


Entrance Antiphon O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
Endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste..


ROSTERS - 9th/10th August 2025
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 5pm	
Commentator	H Woollett
Readers	G Berman
Cleaners	
Candelo Sun 9:30am	
Commentator	Ann Hahesy
Readers	John Coman
Cleaners - Aug	Ann Hyam & Nikki Wagner
Tathra Sun 7:45am	
Commentator	Carleen Maley
Readers	Bob Weston
Cleaners	Pat Platts
Audio-Visual	Pat Platts
Eucharistic Ministers	Jacinta Battista, E Corcoran
Bega Sun 9:30am	
Commentator	Lijoy
Readers	V Northcott
Gifts	Volunteer
Music	Matt Heffernan
Acolyte	Frank Farrell
Eucharistic Ministers	C Tarlinton
	
For Sale: Sunday Missal - \$32; Children's Mass Book - \$10. Contact the office or place your order in a marked envelope in the 2nd collection.	

St Patrick's Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the rights and dignity of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families & carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all our thinking and actions. Parishioners are encourage to communicate concerns by emailing Fr Adrian, the Parish Office, the Parish Safeguarding Officer or directly to IPSS (ipss@cg.org.au)

St. Pat's Choir practices Thurs 5.15—6pm Contacts Mary 0428 471 012 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 - all are welcome. Tathra - 7:20am before Sunday Mass Bega - 9am before Sunday Mass
MENS' GROUP: 2nd & 4th Thursdays St Patrick's Church. Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997
St Patrick's Sacramental Programme <i>Baptisms</i> —During Mass, 1 month notice <i>Confirmation 2025</i> — 8th June 2025 <i>Weddings</i> —by appoint, 6 months notice req. Please contact the Parish Office.

Syro-Malabar Mass 4th Wed of the Month 5pm Bega. Contact Lijoy 0469 341 965
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18th Ordinary - Year C

27th July 2025

St. Patrick's Parish

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


Fr. Adrian Chan. Parish Priest.
Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.
Hrs 9-2 Tuesday & Thursday
Safeguarding, Mrs. Emma Grant,
St. Patrick's School, Bega. Mrs. Jo Scott-Pegum (Principal) 6492 5500
Lumen Christi Catholic College, Pambula. Mr. Shane Giles 6495 8888

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We acknowledge the Djirringanj People, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon & cared for this land for thousands of years. We pay our respect to Elders past, present & emerging. We acknowledge & respect their continuing culture & the contribution they make to the life of the Bega Valley.

Rich in Whose Sight?

At the start of this gospel text Jesus refuses to get involved in a family squabble over an inheritance. It is not his role to be a legislator; his role is to 'proclaim the vision of God's kingdom' and in the parable which he tells we see the connection between the problem he was asked to solve and that kingdom, for it is on the theme of greed or avarice.

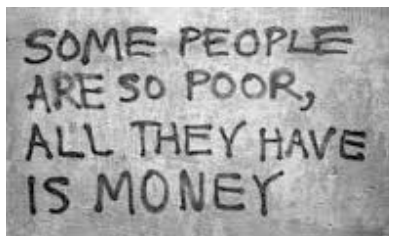


18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The man in the story is troubled because he might not be able to take full advantage of the harvest he has enjoyed. In his discussion with himself it is interesting to notice how many times the words 'I' and 'my' are found. He is totally self-obsessed and so excludes God and neighbour in his reasoning. In this situation he is not prepared for the ultimate reality, his own death. Jesus points to the meaning of the parable by contrasting the idea of building up riches for oneself with that of being rich in what matters most: one's relationship with God.

Do Paul and the wise man in Ecclesiastes have anything in common? Well it could be said that neither of them thinks much of the world the way it is. However, that's where their agreement ends. For Ecclesiastes this means that his motto could well be 'Why bother?' Paul, on the other hand, knows that God doesn't want the world the way it is either and that's why a new creation has been initiated through Christ. So for Paul there is all the reason in the world to bother. God in Christ invites us to put on a new self and live life to the full. The man in the gospel who only wants to build barns for his wealth is a sad reflection for much of today's world. If only we could learn to want what God wants and devote ourselves to that, what a different place the world would be.

Sean Goan.



Parish News: ✦ The Archdiocesan IT changer over continues with minor disruptions. If you don't receive an answer to an email you sent, please resend. There are also issues updating the website and emailing the bulletin.
 ✦ The work on the confessional in Bega to reconfigure for anonymous confessions continues. Thank you for your patience.



Vinnies Winter Appeal July: *Homelessness is never a choice!* The Bega conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society would like to acknowledge and appreciate the support for the Winter Appeal. The generosity of the Bega Valley Parishioners raised over \$1100 for locals in need. Thank you!



St Patrick's Primary Enrolling now. All grades including kinder 2026. For further details and to book an appointment contact the school office 6492 5500.

