Responsorial Psalm. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, Alleluia Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia

Communion Antiphon O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Sacrament of Penance/ReconciliationBegaSaturday, 9.30 - 10.00amBembokabefore vigil Mass
Candelobefore vigil MassTathrabefore Sunday Mass
St. Pat's Choir practices Thurs 5.15— 6pm Contacts Mary 64921850 or Matt
0429 338 348.Meditation & Contemplative PrayerMeeting 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 <u>St Patrick's Sacramental</u> 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.

future does have a name, & its name is hope. Feeling hopeful does not mean to be optimistically naïve & ignore the tragedy humanity is facing. Hope is the virtue of a heart that doesn't lock itself into darkness, that doesn't dwell on the past, does not simply get by in the present, but is able to see a tomorrow. - *Pope Francis*







This seems to be the common desire of our participants (among others).

The next step is more formation!

Sharon will come back on the 24th August 915- 2pm for those who Nominate for PPC (blue nomination forms are available from the Church and website cg.org.au/bega).

It is wonderful to be a parish tasked with reaching out. What a wonderful base for all our decisions and actions. Sharon will guide us in how we can begin this journey





Feast of the Assumption. Next week on Thursday we celebrate the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. In Australia it is one of 2 Holy Days of obligation that does not fall on a Sunday (Christmas is the other). Masses. Bega - Vigil 5:30pm Church; School Mass 12:15; Tathra - 7:45am



Stars of Bega Valley Dance for Cancer Gala Fundraiser for the Cancer Council. Saturday 31st August 2019 at Club Sapphire Merimbula. Prominent Bega Valley community members will work with a dance instructor over 12 weeks to choreograph and learn a dance routine, which they then perform in front of a panel of judges and an appreciative audience. Visit <u>https://everydayhero.com.au/event/</u> starsofbegavalley2019 to buy tickets or sponsor a local hero such as *Gary Cooper*, Bega local & Rural Fire Service member. https:// starsofbegavalley2019.everydayhero.com/au/garry-cooper

Vocations. Φ Vocations come from families, communities & parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

 Φ *Rev. Alexander Osborne's* ordination to the priesthood will take place at the Cathedral, 6pm Fri, Aug 30. Let us pray for our brother Alexander, in our parishes & communities.

♦National Prayer Crusade for Vocations. Run by the Knights of the Southern Cross, 1st September-23rd November. All Catholics are invited to participate. Visit www.ksca.org.au/Content/projects for more information.

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	Weekdays
▶ <u>Bemboka</u> - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil	 Tuesday 5.30pm Bega Wednesday 9.00am Tathra, 5.30pm Bega.
➤ <u>Candelo</u> - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil 1st, 3rd, 5th - Sundays - 9:30am Mass 2nd, 4th	 Thursday 9.15am Bega 3rd Thurs. 11.00am Hillgrove House
 ▶<u>Tathra</u> - Sundays - 7.45am Mass ▶<u>Bega</u> - Sundays - 9.30am Mass 	 Friday 9.15am Bega 4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy' Saturday 9.15am Bega

RECENTLY DECEASED Patricia Jones, Aida Lorzano, Bruno Willburger, Ros Webb, Sr Marie Miller rsj, Bernie Wakeling, Eileen Kerney, Lorraine Stewart, Jean McPaul,

ANNIVERSARIES Noa Jessop, Brian O'Farrell, Clare O'Connor, Jeff Williams, Norbert Heffernan, Michael Bateman, Catherine Grealy, Willy Grealy, John Daly, Kevin Bateman, Kitty Inskip, Aino Senbrons

> 11th - St Clare. 1193/4 - 1253 Assisi. Remembered for her life of extreme poverty, austerity, contemplation, and charity.

12th - St Jane Frances de Chantal. 1572-1641. Remembered for her administrative ability and for her visits to the sick and poor

13th - St Pontian & St Hippolytus Martyrs Died some time in the fourth Feast century after mistreatment in exile. Remembered as seekers of the truth. Days

14th - St Maximilian Mary Kolbe. 1894 (Poland) - 1941 (Auschwitz).

this Remembered for his energy and poverty, his compassionate ministry, and Week his self-sacrifice.

15th - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her risen Son. 16th - St Stephen of Hungary. 975-1038. Remembered for making Christianity the religion of the nation and for his justice to the oppressed and charity for the poor.

The Son of Man & the Kingdom of God This Sunday's gospel is made up of three distinct units: the first verse is actually the



conclusion of 12:22-32; the next two verses are independent sayings about poverty and wealth. Then two parables introduce new themes: vigilance and fidelity. But the Lectionary combines these passages in a new way.

Using the image of a master returning either from a wedding or from some other journey, Jesus instructs his disciples about the coming of the 'Son of Man'. The Lectionary uses the two parables to illustrate the opening verses in which Jesus assures his disciples that God will bless them with a 'treasure' that is inexhaustible, secure in heaven, and immune from destruction. In the Lectionary context the treasure which God gives is another metaphor for the 'kingdom'. The kingdom for which disciples are to pray and seek is the kingdom which God 'is pleased to give (didomi) you'. Thus when Jesus says, 'much will be required of the person entrusted (*didomi*) with much', we have already been told that disciples have been entrusted with the Kingdom (the same Greek word (*didomi*) is translated as 'give' in verse 32 and as 'entrusted' in verse 48). How great, then, are the Master's expectations when the treasure is so great.



The combination of these two themes - the kingdom and the coming of the Son of Man - recalls another crucial passage, namely, Daniel 7:13-14. In this important passage one 'like a Son of Man' comes before God and is given (*didomi*) the kingdom. As the parables make clear, disciples await the coming of the Son of Man. Each of the two parables highlights different aspects of the disciples' waiting. The first parable urges vigilance so as not to be caught offguard. The second parable demands faithfulness so as to be busy about the duties which have been assigned. Vigilance is rewarded by being served by the Master at table; fidelity in service is rewarded with greater authority, but infidelity is severely punished.



Celebrating the Life of

Pat Jones

Star of the Sea

Tues 13th 1pm