

Responsorial Psalm. Go out to all the world; and tell the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, Alleluia
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
No one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia

Communion Antiphon The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

ROSTERS - 31st Aug/ 1st Sept 2019
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm

Commentator J Guthrie
Readers M Guthrie
Gifts
Cleaners Berman

Candelo Sat 6pm

Commentator L Thompson
Readers Oliver Raschke
Gifts Wels Family
Cleaners - Sept Patricia O'Callaghan

Tathra Sun 7:45am

Commentator Marie Oakley
Readers Eileen Reckord
Gifts D'Arcy Family
Cleaners Mary Plevy
Wardens Gerard Hergenhan, Peter Preo
Audio-Visual Paul Gardiner
Eucharistic Ministers Michael Doig, Mary Tupper

Bega Sun 9:30am

Commentator L Reeve
Readers M Johnston, M Scott
Gifts B Tygh
Counters V Northcott & B Burton
Music Mel Twyford & Choir
Acolyte Tony Healey
Eucharistic Ministers M Rheinberger, B Tygh,
F Farrell, M Twyford
Nursing Home E Caragher.

Wise Words:

Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first the foundation of humility.

- 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.

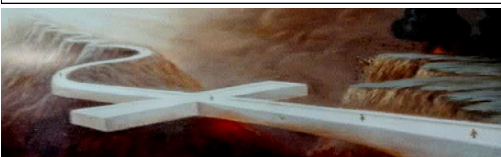


MENS' GROUP: fortnightly on **Thursdays**
Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997

**St Patrick's Sacramental
programme 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



21st Sunday —Year C

25 August 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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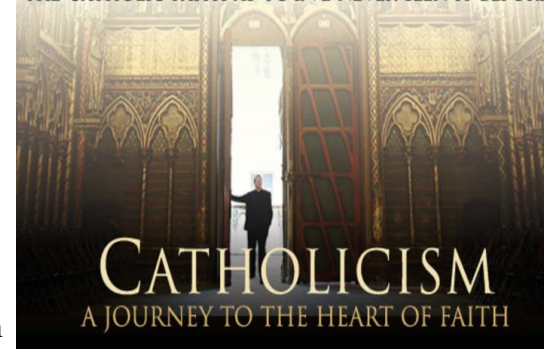
Dear Parishioner's

In September the Parish will host four
showings of Bishop Robert Barron's
Catholicism Series. Filmed in more
than 50 locations throughout 15
countries, this 10-part series explores
the details, culture, and practices of
Catholics and the more than 1 billion
who participate in the faith.

Fr Barron invites us to travel with him
to a myriad of beautiful and

historically charged places around the world, while explaining many aspects of
what it means to be a part of the Catholic Faith. It's a grand and lovely approach

THE CATHOLIC FAITH AS YOU'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE



**THIS IS A BRING A FRIEND EVENT- for those
interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith.**

In St Patrick's Church with cuppa and discussion afterwards.

Tuesday 10th September 6pm

*Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become
Man* - 50 mins.

Tuesday 17th September 6pm

Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus - 50 min

Tuesday 24th September 6pm

*That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be
Thought: The Ineffable Mystery of God* - 50 min



Fr. Luke



Confirmation Family Masses. Sunday 5pm September 1st & 8th.

Australian Catholic Bishop Conference statement on the Cardinal George Pell appeal decision is available to read at the church entrance.

Men's Breakfast. 7th September 8am, St John's Hall. \$8 donation. Guest Speaker Shaoying Wang. Shaoying was born in China and is a specialist in rural China tours and his talk will be absolutely authoritative from personal experience on the life in historical and rural China. All Welcome



Father's Day Appeal – Annual collection for retired priests. There are 30 priests of our Archdiocese who come under the care of the Clergy Retirement Foundation. This Appeal raises much needed funds to meet the needs of these priests and to give them security in their retirement years. At next weekend's Masses, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to this Appeal and all gifts are tax deductible. **Please give generously as you have in the past.** Donations can also be made at www.cgcatholic.org.au/donate

Free Public Lecture at Manuka, 31st August. Kevin Dunn - International Speaker on euthanasia and producer of the film Fatal Flaws will deliver a lecture entitled: "Living, Dying and the Power of Presence". Haydon Hall (behind St Christopher's Cathedral) Manuka 2.30pm – 4.00pm Enquiries lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869

Catechist Sunday. 8th September. On this Sunday we honour, pray for and encourage our 220 catechists who work with 2,200 Catholic children attending government schools. If you know one of these special volunteers please give them a 'pat on the back' and say a prayer for them. www.amazingcatechists.org.au

Volunteer Overseas - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco. The Salesians are seeking volunteers for January 2020 departure, working with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, East Timor & Solomon Islands. Applications close October 15th. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au

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.

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 Tyler Finucane, Patricia Jones, Aida Lorzano, Bruno Willburger, Ros Webb, Sr Marie Miller rsj, Bernie Wakeling, Eileen Kerney

ANNIVERSARIES Patsy & Eric Hart, Therese Eadie, 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

PLEASE PRAY FOR Alex Osborne Ordination at St Christopher's 30th August.

Feast Days this Week

25th - St Louis. 1214-1270. Remembered for his impartial justice, for his care of the poor and the sick, and for honouring his word.

25th - St Joseph Calasanz. 1557-1648 Remembered especially for his patience in the midst of suffering.

27th - St Monica. 331-387. Mother to St Augustine. Remembered for her parental devotion, her patience, and her persistence in prayer.

28th - St Augustine. 354-430. Remembered as a model pastor and as a preacher and writer whose thought has had an enduring influence in Christian history.

29th - The Passion of Saint John the Baptist. Recorded in the Gospels and is placed by the historian Josephus at the fortress of Machaerus near the Dead Sea.

The Narrow Door

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The first verse of the gospel reminds us that Jesus is 'making his way to Jerusalem. The goal in view is the accomplishment of Jesus' mission: salvation through his dying and rising.



To gain access to salvation, one must enter through the narrow door. While salvation is made available to all, not all will enter. The door is narrow: one must try to enter, as in athletic competition (see 1 Cor 9:25; 1 Tim 6:12; 2 Tim 4:7). Though many compete in various games, winners are few in proportion to competitors. 'Trying' to enter through the narrow door implies both effort on the part of those seeking salvation and a judgment that not all will achieve their goal.

But the narrowness of the door is not the only obstacle: time is also critical. An hour will come when 'the master of the house has got up and locked the door'. We earlier encountered a door that was closed and locked: in the parable of the unexpected night visitor, the unprepared host goes to his neighbour and knocks on the door to ask for bread (Luke 11:5-8; see OT Sunday 17). On that occasion Jesus instructed his disciples to 'knock and the door will be opened for you' (11:9). The situation is different in this gospel. The opportunity to enter is not indefinite. Once the door is closed - once the end has come and judgment is pronounced - it is too late. A decision on the part of those who wish to enter is required now.

The protest of those who are locked out points again to the seriousness of effort required of those seeking salvation. It is not enough to have been casually acquainted with Jesus: 'We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets' (13:26). Those who wish to gain entrance must follow him to Jerusalem