

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 the delights and sweetness in every taste.

ROSTERS - 10th/11th August 2019
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm

Commentator G Berman
Readers G Bevitt
Gifts Guthrie
Cleaners Green

Candelo Sun 9:30am

Commentator L Thompson
Readers Ann Hahees
Gifts Roger Heffernan Family
Cleaners - August Ann Hyam

Tathra Sun 7:45am

Commentator Betty O'Brien
Readers Michael Hergenhan
Gifts Les & Carleen Maley
Cleaners Sue Collins
Wardens Mike Tupper, Rob Cummins
Audio-Visual Eileen Reckord
Eucharistic Ministers Jacinta Battista, Denise Miller

Bega Sun 9:30am

Commentator J Lott
Readers Y Sixsmith, R Burgess
Gifts B Burton
Counters B & E Richards
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte Frank Farrell
Eucharistic Ministers E Collins, M Rheinberger
E Caragher, Frank Farrell
Nursing Home

Wise Words: The
Utopinas wonder
that any man
should be so
enamoured of the
lustre of a jewel,
when he can
behold a star of the
sun.
- St Thomas More



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 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

GO CHRIST
YOUR LIFE IS HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD



17th Sunday —Year C

28th July 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 8-1 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*
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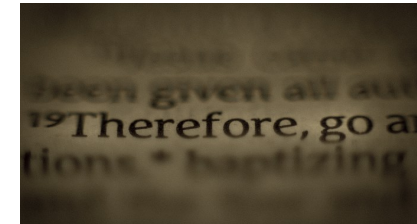


Parish Formation Days

Thank you to Sharon Brewer from the National Centre for Evangelisation for guiding us through our Parish Formation Weekend.

Thanks to all who participated!

This event provides us with a 'keystone' and a goal for our parish. Together we respond to the call of Christ to 'make disciples'.



May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfilment!

(This Sunday we welcome our Confirmation Candidates. Please keep them in your prayers)

Peace, Fr. Luke





Welcome to our Confirmation Candidates and their families. St Patrick's 9:30am

Annual Eden Pilgrimage. Saturday 10th August. 11am Walk from AFL grounds to Our Lady Star of the Sea, 12noon Mass, 1pm Lunch & Fellowship.






National Vocations Awareness Week 4-11 August. Today is the feast of St John Vianney, the patron of parish clergy. Pray for your priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in your community. Next Thursday is the feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop, our first Australia saint. Pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that these saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from your community.

New State Bill. A bill to make abortion legal in NSW up until birth, for any reason, has been tabled in NSW Parliament and is due to be voted on this week. Archbishop Anthony Fisher has asked all Catholics in NSW to urgently contact their state Member of Parliament (Hon Andrew Constance) and ask them to vote against this bill. Please see the letters at the church entrance.

Women's Action Group News. The final forum of consultation & discernment was held on the 20th July. The conclusion was that women of the Archdiocese want a group that emphasizes connection, communication, advocacy & representation. A key element of this initiative to link the women of the Archdiocese & provide them with a strong voice. Soon women will be invited to nominate to this yet to be named group.

Confirmation 2019



-  **Information night** Wednesday 31st July, 5:30pm St Patrick's Church.
-  **Enrolment Mass** Sunday 4th August 9:30am, St Patrick's Church
-  **Candidate Family Masses** Sunday 1st & 8th September, 5pm St Patrick's Church
-  **Confirmation Mass** Thursday 12th September, 7pm, St Patricks Church,
-  **Thanksgiving Mass** Sunday 15th September, 9:30am, St Patrick's Church.

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 Ros Webb (Phil McDonalds Sister), Sr Marie Miller rsj (Sr M. Denis), Bernie Wakeling, Eileen Kerney, Lorraine Stewart, Jean McPaul,

ANNIVERSARIES Brian O'Farrell, John Daly, Kevin Bateman, Kitty Inskip, Aino Senbrons, Allan Hanscombe, Neville Turnbull

PLEASE PRAY FOR Fr Paul Bateman - recovering after a fall.

Feast Days this Week

- 4th - St John Vianney.** 1786-1859. Remembered for his preaching and confessional counsel and is honoured as a model for parish clergy.
- 5th - The Dedication of St Mary Major.**
- 6th - The Transfiguration of the Lord.** The feast celebrates the divine radiance shining in Christ's human flesh and God's glory shining forth in the lives of Christians.
- 7th - St Cajetan, Priest.** 1480-1547.
- 7th - St Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs.** 3rd Century.
- 8th - St Mary of the Cross Mackillop.** 1842-1901 Remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny, and for her abiding trust in God's providence.
- 9th - St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross** (Edith Stein) 1891 (Poland)-1942 (Auschwitz)
- 10th - St Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr.** 3rd Century.

Wealth and riches In the entire 3-year Sunday Lectionary cycle, we read from the book of Ecclesiastes only on this Sunday. The main point of this passage is this: after a long life of hard and skilled labour, people must leave their property 'to another who has not laboured over it'. In the gospel Jesus illustrates this point with a parable. The rich man stores his harvest (his 'nest egg') to provide for his future. But sudden death robs him of his future and God tauntingly asks, '... the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?'

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



While both readings consider the storing up of wealth for the future to be pointless, they do so for different reasons. The Book of Ecclesiastes presents itself as the learned reflections of wise King Solomon. As a youth 'Solomon' sets out to discover what brings happiness to people in their brief life under the sun. He systematically examines many different pursuits thought to bring happiness but dismisses each of them: equally useless are fame, wisdom, pleasure, great accomplishments, wealth, and hard work. He concludes the best one can hope for is to enjoy the life that is given now: 'Go, eat your bread with joy and drink your wine with a merry heart, because it is now that God favours your works'. For 'Solomon', the accumulation of wealth, like all human pursuits, is ultimately pointless for everything ends in death (there was as yet no belief in an afterlife).

Jesus also discounts the accumulation of wealth but for a different reason. The rich man thinks that riches will guarantee his future. But Jesus teaches that one's life is not made secure by possessions. It's not that possessions are not valuable. Rather, there is something more valuable: life. As the parable makes clear, life is God's to give and to take away. It is best, then, to value what is most precious: life with God who alone secures our future.

