

**Entrance Antiphon** When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

**Responsorial Psalm** Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

**Gospel Acclamation** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Communion Antiphon** One does not live by bread alone,  
But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**ROSTERS - 4th/5th March 2023**  
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

**Bemboka Sat 6pm**  
*Commentator* G Green  
*Readers* G Bevitt  
*Gifts*  
*Cleaners*

**Candelo Sat 6pm**  
*Commentator* L Thompson  
*Readers* R Heffernan  
*Gifts*  
*Cleaners - Mar* Nalda & Roger Heffernan

**Tathra Sun 7:45am**  
*Commentator* Gerry Collins  
*Readers* Jacinta Battista  
*Gifts*  
*Cleaners* Teresa Taylor  
*Audio-Visual* Paul Gardiner  
*Eucharistic Ministers* M Hergenhan, Mark Oakley

**Bega Sun 9:30am**  
*Commentator* T Tomlinson  
*Readers* K Jennings, M O'Neill  
*Gifts* Volunteer  
*Counters* C & K Murphy  
*Music* Matt Heffernan  
*Acolyte*  
*Eucharistic Ministers*  
*Nursing Home*

**Wise Words:**  
Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy  
- Pope Francis



**Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation**  
*Bega* Saturday, 9.40 - 10am  
*Bemboka* before vigil Mass  
*Candelo* before vigil Mass  
*Tathra* before Sunday Mass

**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**  
*Tathra* - 7:20am before Sunday Mass  
*Bega* - 9am before Sunday Mass  
**all are welcome.**

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

**St Patrick's Sacramental programme 2023**  
*Baptisms*—During Mass, 1 month notice  
*Confirmation*—28th May  
*Weddings*—by appoint, 6 months notice req.  
Please contact the Parish Office.

**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. **Bulletin & Forms** can be found on the website

**fasting & feasting**



1st Lent - Year A

26th February 2023

# 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*  
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## Relationship with God



The First Sunday in Lent each year presents Jesus in the wilderness confronting the reality of sin and evil. We hear of him fasting for forty days, and our season of Lent is our own forty-day journey into the wilderness, into the desert, into the outback of our own lives in imitation of his, just as his forty days was in imitation of the forty-year wandering of the people of Israel after their exodus from Egypt before reaching the Promised Land.

Commentators have debated how we are to understand the Greek peiradzo: is Jesus tempted into sin, or is his understanding of what it is to be the Son of God (remembering that the story of the baptism of Jesus is the one immediately before this one in all three Synoptic Gospels) being put to the test? Some have speculated about whether these three episodes are some kind of umbrella covering every form of sin. We seem to have gluttony (stone into bread), pride or hubris (jumping from the top of the temple), and greed or avarice (selling his soul to the devil for the kingdoms of the world). In terms of the seven deadly sins, catalogued by Evagrius Ponticus and John Cassian, this covers only three out of seven.

What had been proclaimed at the Jordan with the baptism of Jesus was that he was in a relationship with God, he was the beloved of God. Everyone who is baptised is proclaimed as the beloved of God also. An openness to the other, a concern for the wellbeing of others, is life, while being closed off from the other, being concerned only for the self, is death and sin. In the desert for forty days Jesus explored just what being in a relationship with God was all about. In the desert time of this Lent we are to explore what our being in a relationship with God is all about for us.

The tree in the middle of the garden, from which the serpent hung, brought death. In this story from Genesis we are given religious truth rather than literal truth, and the truth is that selfishness is sin. The tree on Calvary, from which Jesus hung, brought life. Writing to the Christians in Rome Paul understood this contrast between Adam and Christ. Sin came into the world through the first man, and righteousness came into the world through the last man. The first man brought death and condemnation, the last man brought life and justification.

