

Responsorial Psalm. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, Alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.



16th Sunday —Year B

22nd July 2018

St. Patrick's Parish

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

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KINGS AND SHEPHERDS

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hammurabi, a Babylonian King of the 18th century B.C., declared: 'The great gods called me, so I became the beneficent shepherd whose sceptre is righteous; my benign shadow is spread over my city. In my bosom I carried the people of the land - they prospered under my protection; I always governed them in peace; I sheltered them in my wisdom, in order that the strong might not oppress the weak, that justice might be dealt the orphan and the widow'. Already at this early date kings in the ancient Near East were using the image of the shepherd to describe their kingly rule, likening their governance to the strong and tender care a shepherd provides for sheep, particularly for the weakest of their flock - orphans and widows.



In Israel this political metaphor - leader/king as shepherd - merged with historical reality: Abraham, Moses, and David were all actual shepherds as well as leaders and, in David's case, a king. In Israel no less than in Babylon, Assyria, or Egypt, the king was expected to protect his people and to govern them with justice. But the sad reality was quite different. Jeremiah lists the misdeeds of Israel's shepherds (kings): they mislead, scatter, drive away, and fail to care for the sheep, leaving them to 'fear and tremble'. Therefore God, the ultimate King and Shepherd, will personally care for 'the flock of my pasture'. This language reminds kings that the people are God's people, not the king's employees or subjects. God swears to remove these false shepherds and to gather and bring them back. Then, using the language of

creation, God will bless them so they will 'increase and multiply' (see Gen 1:22, 28). And finally God will 'appoint shepherds', that is, God will restore a righteous king to the house of David. The king will govern wisely and shall be so renowned for doing what is 'just and right' that his reign shall reveal God's own justice.

Jeremiah's prophecy would be fulfilled in Jesus who, as David's 'virtuous Branch', is an eternal king and a caring shepherd.

ROSTERS - 28th/29th July

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

BEMBOKA SAT 6PM

Commentator P Bateman
Readers E Bevitt
Gifts
Cleaners Gerrey

CANDELO SAT 6PM

Commentator Sarah Heffernan
Readers P O'Callaghan
Gifts G & M Heffernan
Cleaners - July Anne Hyam

TATHRA SUN 7:45AM

Commentator Kate D'Arcy
Readers Paul Gardiner
Gifts L & D Carey
Cleaners H Buckley & Family
Wardens Mike Tupper, Rob Cummins
Audio-Visual Judith Reid
Eucharistic Ministers Judith Reid, Gerry Collins

BEGA SUN 9:30

Commentator L Reeve
Readers V Northcott, A Woods
Gifts Woods Family
Cleaners Margaret Robertson
Counters T & M Collins
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte Tony Healey
Eucharistic Ministers M Rheinberger, B Tygh
M Holzhauser, M Twyford
Nursing Home

WISE WORDS:

Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with Him, familiarly & with confidence & love, as to the dearest & most loving of friends.

- St Alphonsus Liguori



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



ST MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE. The Parish of Pambula invites you to Pilgrimage to St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage place in Eden on **11th August.** Archbishop Christopher Prowse will leave St Christopher Cathedral at 8am, with pilgrims travelling from across the archdiocese to meet at Eden AFL grounds (Barclay St).

Programme: 11am Pilgrims Walk from Eden ALF ground to Our Lady Star of the Sea
12 Noon Concelebrated Mass
1pm Lunch and Fellowship.

This is a wonderful opportunity to gather together to honour Australia's first Saint, to pray and celebrate together. Should you require any further information please feel free to contact us. The Parish email is Pambula@cg.org.au or our website <http://cg.org.au/pambula/Home>

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION 2018. The Archdiocese has generously taken up a donation of \$36,836.10. This money will be transferred to the Custody of the Holy Land. It will be used to provide local Christians with health care, education, employment and housing. The collection will also be used to maintain over seventy churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. The Franciscan Friars are grateful for your generosity

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL. The appeal continues to run till August. Donations can be made in a marked envelope and placed in the 2nd collection, by visiting www.vinnies.org.au or phone 13 18 12.

CHANGES TO CANDELO MASS TIMES. From the beginning of August, Mass or Liturgy will be celebrated at St Joseph's Candelo on Sunday 9:30am 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.

CATHOLIC LEADERS FORMATION SYMPOSIUM. All Educational, Church and Youth Ministry Leaders are invited to the Symposium. 17th August 8:30-3:30. St Christopher Pastoral Centre. For more information please visit csymi.com

EVENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
walk through my house,
take away all of my worries,
watch over my family,
bring quiet where there is chaos,
bring light where there is darkness,
and put love where there
is emptiness.
In the name of Jesus...
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 Phyllis Umback, Pauline Rixon, Betty Lomas, Gail Winner,
ANNIVERSARIES John Daly, Kevin Bateman, Aino Senbruns, Basil Rose, Catherine Rose, Malcolm Johnston, Allan Hanscombe, Neville Trunbull, Jill Lawler, Eunice Tarlinton,

PLEASE PRAY FOR Owen Whitby's continued recovery.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK
23RD - ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, RELIGIOUS. Remembered for her asceticism, her dedication to reform within the Church, and her lifelong mystical experience of Christ's passion.
24TH - ST SHARBEL MAKHLUF, PRIEST. Remembered for his ascetic poverty, solitary contemplation and great devotion to the Eucharist.
25TH - ST JAMES, APOSTLE. FEAST. Remembered as a favoured apostle: with St Peter and St John he was present at the transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in the garden.
26TH - ST JOACHIM & ST ANNE, PARENTS OF THE VIRGIN MARY. The feast of Saint Anne was kept in Rome by the eighth century, that of Saint Joachim from the fifteenth century. The feast honours the parents of the Virgin Mary and grandparents of the Lord.

CONSULTATION FOR WOMEN OF THE ARCHDIOCESE: 8th September. From 10am to 3pm at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton. Women are invited to share their story of faith with other women. It will be an occasion for women to name their reality, concerns and dreams for the Church in a safe and supportive environment. *It will be an opportunity for women to shape a response to the listening sessions for the 2020 Plenary Council.* Register your interest: Jacinta (02) 62019861 or catholic.women@cg.org.au

CAMINO in FRANCE and THE KERRY WAY (Ireland). Audio-visual presentations by Peter Kearney. *Saturday, 4th August. Holy Spirit Parish Centre, Amaroo-Gungahlin.* Two sessions – 11am France and/or 2 Ireland. \$10 per session. **Advance registration essential.** Email Peter camino@peterkearneysongs.com.au Or sms Peter 0425 328 185. Please specify 'France', 'Ireland' or 'Both'. Also mention 'Amaroo' and how many seats needed. Peter will confirm registration. *Website: www.peterkearneysongs.com.au*

