

Entrance Antiphon Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

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.


ROSTERS - 16th/17th August 2025
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 5pm	
Commentator	J Macinante
Readers	T Allen
Cleaners	

Candelo Sat 5pm	
Commentator	L Thompson
Readers	M Whitby
Cleaners - Aug	

Tathra Sun 7:45am	
Commentator	Gerry Collins
Readers	Carleen Maley
Cleaners	Eileen Corcoran, J Battista
Audio-Visual	Trish Sly
Eucharistic Ministers	Eileen Corcoran, Pat Platts

Bega Sun 9:30am	
Commentator	T Tomlinson
Readers	A Woods
Gifts	Volunteer
Music	Matt Heffernan
Acolyte	Sean McCambridge
Eucharistic Ministers	K Rix, D Koenigkamp



For Sale: Sunday Missal - \$32; Children's Mass Book - \$10. Contact the office or place your order in a marked envelope in the 2nd collection.

St Patrick's Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the rights and dignity of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families & carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all our thinking and actions. Parishioners are encourage to communicate concerns by emailing Fr Adrian, the Parish Office, the Parish Safeguarding Officer or directly to IPSS (ipss@cg.org.au)

St. Pat's Choir practices Thurs 5.15—6pm Contacts Mary 0428 471 012 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 - all are welcome.
Tathra - 7:20am before Sunday Mass
Bega - 9am before Sunday Mass

MENS' GROUP: 2nd & 4th Thursdays
St Patrick's Church.
Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997

St Patrick's Sacramental Programme
Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice
Confirmation 2025— 8th June 2025
Weddings—by appoint, 6 months notice req. Please contact the Parish Office.

Syro-Malabar Mass 4th Wed of the Month 5pm Bega. Contact Lijoy 0469 341 965
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19th Ordinary - Year C **10th August 2025**

St. Patrick's Parish

St. Patrick's, Bega - St. Columba's, Bemboka - St. Joseph's Candelo Star of the Sea, Tathra.

Fr. Adrian Chan. Parish Priest.
Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.
Hrs 9-2 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*
Safeguarding, Mrs. Emma Grant, Bega.Safeguarding@cg.org.au
St. Patrick's School, Bega. Mrs. Jo Scott-Pegum (Principal) 6492 5500
Lumen Christi Catholic College, Pambula. Mr. Shane Giles 6495 8888


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We acknowledge the Djirringanj People, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon & cared for this land for thousands of years. We pay our respect to Elders past, present & emerging. We acknowledge & respect their continuing culture & the contribution they make to the life of the Bega Valley.

Faith = Trust

The idea that the kingdom of God is both a gift and a challenge is very present in the extract from the gospel that is put before us today. The encouraging opening words inspire confidence in the hearers as Jesus reminds his 'little flock' that there is no need for fear because the kingdom has been given. So if the disciples are not to fear, what should they do? Jesus answers this question in a most challenging way by telling them to think differently about the world and their place in it. They should not be concerned about wealth or the exercise of power; rather they should busy themselves doing what the Lord asks of them as any good servant would do. Jesus puts it to his disciples very sternly — much has been given you, so much will be expected from you. This is not to inspire fear but to inspire reflection on how gifted we truly are.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Both today's readings highlight the meaning of faith, and stress that it has more to do with trusting in God than it has with believing certain truths. On the night of Passover the Israelites, who were a powerless band of runaway slaves, were escaping from the greatest empire in the world. They were heading out into the wilderness not knowing their final destination.

Equally Abraham and Sarah were asked to set out for a land they did not know and to leave everything with which they were familiar.

In following Christ, we too are asked to take God's hand and to follow a path which is often at odds with the values of the world in which we live. We are to be Christ's instruments as he reaches out to those most in need.

Sean Goan.

Parish News: ✦ The Archdiocesan IT changer over continues with minor disruptions. If you don't receive an answer to an email you sent, please resend. There are also issues updating the website and emailing the bulletin.
 ✦ The work on the confessional in Bega to reconfigure for anonymous confessions continues. Thank you for your patience.



Vinnies Winter Appeal July: *Homelessness is never a choice!* The Bega conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society would like to acknowledge and appreciate the support for the Winter Appeal. The generosity of the Bega Valley Parishioners raised over \$1100 for locals in need. Thank you!



St Patrick's Primary Enrolling now. All grades including kinder 2026. For further details and to book an appointment contact the school office 6492 5500.

School Masses Term 3: ✦ Feast of the Assumption, Friday 15th August, 9:15am.
 ✦ St Mary of the Cross, Friday 8th August - **cancelled.** *All Welcome*

RCIA: if you are interested in becoming a Catholic please contact Father Adrian.