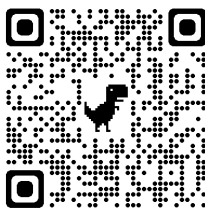
The way through the temptations of our lives is to find strength and nourishment in the Word of God. St Augustine of Hippo said: *Do you think that the word of God is bread? If the Word of God, through whom all things have been made, were not bread, he would not say: 'I am the living bread that has come down from heaven.' You have learned, then, how to answer the tempter when you are in a bad way from hunger.*

Let us thank God that Jesus was sent to bring us life. Let us thank God that Jesus is the Word who nourishes us in our hunger. Let us thank God that the Spirit gives us strength to guide us through life's temptations. Let us thank God that the Spirit calls new members to our Christian family and pray that they soon join us in this eucharistic meal we share. *Geoff Dunndeeper*



## Stay Connected!

- ✦ Subscribe to the Parish bulletin email: Complete the Parishioner details eform - QR code or Link <https://forms.gle/dp9xKH7E3V5gE5KJ8>
- ✦ Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/stpatricksbega](http://www.facebook.com/stpatricksbega)
- ✦ check out our website - <http://cg.org.au/bega>



**Save the Date!** *Bega Valley Advocates for Timor Leste* are bringing a Timorese Choir to Bega for a series of Events and Concerts between April 28 and May 5. Draft itinerary includes: A welcome dinner, school visits and a concert at Millingandi on Sunday 30th April. Full itinerary will be available closer to the event.

**Marriage Enrichment Weekend.** An opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! 14-16 April Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Book online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or contact Christine & Terry Mahony 0490 774 419, [nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au)

**Evenings for the Engaged** marriage preparation course. 2 consecutive Saturdays 9am-3pm in Murrumbateman \$150 includes catering and resources. Presented by married couples and a priest. Time provided for couple to discuss topics privately. Enquiries 0451 670 041 or [prugordon@gmail.com](mailto:prugordon@gmail.com) Register at [www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au)

**CatholicCare / Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Program** 8th May 5-9pm, Manuka. Includes FOCCUS questionnaire, dinner, evening formation program and a private, follow-up couple discussion with a CatholicCare counsellor. The cost for the whole package is \$300 per couple. Information and registration at [www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au)

### Stations of the Cross

*Candelo* - Tues 7pm in lent, with reflection, followed by a cuppa



### You're Invited

- ✦ *Tathra* - Breakfast every 2nd Sunday of the Month after Mass. 12 February
  - ✦ *Bega* - Morning Tea 4th Sunday of the Month after Mass Bega. 26th February
- All Welcome. Please bring a friend.**

**Fr Adrian Contact:** Mobile: 0411 676 064  
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### Sunday Mass Times

- *Bemboka* - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil
- *Candelo* - Saturdays - 6pm 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 5.00pm Bega Church
- Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.
- Thursday 9.15am Bega Church
- *Hillgrove House* 3rd Thursday 3pm
- Friday 9.15am Bega Church  
4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
- Saturday 9.15am Bega Church

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Angus Collins (Eddie Collins Grandson), Janette Collins  
**ANNIVERSARIES** Denise Mary Mulligan, John Roberts Senior, John Verrell  
**PRAYERS** Anne Smith & her children Henry & Malory (Sue Gardiner's Daughter).  
Jenny Ryan and June O'Farrell - Ill health.  
Hugo D'Arcy and his family

### Feasts

**27<sup>th</sup> Feb - St Gregory of Narek**, abbot, doctor, 945-1010. Little is known about his life. Mystical poet, writer, monk and theologian. Best known for his Book of Lamentations, a piece of mystical literature, & commentary on the Song of Songs. Venerated as a Saint in the Armenian Apostolic Church and Catholic Churches.  
**4<sup>th</sup> Mar - St Casimir**, 1458-1484. He chose celibacy over marriage and favoured prayer and penance rather than royal privilege. Remembered for his generous life of austerity and devotion.

**Project Compassion 2023** After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, **Laxmi** was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**

You can also donate on 1800 024 413 or [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

**Planned Building Maintenance:** The parish over the next few years will be undertaking maintenance of the various buildings under our charge for Bega, Tathra, Candelo and Bemboka. Please pray for these projects. Thank you.

*Dear friends, A note on collections.* We have 2 collections at a Sunday Mass. The first collection supports the priests in our diocese. The Second collection is for our Parish. Some of the expenses it covers include building maintenance, insurance, council charges, administration, supporting St Pats Primary and pastoral work and outreach. Traditionally the 'plate' is handed round twice prior to the presentation of the gifts. This is still an important part of the collection but we now also offer direct debit, credit cards and the Tap Device at the entrance. Thank you for contributing to the financial well being of our parish. Please contact the office if you have any questions. *Fr Adrian*

*For readers please pause 10 seconds in between readings for respectful silence thank you.*

