

Responsorial Psalm. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

ROSTERS - 3rd/4th November

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

BEMBOKA SAT 6PM

Commentator G Green
Readers R Allen
Gifts
Cleaners Bevitt

CANDELO SAT 6PM

Commentator L Thompson
Readers Oliver Raschke
Gifts Margaret & Geoff Heffernan
Cleaners - Nov Elaine Collins, Anne Haehy

TATHRA SUN 7:45AM

Commentator Gerry Collins
Readers Michael Doig
Gifts Margaret Taylor & Lee R
Cleaners Megan Hergenhan
Wardens Bernard Miller, D Grainger
Audio-Visual Trish Sly
Eucharistic Ministers Phil McDonald, Judith Reid

BEGA SUN 9:30

Commentator F McNaught
Readers C Sullivan, R Sheehan
Gifts B Tygh
Counters V Northcott, B Burton
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte Frank Farrell
Eucharistic Ministers V Coman, A Tarlinton
E Collins, C Sullivan
Nursing Home R Healy

WISE WORDS: It is no advantage to be
near the light if the eyes are closed.
- St Augustine



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



30th Sunday —Year B

28th October 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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BLINDNESS, SPIRITUAL SIGHT & DISCIPLESHIP

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In Mark's gospel Jesus began his journey to Jerusalem in 8:22, and in this Sunday's gospel he has just about arrived: this is the last event prior to his triumphal entrance on Palm Sunday. The journey began with the healing of a blind man (8:22-26) and now it ends with the healing of blind Bartimaeus (10:46-52). Between these two stories of blindness we find the three passion predictions, each one followed by a graphic and embarrassing presentation of the disciples' spiritual blindness as they fail to understand Jesus' identity and mission. This journey to Jerusalem is Jesus' last attempt to open the eyes of their understanding, to help them to see both who he is and what discipleship means.

The first story about a blind man (8:22-26) records a gradual healing: Jesus first put spittle on the blind man's eyes and, though the man's vision improves, he still cannot see clearly; only after Jesus lays hands on him does he see clearly. This is the situation of the disciples as a group: their blindness is only gradually removed. The end of the journey - not Jerusalem, but the cross - will result in clear vision (15:39).



In this Sunday's episode Bartimaeus appears 'by the roadside' - he is not yet on the road with Jesus, i.e., he is not a disciple. When he cries out, he uses the title 'Son of David' which rightly points to Jesus' ancestry and indicates that the rightful heir to the throne is now approaching his own city. Yet, it is not a title that Jesus will use of himself nor does it adequately disclose his true identity. But once approached by Jesus, Bartimaeus addresses him as 'master' [Greek = 'my teacher'], which accurately describes the relationship from a disciple's perspective. When his eyes are opened and he can see clearly, he follows Jesus on the way. This is the goal of all Jesus' laboured teaching: to open the eyes of the disciples so that they see him clearly and follow him on the road which leads to the cross.

MISSION SUNDAY: *Thank you* for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers, and for being a part of an "education revolution" in Myanmar. Your generosity makes it possible for programs such as the Pyinya Sanyae Institute of Education, as well as schools like St John's in Hakha, to provide quality, child-centred education to children. Thank you also to parishioners who have become an integral part of this inspiring work by joining as monthly giving partners. **Envelopes can still be returned to the office. Donations can also be made: Phone 1800 257 296, or www.catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar**

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 Missed the listening session and still like to contribute? Please complete a question form and return via the office or 2nd collection. Available at the entrance.



TERM 4 SCHOOL MASSES. Reconciliation Family Masses Sunday 28th Oct & 4th Nov 5pm; Giving Mass Friday 7th Dec 12:15pm.

ALL SAINTS DAY: Thursday 1st November 9:15am St Patrick's Chapel.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS Bega's cemetery - Fri 2nd Nov 7am. **BYO your own chair.**

NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS. Envelopes may be placed on the collection plates.

Annual Catechist Masses - For Catechists, friends and relatives. BYO shared meal or morning tea. 25 November @ 9.30am, Narooma. 28 November @ 12.15pm, Temora. 2 December @ 10.00am, Cooma. 4 December @ 6.30pm, Charnwood.

Dear People.

This year it is my hope to join our voices together for the Christmas Masses & begin a Christmas Choir. Singing at 6pm Family Mass Bega & 12am Mid-night Mass Bega. In addition to a weekly practice, carols can be learnt using 'learning tracks', which are CDs that you can listen to at home, which will make the different parts very easy to learn. It just takes just a little bit of time each day to listen.



Please see the sign up sheet in the foyer for practice time.

Carols to be Sung: Away in the Manger, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, O Come, All Ye Faithful, Once in David's City, Silent Night, The First Noel, While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night.

Fr. Luke

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 Peg Hergenhan, Raynor Pitchford

ANNIVERSARIES Cec Berman, Edith McDonald, Leo Bateman, Monica Bateman, Margaret Bateman, Sr M. Eugene Heffernan, Fr Tom Grealy, Colleen Rake, Loretta McDonald, Daniel McCambridge

PLEASE PRAY FOR Owen Whitby's continued recovery.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

1ST NOVEMBER - ALL SAINTS. This feast began in the East to commemorate all martyrs & was progressively adopted in the West. Celebrated on this day in the 8th century & soon widely observed. Honoured today are all holy men & women in glory with Christ: known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes & on the great commandment of love.

2ND - THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED This day began early in the Middle Ages with annual prayers for the dead in monastic communities. Fixed on this day, it spread more widely after the 10th century & now ranks with the principal feast days in the liturgical calendar. Commonly known as All Souls, it expresses Christian faith in the communion of saints & our need to pray for one another in the Church, especially those souls in purgatory "who have been buried in their human imperfection".

3RD - ST MARTIN DE PORRES. Remembered for his humility & holiness, his ministry to African slaves, & his dedicated service of the poor & the sick of all races.

CANBERRA WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND - 15-18th November. Enquiries & registration: Lorraine Barker lorraine-barker@grapevine.com.au or 0437 329 371.

TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: "Have you experienced a marriage breakdown and question the validity of this marriage within the Catholic Church?" The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Archdiocesan Tribunal is available to sensitively assist those who have experienced a marriage breakdown. If you are divorced or in the process of finalising your divorce and would like to find out further information about the validity of your marriage within the Catholic Church and the annulment process, please contact the Tribunal on 6201 9802 or by email at tribunal@cg.catholic.org.au. All enquiries remain confidential to the Tribunal.