Upcoming Ordinations: 5th September 6pm. Please prayer for Deacon Joseph Nivaskaran MGL & Deacon Michael Last MGL



You're Invited - after mass

- ✦ *Tathra* - Breakfast 2nd Sunday of the Month
 - ✦ *Bega* - Morning Tea last Sunday of the Month
- All Welcome. Please bring a friend.**

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

<i>Bega</i>	Saturday, 9.40 - 10am
<i>Bemboka</i>	before vigil Mass
<i>Candelo</i>	before vigil Mass
<i>Tathra</i>	before Sunday Mass

Fr Adrian Contact: Mobile: 0411 676 064
 Email: Adrian.Chan@cg.org.au

Sunday Mass Times

- *Bemboka* - Saturdays - 5pm Vigil
- *Candelo* - Saturdays - 5pm Vigil 1st, 3rd, 5th
 - Sundays - 9:30am liturgy 2nd, 4th
- *Tathra* - Sundays - 7.45am Mass
- *Bega* - Sundays - 9.30am Mass
 - 4th Sunday - 9:30am Family Mass

Weekdays

- Tuesday 4.00pm Bega Chapel
- Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.
- Thursday 9.15am Bega Chapel
- *Hillgrove House* 3rd Thursday 3pm
- Friday 9.15am Bega Chapel
 4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
- Saturday 9.15am Bega Church

RECENTLY DECEASED: Alan Crawford, Kath Lindwall, Sue Gardiner, Michael Guthrie

ANNIVERSARIES Bernard Collins, Tyler Finucane, Clare Finucane, Nora & Barney Sheehan, Elizabeth Coman, Noa Jessop, Ann Farrell, Tony Dessmann

- Feasts Days**
- 11th - St Clare**, Virgin 1193-1253. From a well-to-do family, Clare embraced an evangelical way of life after hearing the preaching of Saint Francis of Assisi.
 - 12th - St Jane Frances de Chantal**, Religious 1572-1641. Her friendship with Saint Francis de Sales led to the establishment of the Congregation of the Visitation, which offered an alternative form of religious life for women.
 - 13th - St Pontian, Pope & St Hippolytus**, Priest, Martyrs. Died some time in the fourth century after mistreatment in exile and brought back to Rome for burial on this day. Remembered as seekers of the truth.
 - 14th - St Maximilian Mary Kolbe**, Priest & Martyr 1894-1941. A Conventual Franciscan priest. Used the printing press in Poland and in Japan to promote devotion to the Virgin Mary.
 - 15th - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 - 16th - St Stephen of Hungary** 975-1038. As Duke of the Magyars, he established dioceses and monasteries and used state power to enforce Christianity.



Minute Meditations - 'Blessed Are the Peacemakers'

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Time and again, Jesus challenged the use of violence to resolve issues. The call to be a peacemaker clearly involves embracing nonviolence but goes beyond that. To be a peacemaker does not mean to be passive. It does mean seeking solutions, finding a path that all can agree on. A peacemaker objects to any war as a solution and the use of violence to advance a political agenda.

This beatitude also calls us to foster inner peace. If I aspire to inner peace, I address resentments. I strive not to judge. I strive to quiet that inner chatter that can often be either fearful or aggressive. As a peacemaker, I embrace as my daily guide the psalm that states: "Be still and know that I am God."

- from St. Anthony Messenger's "Turn to the Beatitudes" by Richard Patterson, PhD

Wise Words:

Putting our faith in Christ is not about trying harder; it means transferring our trust away from ourselves and resting in him.
 - Timothy Keller

The Bega parish assembly 18 May 2025

The results of the prayerful conversation were: *welcome to new members of the parish - both from different cultures/countries & from other areas of Australia.

- *how to engage new parishioners in parish affairs
 - *how to engage youth
 - *how to engage people who have stopped coming to church but are still having their children baptised/confirmed etc.
 - *care & visitation for: sick & dying, hospitalised & housebound.
 - *create a sense of belonging & reinforce that all are worthy of God's love
 - *Young people families: school children & parent support/ expose them to parish faith/ school community/ be welcoming
 - *Including to parish: Indian/Filipino communities/ transitory or permanent?/ opportunities for families to be involved in the parish
 - *Faith development: archdiocesan opportunities/ marriage encounter/ parish groups
- We have plans to hold another mini assembly early 2026. If you have constructive suggestions on how to proceed with these concerns please email Fr Adrian