School Masses Term 3: ✦ Feast of the Assumption, Friday 15th August, 9:15am.
 ✦ St Mary of the Cross, Friday 8th August - **cancelled.** *All Welcome*

RCIA: if you are interested in becoming a Catholic please contact Father Adrian.



St Mary Mackillop Pilgrimage 9th August. Walk starts at 11am from Eden Sports ground to Star of the Sea Church. Mass at 12noon. Reconciliation will be available during the walk. For inquiries, email woodb4922@gmail.com

Prayer event for National Vocations

Awareness: 5th August, Sacred Heart, Pearce. Rosary at 5:10pm, Mass at 5:30pm, followed by Adoration and prayers for vocations until 7pm. All Welcome.

Upcoming Ordinations: 5th September 6pm.

Please prayer for Deacon Joseph Nivaskaran MGL & Deacon Michael Last MGL

You're Invited - after mass

- ✦ *Tathra* - Breakfast 2nd Sunday of the Month
 - ✦ *Bega* - Morning Tea last Sunday of the Month
- All Welcome. Please bring a friend.**

Wise Words:

We cannot allow the politicians to cloud our vision and promote their disruptive policies, as it would lead to our destruction.
 - *Lloyd Best, West Indian economist*

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation
Bega Saturday, 9.40 - 10am
Bemboka before vigil Mass
Candelo before vigil Mass
Tathra before Sunday Mass

Fr Adrian Contact: Mobile: 0411 676 064
 Email: Adrian.Chan@cg.org.au

Sunday Mass Times

- *Bemboka* - Saturdays - 5pm Vigil
- *Candelo* - Saturdays - 5pm Vigil 1st, 3rd, 5th
 - Sundays - 9:30am liturgy 2nd, 4th
- *Tathra* - Sundays - 7.45am Mass
- *Bega* - Sundays - 9.30am Mass
 - 4th Sunday- 9:30am Family Mass

Weekdays

- Tuesday 4.00pm Bega Chapel
- Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.
- Thursday 9.15am Bega Chapel
- *Hillgrove House 3rd Thursday 3pm*
- Friday 9.15am Bega Chapel
 4:30-5:30pm Bega *'Holy Hour of Mercy'*
- Saturday 9.15am Bega Church

RECENTLY DECEASED: Alan Crawford, Kath Lindwall, Sue Gardiner, Michael Guthrie

ANNIVERSARIES Tyler Finucane, Clare Finucane, Nora & Barney Sheehan, Elizabeth Coman, Noa Jessop, Ann Farrell, Tony Dessmann

Feasts Days
3rd - St Dominic, Priest 1170-1221. An Augustinian canon noted for prayer, penance, and an exemplary life. I
4th - St John Vianney, Priest 1786-1859. Overcame various obstacles, including little education and lack of means, to be ordained a priest.
5th - The Dedication of St Mary Major.
6th - The Transfiguration of the Lord
7th - St Cajetan, Priest 1480-1547. A distinguished theologian and lawyer before becoming a presbyter. Established confraternities of clergy and laity to work among the sick and the poor.
7th - St Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs. Died on 6 August 258, martyred during the persecution of the emperor Valerian.
8th - St Mary of the Cross, Virgin 1842-1909. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children.
9th - St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin & Martyr 1891-1942. Remembered as a victim of anti-Semitism, a scholar, contemplative and martyr for whom the cross is the key to spiritual understanding.



Minute Meditations - God Awaits

Our need to be both receivers and givers of mercy is the purpose of Christ's presence among us. "He, Himself, in a certain sense, is mercy," says Pope John Paul II. "The truth, revealed in Christ, about God the 'Father of mercies,' enables us to 'see' Him as particularly close to man, especially when man is suffering."
 This is why, with a lively sense of faith, we are turning "almost spontaneously, to the mercy of God . . . being moved to do this by Christ Himself, who through his spirit works within human hearts."
 I will stop by church another day, I know. And God will be here waiting and will gather me in—as he gathers in each and every one of us—hot, tired, worried, fit, unfit, and in between.
 - from St. Anthony Messenger's *"Stopping by Church on a Summer Afternoon"* by Kristina Santos

The Bega parish assembly 18 May 2025

The results of the prayerful conversation were: *welcome to new members of the parish - both from different cultures/countries & from other areas of Australia.
 *how to engage new parishioners in parish affairs *how to engage youth
 *how to engage people who have stopped coming to church but are still having their children baptised/confirmed etc. *care & visitation for: sick & dying, hospitalised & housebound.
 *create a sense of belonging & reinforce that all are worthy of God's love
 *Young people families: school children & parent support/ expose them to parish faith/ school community/ be welcoming
 *Including to parish: Indian/Filipino communities/ transitory or permanent?/ opportunities for families to be involved in the parish
 *Faith development: archdiocesan opportunities/ marriage encounter/ parish groups
 We have plans to hold another mini assembly early 2026. If you have constructive suggestions on how to proceed with these concerns please email Fr Adrian