


Responsorial Psalm. Lord it is good to give thanks to you.
Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, Alleluia!
 The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
 all who come to him will live forever.
 Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
 To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.



11th Sunday —Year B
St. Patrick's Parish
St. Patrick's, Bega - St. Columba's, Bemboka - St. Joseph's Candelo
Star of the Sea, Tathra.

17th June 2018

Fr. Luke Verrell. Parish Priest.
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 Hrs 9-3 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*
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ROSTERS - 23rd/24th June
 Please arrange a swap if you are not available

BEMBOKA SAT 6PM
Commentator J Guthrie
Readers M Guthrie
Gifts Green
Cleaners Berman

CANDELO SAT 6PM
Commentator J Coman
Readers Ann Haheys
Gifts Julie Banks
Cleaners - June Paul & Ann Kelly

TATHRA SUN 7:45AM
Commentator Carleen Maley
Readers Paul Gardiner
Gifts Denise & Bernie Miller
Cleaners Les & Carleen Maley
Wardens Peter Preo, Bernard Miller
Audio-Visual Pat Platts
Eucharistic Ministers Denise Miller, Trish Sly

BEGA SUN 9:30
Commentator L Reeve
Readers M Johnston, M Scott
Gifts Tomlinson Family
Cleaners E & P Caragher
Counters C Murphy & T D'Arcy
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte Sean McCambridge
Eucharistic Ministers R Healey, J Taylor
 F Farrell, E Caragher
Nursing Home

WISE WORDS:
 Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe.
 - St Augustine.



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

Today's Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is "how it is with the kingdom of God." A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom.



The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to many.



These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "thy kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.



We Welcome into our Parish Family:

Annika Jennifer Johnston,
Poppie Louise Bland

Baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

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 by phone 13 18 12 or online www.vinnies.org.au or . 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.

LORD, Grant me: eyes that always see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in you, Amen.

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 r sj, Beryl Healey, Arthur McDonald, Anthony van den Berg, Myles O'Reilly,

ANNIVERSARIES Mary van Dieman, Kath Moran, Patricia & Malcolm McCambridge, Sarah Bermel, Carrie Turnbull, Neville & Joseph Morracey, Fr Lloyd, Ellen & Vin Collins, Annie, Richard, Babe, Robert & Louise Heffernan, Eileen & Noel Bateman, Bernard O'Connor, Monica Williams, John Jennings

PLEASE PRAY FOR Owen Whitby's continued recovery.

19TH — ST ROMUALD, ABBOT. Remembered for combining the severe life of a hermit with the Benedictine community rule.

21ST — ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS. Remembered for his youthful ideal of perfection and his determination to achieve it.

22ND — ST PAULINUS OF NOLA, BISHOP. Remembered for his charity and hospitality, for his religious poetry, and for his extensive correspondence with eminent Christians.

22ND — ST JOHN FISHER & ST THOMAS MORE, MARTYRS. Drawn into conflict with Henry VIII, both were imprisoned and beheaded for treason. Remembered for their wide learning, for their devotion to the Church, and for their uncompromising integrity and courage.

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

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

