next liturgical year with Advent. While it may seem as though the first reading today from Genesis is therefore a natural place to start our post-Easter reflections - beginning at the beginning - it is actually a coincidence, since the Old Testament readings for ordinary time cover a wide range of topics and historical eras before we hear from Genesis on this tenth Sunday of the season. The focus of the Church is much more intent and systematic on the gospel, and that brings us to the third chapter of Mark where Jesus has been preaching the Kingdom, healing many who were sick, and casting out demons.

Jesus has been exercising his ministry in the region around his home base of Capernaum. Just as he relaxes briefly in the home he used another large crowd arrived including scribes from Jerusalem who assert: “*He is possessed by Beelzebul,*” & “*By the prince of demons he drives out demons.*” These charges sound grasping & even jealous: his enemies are themselves so amazed by what Jesus has been doing that they cannot possibly deny his power; they are reduced, rather, to claiming that his power has a sinister origin. This refusal to see the hand of God at work in Jesus is the fatal mistake that will lead to their condemnation, and that will be the factor determining whether generations of people even to the present day find salvation or condemnation in him.

Jesus himself explains this immediately after he is accused of being in league with evil: he asks rhetorically, “*How can Satan drive out Satan?...if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand; that is the end of him.*” In other words, anyone should be able to see that those who act against evil cannot be in alliance with evil at the same time - thus the scribes’ accusation that Jesus was casting out demons by the prince of demons was ridiculous.

Seeing how his actions were badly misinterpreted by his enemies, Jesus emphasizes what it takes to be his true and faithful disciple: those who attribute his teaching and power to unclean sources have closed themselves off forever from his goodness, but those who hear his word and keep it, even if their efforts are imperfect, are the ones who find in him life, forgiveness, renewal, and redemption. As the Lord himself taught so forcefully: “*looking around at those seated in the circle he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother’.*”

As we forge into the Church year let it be our resolve to turn away from the pattern of sin forecast in Genesis and exemplified by the scribes in the gospel, so that with all God’s holy people we might be numbered among the sisters and brothers of the Lord, saying always with the Psalmist: “*With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.*”

**PLANNED GIVING 2018/2018.** Please collect your envelopes for use from 1st July. Tax receipts will be available mid July. The Second Collection is for the maintenance and growth of our parish, maintenance of school and churches, Liturgical needs, Insurance, and administration. Last year our Insurance for the Church, School and Public Liability was \$38500.

If you are already not using Planned Giving envelopes, please consider taking a box as 20% of your contribution is tax deductible. Contributions can also be made via credit card or direct deposit. Please contact Tanya in the office to discuss these options.

Currently our parish is in a sound financial position thanks to the generosity of our parishioners over many years. However, we are constantly reassessing our position to plan for the future.

PLANNED GIVING COMPARISONS			
History	2nd Collection		Contributors
2011	110138		171
2013	103100		175
2015	99349		149
2017	95600		140
Expenses	Insurance 2005	24000	
	Insurance 2017	38500	

**VINNIES WINTER APPEAL.** 'Give people in need another choice.'

Please use the envelopes available in the church to donate to our local conference. Donations can also be made online at [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) or by phone 13 18 12. PLEASE BE GENEROUS.



**RED CROSS TEAROOMS BEGA.** Helpers are urgently required for Tuesday 19th June, 9am-2pm. Can you help with baking or serving on the day? Please call the School office for more information. 6492 5500.

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND** - 17-19 August. Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Book online at [www.wme.org.au](http://www.wme.org.au) Contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or [adrian.janet1@bigpond.com](mailto:adrian.janet1@bigpond.com) Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

#### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

- Bemboka - Saturdays 6pm Vigil Mass
- Candelo - Saturdays 6pm Vigil 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

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Betty Lomas, Gail Winner, Mick Horne, Sr M Valerian rsj, Beryl Healey, Arthur McDonald, Anthony van den Berg, Myles O'Reilly,

**ANNIVERSARIES** Sarah Bermel, Carrie Turnbull, Neville & Joseph Morrasy, Fr Lloyd, Ellen & Vin Collins, Annie, Richard, Babe, Robert & Louise Heffernan, Eileen & Noel Bateman, Bernard O'Connor, Monica Williams, John Jennings

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Noah Smith - son of Emma & Trent, hospitalised in Sydney, Owen Whitby's continued recovery.

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

**11TH ST BARNABAS, APOSTLE.** One of the first converts, he introduced the twelve to St Paul. Remembered as "a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith" (Acts 11:21).

**13TH ST ANTHONY OF PADUA, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH.**

Remembered and loved as an inspired preacher, a servant of the poor, and a worker of miracles.

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 – Listen to what the Spirit is saying.** Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: *"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"* Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE Departures: 26th August & 11th November.** You are invited for a 14-day Holy Land Pilgrimage (Jordan & Israel) lead by Catholic Priests featuring Petra, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Jericho, Masada, Mt Carmel, Mt Tabor, Mt Nebo & Jerusalem **\$5190**. This fare includes Return Economy Airfare ex-Australia + Twin/Triple Sharing Room in 3 or 4 Star Hotels + All Meals+ Local Transfers in AC Coaches + Catholic Priest + Professional English Speaking Guides. For enquiries & bookings call 1300 721 561 or 040676068. Email [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au). *Quote this bulletin piece and get further \$200 discount for August group.*

