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

Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, Alleluia Let your face shine on your servant, And teach me your laws. Alleluia

Communion Antiphon like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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Gifts Cleaners	Green	St. Pat's Choir practices Thurs 5.15— 6pm Contacts Mary 64921850 or Matt 0429 338 348.
Commentator Readers Gifts Cleaners - Sept	L Thompson K Wels Michael Heffernan & Family Patricia O'Callaghan	Meditation & Contemplative Prayer Meeting is held on Monday at 7.30pm in the annex of Star of the Sea Church at Tathra.
Tathra Sun 7:45ar Commentator Readers	n Paul Gardiner Margaret Taylor Val Besant & Marg Roberts Val Besant & Marg Roberts Michael Doig, Thein Nguyen Vicki Kennaugh Eileen Reckord, M Hergenhan	Sunday Readings Reflection Group Tuesday at 7pm Star of the Sea Tathra. All Welcome.
Gifts Cleaners Wardens Audio-Visual Eucharistic Ministers		ROSARY Tathra - 7:20am before Sunday Mass Bega - 9am before Sunday Mass all are welcome.
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Counters Music Acolyte		<u>St Patrick's Sacramental</u> <u>programme 2019</u> 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.
Wise Words: Jesus promised his disciples	W.	For Sale: Bibles - \$16; Sunday Missal - \$32; Children's Mass Book - \$10. Contact

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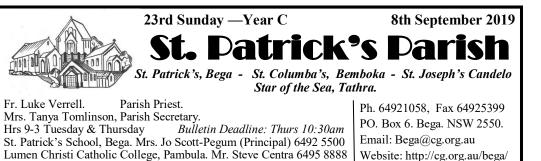
that they would

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- G K Chesterton

\$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





Dear Parishioner's

This Sunday Evening our Parish will have its Third Connect Mass with the Students of both St Patrick's and Lumen. Beginning in the School Hall at 5pm this event is for all school aged children and their families- see you there.

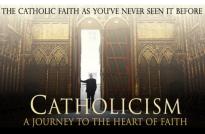
This Thursday our Confirmation Candidates will receive Confirmation-Archbishop Christopher will preside.

I extend, on behalf of the Candidates, a sincere and warm welcome for all Parishioners to attend- you are most welcome!



Thank you for supporting the children with your prayers

This Tuesday we begin our Catholicism Series- extending for 3 weeks. Remember to invite those along wanting to know more about Catholicism.invitation Cards are available at the front of the Church. Please keep this work in your prayers.



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

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

Please continue to give to the retired priest's fund - Father's Day Appeal

Congratulations to Antoinette Woods, NSW winner of the 2019 Catholic Schools Award for Performance, awarded for student engagement, learning progress & teaching performance.



St Patrick's Primary News. A big *Thank You* to the men's group for their help with our Father's Day Breakfast. A lovely morning was had by our school Families.

Save the date for our annual school concert: evening Thursday the 26th; free Matinee 12 noon Friday 27th.

Father's Day Appeal – Annual collection for retired priests. Envelopes are still available in the church, slips are printed in the Catholic Voice and can be made online at www.cgcatholic.org.au/donate. Donors will be issued with a tax deductible receipt for gifts over \$2.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Surrender or Fight Workshop. 27-29 September. At Desert Creek House, Fri. 5pm - Sun. 9am. Facilitator: Yves de Morsier. More information visit http://desertcreekhouse.com.au/

Become a Mental Health First Aider and support family members, friends and colleagues. Date: 16 & 17 September 2019. Time 9-4.30. Cost \$27.50. Location: Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre. How to Enrol: Please refer to <u>Trybooking</u> to enrol asap as seats are limited. Please note that this is a 12-hour educational course, not a therapy or support group and you will have the option of completing an online assessment after the course to become accredited.

Save the Date. The St Vincent de Paul society will hold its annual Ozanam appeal on the weekend of 28th & 29th of September.



Encounter Myanmar: Still two places left on an enlightening journey with the Executive Director of Palms Australia. Travelling November 16-29. Enquire via email <u>palms@palms.org.au</u> or call 02 9560 5333.

The 2019 Marian Procession (27th October) will be a festival of celebration, prayer and fun with African music, children's activities and more. All welcome at St Clements, Galong. <u>www.marianprocession.org.au</u>

Marriage Enrichment Weekend. 8-10 November. Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Book online at <u>www.wwme.org.au</u> Alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or <u>adrian.janet1@bigpond.com</u> Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

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 Tyler Finucane, Patricia Jones

ANNIVERSARIES Johnnie Roberts, Bernard J Collins, Caroline, Eric & Neville Turnbull, Allen Hanscombe, Patsy & Eric Hart, Therese Eadie

PLEASE PRAY FOR Mariclare Malone and her upcoming operation.

 8th - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Because of her importance in salvation history, Mary's birthday is celebrated along with Jesus the Lord, & St John the Baptist. 9th - St Peter Claver, Priest. 1580-1654. Peter called himself "the slaves" & is remembered for his total devotion to their needs & dig 12th - The Most Holy Name of Mary. Week 13th - St John Chrysostom.347-407. Remembered for his simplicity of his care of the poor, the courage of his witness, and his effective pream of the Scriptures. 14th - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. 	e of nity. f life,
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Cost of Discipleship

In the parable immediately preceding this Sunday's gospel (14:15-24), guests were

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

invited to a banquet three times, and three times they sent excuses. In this gospel, as 'great crowds accompanied Jesus', he turns and three times admonishes them that they 'cannot be my disciple' unless certain conditions are met. In view of the journey and its destination (see OT Sunday 13), it is imperative that those who wish to follow Jesus calculate the cost.



The costs are indeed staggering. The first and third admonitions require a would-be disciple to leave something behind: 'father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life', as well as 'all his possessions'. The second admonition requires a positive action: to 'carry his cross and come after me'. Earlier Jesus had indicated the ongoing nature of this task when he said, 'If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny

himself and take up his cross daily and follow me'. This is not for the faint of heart nor the impulsive. To illustrate, Jesus offers two brief parables.

Both parables feature individuals about to undertake a project: the first is a worker building a tower and the second is a king preparing for war. Whether commoner or royalty, foresight and prudence are required; the ability to see the project through determines whether it should be undertaken. So, too, would-be disciples must subordinate all other competing claims to the overriding demands of following Jesus. Nothing - not family, possessions, or even one's life - is more urgent than fidelity to Jesus.

In a sense the parables apply positively to God and Jesus: God undertook the plan of salvation with full resolve to carry it out even at the cost of the beloved Son's life; Jesus, too, resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem to lay down his life. Neither God nor Jesus asks of disciples anything they themselves were not prepared to do.