

**Responsorial Psalm.** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation.** Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon** The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;  
you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

**ROSTERS - 1st/2nd September**

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

**BEMBOKA SAT 6PM**

*Commentator* J Guthrie  
*Readers* P Bateman  
*Gifts*  
*Cleaners* Green

**CANDELO SAT 6PM**

*Commentator* L Thompson  
*Readers* Oliver Raschke  
*Gifts* Wels Family  
*Cleaners - Sept* Patricia O'Callaghan

**TATHRA SUN 7:45AM**

*Commentator* Kate D'Arcy  
*Readers* Betty O'Brien  
*Gifts* D'Arcy Family  
*Cleaners* Maddie & Mary Plevy  
*Wardens* Gerry Collins, G Hergenhan  
*Audio-Visual* Eileen Reckord  
*Eucharistic Ministers* Michael Doig, Pat McRae

**BEGA SUN 9:30**

*Commentator* L Reeve  
*Readers* K Jennings  
*Gifts* B Burton  
*Counters* B & E Richards  
*Music* Matt Heffernan & Choir  
*Acolyte* David Grainger  
*Eucharistic Ministers* C Tarlinton, V Coman  
R Healey, M Twyford  
F Farrell

**WISE WORDS:**

Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this 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

21st Sunday —Year B

26th August 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.  
Hrs 9-3 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*  
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**THIS IS A HARD SAYING**

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The gospel begins abruptly - the disciples complain, 'This is intolerable language. How can anyone accept it?' (6:60). What is the issue?



It is helpful to remember that earlier the Jews were murmuring against Jesus (6:41, Sunday 19). Now it is Jesus' own disciples who murmur and question. The claims Jesus makes are difficult for everyone to believe, not just his opponents. Even some of his disciples 'no longer accompanied him' (6:66). Note the implications: 'not believing' and 'betraying' Jesus are lumped together (6:64).

So, what, precisely, is the 'intolerable language'? The easy answer might appear to be Jesus' claim that one must 'eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood' (6:53, Sunday 20) in order to have life. As difficult as that may be to believe, there is an even more difficult claim. Throughout John 6 Jesus has claimed to 'come down from heaven'. We saw on Sunday 19 that the people seemed unconcerned that Jesus claimed to be 'bread' but they did question his heavenly origin: they know his family so 'how can he say, "I have come down from heaven"?' (6:42). That seems to be the issue here as well, as Jesus' response indicates: 'Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?' (6:61-62). In effect Jesus says, 'If you saw me ascend to heaven, would you then believe that I have come down from heaven?' In other words Jesus' 'intolerable language' is his claim to have come from God (13:3) and to be one with God (1:1; 10:30). Indeed, Jesus is 'the Holy One of God' (6:69).



The entire Bread of Life discourse comes to a conclusion by returning to one of its major themes. Jesus asserts, 'The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life' (6:63) and Peter affirms, 'You have the words of eternal life' (6:68). Throughout, Jesus the Teacher has been speaking words of life. The response to Jesus' teaching is to 'believe' (6:64, 69). The result of believing: eternal life (6:68).

**PLEASE NOTE:** The annual gathering of the Clergy, Principals and School Religious Education Leaders will be held on Friday 31 August 2018 in Canberra. Fr Luke, St Patrick's Principal Jo Scott-Pegum and REC Emma Grant will attend together. *There will be NO Friday or Sat morning Mass this week.*

**FATHER'S DAY APPEAL** - Annual collection for retired priests: There are 23 priests of our Archdiocese who come under the care of the Clergy Retirement Foundation. This Appeal raises much needed funds to meet the needs of these priests and to give them security in their retirement years. *At next weekend's Masses*, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to this Appeal and all gifts are tax deductible. Please give generously as you have done in the past.

**CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY** 9th September 2018. The Australian Catholic Church marks Child Safeguarding Sunday on 9 September which will conclude Child Protection Week.

**KIDS OFF NAURU CAMPAIGN** The campaign calls for the countries elected representatives to find a solution to resettle the 119 children trapped on Nauru before **Universal Children's Day on November 20, 2018**. Parishioners are invited to log onto the campaign website is [www.kidsoffnauru.com](http://www.kidsoffnauru.com) and sign up to demonstrate your support for the Kids Off Nauru Campaign.

**2018 MARIAN PROCESSION** 14th October St Clements, Galong. Mass start at 11.30am. BYO food, or purchase at the sausage sizzle. [www.marianprocession.org.au](http://www.marianprocession.org.au)

**MEN'S CURSILLOR** 3 Day Weekend, 13-16 September, Hartzler Park Conference & Retreat Centre, 25 Eridge Park Road, Burradoo NSW 2576. **Contact:** Joe Jambor, phone: 0401 159 852 Email: [irmandjoe@gmail.com](mailto:irmandjoe@gmail.com)

**WOMEN'S CURSILLO** 6pm 15th – 4pm 18th November, Greenhills Conference Centre, Cotter Road, Stromlo. Transport can be arranged if needed. The cost, which includes all accommodation, meals and materials, is \$280.00. If cost is difficult or if you require further information, please contact the Lay Director, Lorraine Barker 0437329 371 or email [lorraine-barker@grapevine.com.au](mailto:lorraine-barker@grapevine.com.au)

**DID YOU KNOW** that the parish bulletin can be found on our website. Been away or lost a bulletin visit [cg.org.au/bega](http://cg.org.au/bega) Baptism request forms can also be downloaded.

**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

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Sr Gabriel Anne Cuzner ocdm

**ANNIVERSARIES** Therese Eadie, Patsy & Eric Hart, Noa Jessop, Claire O'Connor, Jeff Williams, Robert Heffernan, Michael Bateman, Catherine Grealy, William Grealy, John Daly, Kevin Bateman

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Owen Whitby's continued recovery.

Those affected by the flooding & landslides in Kerala, India. Home of Fr James Anthony.

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

**27TH - ST MONICA.** Mother to St Augustine. Remembered for her parental devotion, her patience, and her persistence in prayer.

**28TH - ST AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH.** Remembered as a model pastor and as a preacher and writer whose thought has had an enduring influence in Christian history.

**29TH - THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST.** The execution of John the Baptist is recorded in the gospels (Matthew 14; Mark 6) and is placed by the historian Josephus at the fortress of Machaerus near the Dead Sea. As early as the fifth century, a commemoration of John the Baptist was kept on this day at Jerusalem. It probably marks the anniversary of the dedication of the basilica in his honour at Sebaste (Palestine) where, according to tradition, he was buried.

**Upcoming Ordinations. St Christopher Cathedral**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept, 7pm. Namora Anderson & Adrian Chan will be ordained to the Diaconate.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct, 6pm. Deacon Joshua Scott will be ordained a priest.

*Please keep them in your prayers.*

**CATHOLIC CROSSWORDS**



**God's Word 2019**

Please use the sheet at the church entrance to order your copy. Still \$15.



**2019 Columban Art Calendars**

Now available. \$9. Please place your money in the marked envelope & place in the collection.

**ARCHDIOCESE PRAYER FOR RAIN**

Loving Father, you are the giver all gifts.

You care for us in our needs.

You listen to us in all that concerns us.

We pray for rain to come down abundantly on our drought affected land, particularly in this region of Australia.

We take the many gifts of creation that you have given us so much for granted.

We have taken for granted plentiful rain and the importance of abundant harvests.

Please forgive us.

Return now rain to our parched land.

Bless and protect families immediately impacted by this severe drought - especially on our farms.

We pray through the intercession of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop in our special need. We make this prayer and all our prayers through Christ our Lord, the source of all our hope and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.