

Responsorial Psalm. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, Alleluia!
The Father is birth by his message of truth,
That we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

ROSTERS - 8th/9th September

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

BEMBOKA SAT 6PM

Commentator G Green
Readers G Berman
Gifts Green
Cleaners Gerrey

CANDELO SUN 9:30AM

Commentator Sharon Heffernan
Readers Sarah Heffernan
Gifts Paul & Ann Kelly
Cleaners - Sept Patricia O'Callaghan

TATHRA SUN 7:45AM

Commentator Paul Gardiner
Readers Gerry Collins
Gifts Judith Reid
Cleaners Pat Platts
Wardens Michael Doig, Gerry Collins
Audio-Visual Carleen Maley
Eucharistic Ministers Pat McRae, Margaret Taylor

BEGA SUN 9:30

Commentator K Summerell
Readers V Northcott, A Woods
Gifts Woods Family
Counters T & M Collins
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte Frank Farrell
Eucharistic Ministers A Tarlinton, B Burton,
M Holzhauser, E Caragher

Nursing Home

WISE WORDS:

We must make our way towards eternity, never regarding what men think of us or our actions, studying only to please God.

- St Francis Borgia



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

22nd Sunday —Year B

22nd September 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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OPPOSITION; PURITY & TABLE-FELLOWSHIP

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Everywhere he turns, Jesus seems to encounter opposition. Last week's gospel from John ended with some of Jesus' own disciples abandoning him, and this Sunday's gospel from Mark begins with 'the Pharisees with some scribes' criticising him. We have already been notified in Mark 3:6 that the Pharisees have begun conspiring to put him to death. This Sunday's passage adds that these opponents have come from Jerusalem, signalling, on the one hand, the 'official' objection against Jesus and foreshadowing, on the other hand, the final confrontation that will lead to his death in the capital city. The Pharisees and scribes had earlier confronted Jesus over his 'eating with sinners and tax collectors' (2:16). Their concern in this gospel is also about eating meals (7:2, 3, 4, 5) - this time with 'unclean hands'. The underlying concern in both cases is 'table fellowship'.



Mark's brief parenthetical comments in verses 3-4 explaining Jewish purification traditions indicate that he is writing for people who need such explanations, namely, Gentiles. The purity laws, including dietary regulations about clean and unclean foods, posed a major problem as Christianity began to include Gentiles. The issue was this: Did Gentiles who wanted to be Christian have to obey Jewish laws? This incident in Mark responds to these concerns in two ways. First, Jesus is the authoritative interpreter of the Law: by his word, he redefines 'purity' as a moral category (what people do), rather than a ritual category determined by such external rites as washing hands. Jesus properly redirects attention to God's laws rather than human traditions. Second, Mark shows that

Jesus does not exclude from table-fellowship those who do not keep the purity laws. Jesus' mission to establish the Kingdom of God was not a parochial concern limited to his fellow Israelites but was the offer of salvation for all peoples, even those traditionally excluded by Jewish law and custom. Thus, when Jesus invites 'sinners and tax collectors' and even the 'unclean' to join him at table here on earth, he is anticipating their inclusion in the banquet of the Messiah in the age to come.



Happy Father's Day to all our father's and those who father



PLEASE NOTE: Fr. Luke will be attending the ordinations in Canberra on Friday 7th. *There will be NO Saturday morning Mass this week.*

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL - Annual collection for retired priests today: 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. *Envelopes are available in the pews.* 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.

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



ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL OF ROCK DANCE CONCERT. Thursday 27th September. St Patrick's School Hall. 12pm Free Matinee & 7pm tickets \$5 from school office.

CENTERING PRAYER NOURISHMENT DAY. 29th September. Fr. Thomas Keating renowned Trappist monk and Dr Judith Simmer will share in practical terms the importance of the Journey of Compassion and Transformation through the practice of Centering Prayer Meditation. Location: Marian Hall St. Matthew's Parish Chewings St, Page, 10.30 am - 2.30 pm Contact: Sr Lorraine Cupitt rsm ph.: 6288 6074. Donation \$10. Please bring a personal lunch. Morning tea will be provided.

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

Thank you, God, for closing doors I'm not strong enough to close....
And opening doors I'm not strong enough to open. Amen.

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 Patrick O'Callaghan, Bernard J Collins, Therese Eadie, Patsy & Eric Hart, Noa Jessop

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

3RD - ST GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH. Remembered also for his extensive writings on pastoral care, spirituality, and morals, and for his self-designation as "servant of the servants of God."
8TH - THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. This feast originated in Jerusalem about the sixth century, a development of the feast of the dedication of the church of Saint Anne, built in Jerusalem "where Mary was born". Observed in Rome in the seventh century, it was later used to determine the date of Mary's Immaculate Conception. Because of her importance in salvation history, Mary's birthday is celebrated as well as those of her son Jesus the Lord, and of Saint John the Baptist (24 June).

Upcoming Ordinations. St Christopher Cathedral

Friday 7th Sept, 7pm. Namora Anderson & Adrian Chan will be ordained to the Priesthood.

Please keep them in your prayers.



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.



PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 Bega Listening Session

22nd September 10 - 11:30am

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

The Bishops wish to hear from all voices whether people are active or not.
Tea & Coffee provided, please bring a plate to share.
More information: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL A Parish Renewal Program

Saturday 13th October
11am-3pm

St Patrick's School Hall
More information 6492 1058
Please register at www.joyofthegospel.org.au
Please bring some lunch to share, tea & coffee provided.

