

Responsorial Psalm. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

ROSTERS - 23rd/24th February

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm

Commentator G Berman
Readers G Bevitt
Gifts Guthrie
Cleaners Berman

Candelo Sat 6pm

Commentator J Coman
Readers Ann Hahey.
Gifts Michael Heffernan Family
Cleaners - Feb Sharon & David Heffernan

Tathra Sun 7:45am

Commentator Eileen Reckord
Readers Carleen Maley
Gifts E Reckord & J Battista
Cleaners D'Arcy Family
Wardens Peter Preo, B Miller
Audio-Visual Vicki Kennaugh
Eucharistic Ministers Trish Sly, Michael Doig

Bega Sun 9:30

Commentator K Summerell
Readers V Northcott, A Woods
Gifts Tomlinson Family
Counters T & M Collins
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte David Grainger
Eucharistic Ministers C Sullivan, B Tygh
M Rheinberger, F Farrell

Nursing Home

Wise Words:

It is not your business to succeed, but to do right; when you have done so, the rest lies with God.

- C S Lewis



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 2019

Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice
First Reconciliation— 14th November
Confirmation—12th September
Weddings—by appointment, 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



6th Sunday —Year C

17th February 2019



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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The Beatitudes in Luke

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke's Beatitudes are part of a longer instruction (6:17-49) sometimes called

'The Sermon on the Plain' (as opposed to Matthew's more famous Sermon on the Mount). The major theme of this sermon is discipleship: notice that Luke has Jesus addressing 'his disciples'.

As an instruction on discipleship it is noteworthy that Luke begins with words of blessing rather than a call to action. In Jesus' first sermon (OT 3) he had declared that he has come to 'bring good news to the poor' (4:18). In the Beatitudes Jesus announces the good news that the poor, the hungry, the sorrowful, and the hated are blessed by God. Blessing precedes the demands of discipleship. Earlier both Mary and Zechariah were richly blessed and they raised their voices in praise.



When compared to Matthew's version of the Beatitudes certain of Luke's favourite themes become evident. Unlike Matthew who spiritualises ('the poor in spirit . . . those who hunger and thirst for righteousness'; Matt 5:3, 6), Luke addresses the materially poor. He further emphasises the material aspect of poverty by adding four 'woes' (not found in Matthew's Beatitudes) which announce judgment on the wealthy. But why does God so favour the poor? Because this is how God always acts: 'The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty' (1:53). And so those who have nothing now will inherit the Kingdom. This is unmerited blessing, an offer of mercy, the gift of salvation.

In the 2nd & 3rd Beatitudes Luke's theme of reversal is evident: the hungry will be satisfied, the weeping will laugh. In a sense, these two Beatitudes heighten the scandal of the first, for the condition of the poor will not be reversed: they will not become materially wealthy. On the one hand, this again emphasises the material aspect of poverty. But more shockingly, it shows the superabundance of God's gift: from poverty to the Kingdom! Jesus will later dramatise this teaching in his famous parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man. The poor are blessed indeed!

World Day of Prayer. Friday 1st March 11am, this years host is the Salvation Army, Auckland St Bega. This year we will be praying for the women of Slovenia. A light lunch will be held afterwards, please bring a slice to share.

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are now available at the church entrance.

Spiritual/Pastoral Carer Training for those wishing to volunteer in this role at SHRHospital. For more information please see the poster on the notice board at the entrance. Contacts: Carleen Maley 6494 1778, carleen.maley@bigpond.com ; Denise Miller millertathra@bigpond.com

The Power of the Powerless Workshop. 5pm Friday 22nd - 9am Sunday 24th February at Desert Creek House. Facilitator: Yves de Morsier. Visit www.desertcreekhouse.com.au

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, March retreats: March 2 "Laudato Si, mi' Signore with Fr Michael Dyer Cost: \$30. *A prayerful and interactive encounter with creation.*
March 22-24 **Where to from here?** with Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD Cost: \$300 We will spend time trying to find God in the midst of this crisis, and seek a way forward to become a more humble, open, transparent and Christ-centered Church.
March 26-27 **Praying with The Doctors: St John of the Cross, St Teresa of Avila and St Therese of Lisieux.** with: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD and Mr Geoff Stumbles Cost: \$135 *Through gaining an understanding of these Carmelite mystics, can we relate to what they are teaching and locate our experience within their writings?*
March 29-31 **Contemplating the Creative Process** with: John Charadia and artist tutors Cost: \$300 *Through practical experience in creating artistic forms we will reflect on the spirituality of the creative process.*
 Concessions apply to all retreats. Information: 02 8795 3400, retreats@carmelite.com www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Dear Parishioners,
 Please meet with me next **Wednesday 20th February after Wednesday morning Mass in the Tathra Church.**
 Let us touch base on how we might commemorate the anniversary of the Tathra Fires.

Peace, 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

Ash Wednesday Masses
Wednesday 6th March

Tathra	9am Mass
Bega	12:15pm School Mass
	5:30pm Mass
Candelo	to be advised
Bemboka	5pm Mass

RECENTLY DECEASED Elaine Belamy (sister of Jan), Heather Pook, Peter Price
ANNIVERSARIES Gwen Watt, Norma Howard, Clare Johnston, Anne Sixsmith, Basil & Catherine Rose, Melba Herron, Nat Seers

Feast Days this Week

21st - St Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church. Remembered as a scholarly reformer possessing a deeply ascetical spirituality.
22nd - The Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle. The chair (cathedra) of a bishop is a pre-eminent sign of his teaching authority and pastoral oversight of a local Church. This feast, observed in Rome since the fourth century, celebrates Peter, first among the apostles, as founder of the See of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.
23rd - St Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr. Remembered because of the account of his martyrdom for his fearless acknowledgment of Christ, and honoured as one of the apostolic fathers of the Church.



15th - 17 March

Friday 15th 9am Opening Mass followed by school open day.
Saturday 16th 12noon St Patrick's Parade followed by fun-on-the-flats. 5:30pm Bush dance and dinner—to book visit www.trybooking.com/YXSJ. Please ring the school office on Wednesdays for assistance.
Sunday 17th 9.30am Mass with Archbishop Christopher followed by Morning tea.

menALIVE Weekend for Men.

What are you doing on the 23/24 March?
 Could you benefit from a weekend, featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion, and space to reflect?
 Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged and inspired at weekends across Australia. Now, *the Far South Coast's* menALIVE weekend is being organised in Bega, conducted by experienced leaders from MAT. Enquiries: *Contact Sean McCambridge (0430491010), (0264941718), e-mail s_mccambridge@hotmail.com or parish office (0264921058).*

