

Responsorial Psalm. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs

Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, Alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And never forget all his benefits.



17th Sunday —Year B

29th July 2018

St. Patrick's Parish

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Star of the Sea, Tathra.

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INTRODUCING THE BREAD OF LIFE DISCOURSE



On Sundays 17-21 this year we read from John 6. This chapter begins with the familiar story of Jesus feeding the 5000 and then offers a sustained reflection on Jesus, the Bread of Life. Typically, we think this refers to Jesus in the Eucharist and, while that is partly true, John develops this theme in some unexpected ways. The following comments set John 6 in context and lay out the sequence of these five Sundays.

John's gospel records only seven signs or miracles (see Lent 3). The feeding of the 5000 is the fourth sign, forming the centrepiece of John's Book of Signs (chapters 2-11). Like all the signs in John's gospel this episode reveals something of Jesus' identity: in providing abundant food Jesus functions as 'Messiah' (see Isa 25:6; 49:9ff.) and he is explicitly called both the expected 'Prophet' and the longed-for 'King'. These are all true - but inadequate - statements about Jesus. His identity and glory will be revealed through his death-and-resurrection. This fourth sign anticipates the day when the glorified Christ will again provide bread and fish on the shore of the Sea of Galilee (= Tiberius; 6:1; 21:1). This Sunday's gospel focuses on signs and identity. While there are clear Eucharistic overtones to the story, reflection on the Bread of Life as Eucharist will become explicit on Sunday 20 (August 17).



On Sundays 18 and 19 Jesus is the Teacher and his words are 'bread from heaven'. By believing in his words and his revelation, one comes to have life. On Sunday 20, the bread of life is the Eucharist which one eats and drinks to obtain life. On the 21st Sunday John returns to the theme of Jesus' words which lead to life. This sneak preview of the next four Sundays is provided to broaden the possibilities for understanding John 6. Though the language from week to week sounds very much alike, there is much to be found in the Bread of Life. Believing in Jesus who is found in both word and sacrament gives life.

ROSTERS - 4th/5th August

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

BEMBOKA SAT 6PM

Commentator G Berman
Readers G Bevitt
Gifts
Cleaners Bevitt

CANDELO SAT 6PM

Commentator K Wels
Readers Oliver Raschke
Gifts Julie Banks
Cleaners - August

TATHRA SUN 7:45AM

Commentator David Grainger
Readers Mary Tupper
Gifts Margaret Taylor
Cleaners Margaret T & Lee R
Wardens Michael & Eddie, M Tupper
Audio-Visual Kate D'Arcy
Eucharistic Ministers Gerry Collins, J Battista

BEGA SUN 9:30

Commentator K Summerell
Readers M Johnston, M Scott
Gifts Tomlinson Family
Cleaners J Taylor
Counters C Murphy & T D'Arcy
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte David Grainger
Eucharistic Ministers A Tarlinton, U de Morsier
E Collins, J Taylor
Nursing Home C Tarlinton

WISE WORDS:

God is the greatest giver in the universe. He won't let you out give him.

- Randy Alcorn



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) by 11am.

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.



ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL CLEANER REQUIRED. Permanent position, 20hrs per fortnight: 2hrs a day, 5 days per week, 40 weeks a year, commencing Monday 20th August. Requirements: Working with Children Check; A commitment to the school's Catholic values; Experience in cleaning. Applications close 5pm Friday 10th August 2018. If you are interested in this position and would like more information, please contact the school on 6492 5500. Please email your application letter and CV to office.bega@cg.catholic.edu.au

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.

GLOBAL ROSARY. Australia will 'Light the Match' to the Global rosary! The World Rosary take place on Sunday 7th Of October, when a global rosary will be said. To register your location on the world map. Go to <http://holyleagueofnations.com>, or phone 0467535595. All updates will be posted at <https://www.facebook.com/OZROSARY53>

MORE TO MISSION THAN MEATS THE EYE! Right now, a Butcher is needed in Madang, Papua New Guinea. Meat this challenge: contact Christine on 02 9560 5333. For more opportunities, visit palms.org.au/volunteer Can't commit just yet? Check out palms.org.au/encounters

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

- Bemboka - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil
- Candelo - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil 1st, 3rd, 5th
- Sundays - 9:30am Mass 2nd, 4th
- 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

PRAYER FOR GENEROSITY

St Ignatius Loyola

Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not count the cost,
to fight and not head the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for reward,
save that of knowing that I do your will.
Amen.

RECENTLY DECEASED Sr Gabriel Anne Cuzner ocdm, Joan Howcroft (Richards) of Nowra, Phyllis Umback

ANNIVERSARIES John Daly, Kevin Bateman, Aino Senbruns, Basil Rose, Catherine Rose, Malcolm Johnston, Allan Hanscombe, Neville Trunbull

PLEASE PRAY FOR Owen Whitby's continued recovery.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

30 JULY - ST PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH. Remembered for his eloquent sermons, his loyalty to the bishop of Rome, and his pastoral zeal.

31 JULY - ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST. Remembered for his loyalty to the Church & its renewal, his ministry to the marginal, his concern for education, & his dedication "to the greater glory of God," the motto of the Jesuits.

1 AUGUST - ST ALPHONSUS MARY DE LIGUORI, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH. Remembered as a popular preacher and devotional writer and as an influential master of moral theology.

2 AUGUST - ST EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI, BISHOP. Remembered for his preaching, his doctrinal orthodoxy, and his defence of St Athanasius.

2 AUGUST - SAINT PETER JULIAN EYMARD, PRIEST. Remembered for his lifelong devotion to Christ's eucharistic presence & for promoting eucharistic adoration among priests and people.

4 AUGUST - ST JOHN MARY VIANNEY, PRIEST. Remembered for his preaching and confessional counsel and is honoured as a model for parish clergy.

5 AUGUST - ST DOMINIC, PRIEST. Remembered as a preacher, organiser, and patron of learning.

MARIAN PROCESSION & YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 2018. Sunday 14 October. St Clement's Retreat and Conference Centre, Galong. Over many decades, the Marian Procession has gathered tens of thousands of Catholics from across Australia. Now held during the beautiful spring month of October, the Marian Procession and Youth Pilgrimage offers a wonderful family day of prayer, feasting and celebration. During the day there will be a youth pilgrimage, the opportunity for Mass, the Sacrament of Confession, to pray the rosary, a procession to the grotto and to be inspired by the speakers. For more details contact 02 6239 8500 cgatholic.org.au/marian/

