

**Responsorial Psalm.** Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.  
**Gospel Acclamation.** Alleluia, Alleluia  
 Blessed are you father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
 you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.  
 Alleluia

**Communion Antiphon** They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

**ROSTERS - 22nd/23rd February 2020**  
 Please arrange a swap if you are not available

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

**Candelo Sun 9:30am**  
*Commentator* Ann Haesy  
*Readers* R Coman  
*Gifts*  
*Cleaners - Feb* Sharon & David Heffernan

**Tathra Sun 7:45am**  
*Commentator* Eileen Reckord  
*Readers* Carleen Maley  
*Gifts* E Reckord & J Battista  
*Cleaners* D'Arcy Family  
*Wardens* Peter Preo, B Miller  
*Audio-Visual* Vicki Kennaugh  
*Eucharistic Ministers* Michael Doig, Eileen Reckord

**Bega Sun 9:30am**  
*Commentator* M Henare  
*Readers* J Scott-Pegum, Michelle Scott  
*Gifts* Bex Gabriel  
*Counters* V Northcott & B Burton  
*Music* Matt Heffernan & Choir  
*Acolyte* Frank Farrell  
*Eucharistic Ministers* V Coman, E Collins  
 R Healey, M Holzhauser  
  
*Nursing Home*

**Wise Words:**  
 If no set of moral ideas were truer or better than any other, there would be no sense in preferring civilised morality to savage morality.  
 - CS Lewis



**Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation**  
*Bega* Saturday, 9.40 - 10.10am  
*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:** 2nd & 4th Thursdays  
 St Patrick's Church.  
 Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997

**St Patrick's Sacramental programme 2020**  
*Baptisms*—During Mass, 1 month notice  
*First Reconciliation*— 27th March  
*First Communion*—11th June  
*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





**6th Sunday - Year A**

# St. Patrick's Parish

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

**16th February 2019**

Fr. Luke Verrell. Parish Priest.  
 Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.  
 Hrs 9-3 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*  
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*6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Most of the gospel passage we hear today is found only in Matthew's Gospel, especially in the way these four teachings about killing, adultery, divorce, and swearing oaths are structured. There will be two more next week. 'You have learnt how it was said ... but I say to you.' With this antithetical pattern Matthew introduces us to why Christianity is the complete form of God's plan for the world. What Jesus is saying here is that to be a good Christian it is not enough to keep the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments are not the pinnacle of Christian living. They are only the foundation upon which true Christian virtue needs to be erected. Jesus sets out a deepening and a radicalising of what God revealed at Sinai to Moses. There is a two-step path to how we are to live. The first is the step, captured in those ancient commandments, of moving from killing to not killing, of committing adultery to not committing adultery, of stealing to not stealing. Jesus tells us this is only the first step. The 2nd step is not only not to kill but not even to get angry, not only not physically to commit adultery but not even mentally to commit adultery. This is the hidden wisdom of God, not that we are to be better persons but we are to be new persons, new persons in baptism, new persons in the Spirit of God. The Christian is not about doing the bare minimum but about being one's complete self.



St Augustine of Hippo explains this two-step path to virtue in his Commentary on the Sermon on the Mount: 'Not to kill is, therefore, the least commandment, and whoever breaks it will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But those who fulfil it in the sense that they refrain from killing are not all at once heroes fit for the kingdom of heaven. They have, to be sure, risen to a certain degree; but to be perfect they will not even become angry without cause'. It is interesting to note that Augustine qualifies anger. He says that it is wrong to get angry 'without cause'. This is not what Jesus said. It would seem that Augustine accepted that not all anger was bad. When I look at what Jesus said, I have my own dilemma. I doubt that we can truly live without ever feeling angry. What we can control is how we deal with such emotion. We are capable of finding ways of not letting anger control us. As the author of the letter to the Ephesians writes (4:26): 'Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry'. The author acknowledges that we are going to get angry, but he urges us to deal with it, and to deal with it immediately, before it festers and ruins our relationships with others. What I think we find Jesus saying in all of this is not so much that God does not want us simply to obey rules and regulations as much as God wants us to live lives full of love for each other. The law of the Lord is the way of love; the law of the Lord is the way of peace; the law of the Lord is the way of Jesus, who gave himself for others. We keep the law of God not simply by what we do and don't do but by keeping it within our hearts, allowing that law to mould us and fashion us into the image of the Son. Jesus wants us to be wholehearted, not legalistic. We can be thankful today that God has revealed to us the fullness and maturity of life in the Spirit. We can be thankful for the wisdom that God brings us, a wisdom that goes beyond the bare necessities and leads us to the full blossoming of our human potential, which will only be realised in the kingdom to which we have been invited by God's grace.

*Geoffrey D. Dunn*



**Save the Date!** Relics of St Therese of Lisieux and her parents St Louis & St Zelle will visit our Parish from the evening of March 29th till 1pm the following day. Mass will be celebrated Monday 30th 9:15am

**St Patrick's School Masses.** ☩ *Ash Wednesday* - 26th February 12:15pm  
☩ *Feast of St Patrick* - 17th March 12:15pm



**World Day of Prayer 6th March.** This year Christians around the world will gather to pray for Zimbabwe. Services: *Star of the Sea Tathra* - 10am; *St Patrick's Bega* - 1pm.

**Grace Lenten Books.** Pre-orders are now available for collection. Didn't order - there are a few extra copies. Please contact the office.

**St Patrick's School 150th Anniversary** - Memorabilia is still available. Bags \$10; Tea towels \$7. Please contact the Parish Office.

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Marish Priest Fr Jack Soulsby was a regular visitor to our parish. In recent years he would say the Midnight Mass at Candelo every Christmas. He was born 13th October 1931 in Saltash, Cornwall and emigrated with his family to Australia after secondary school. Fr Jack originally trained as a civil engineer but was drawn towards the church. He entered the Marist Fathers in 1964 & was ordained in April 1969. His ministry took him to 91 countries. He settled in Brisbane in 1980. On April 22, 2019, he died peacefully at St Vincent's Hospital, Brisbane, four days before his golden anniversary of priesthood.



✦ **Ash Wednesday Masses** ✦  
**26th February**

*Tathra* 9am Mass  
*Bega* 12:15pm School Mass  
5:30pm Mass  
*Candelo* 7pm Liturgy  
*Bemboka* 5:30pm Liturgy TBC

**First Reconciliation 2020**

- ✦ **Information night** 12<sup>th</sup> February 6:30pm St Patrick's Church
- ✦ **Enrolment Mass** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 9:30am St Patrick's Church.
- ✦ **Candidate Family Masses** Sun 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 5pm St Patrick's
- ✦ **First Reconciliation** 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March, St Patrick's Church.
- ✦ **Thanksgiving Mass & Morning Tea** 29<sup>th</sup> March, 9:30am St Pat's

**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

**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** Robert, Patrick & Edna Salway

**ANNIVERSARIES** Denise Mulligan (nee Scanes) Heather Pook, Pam Collins, Eric, Caroline & Neville Turnbull, Alan Hanscombe

**Feast Days this Week**

**17<sup>th</sup> - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order.** In 1233 these prominent businessmen from Florence withdrew to a life of solitude, prayer, & penance. They developed into an order of mendicant friars (Servants of Mary). Remembered for their radical response to the demands of the gospel.

**21<sup>st</sup> - St Peter Damian,** Bishop & Doctor of the Church 1007-1072. Remembered as a scholarly reformer possessing a deeply ascetical spirituality.

**22<sup>nd</sup> - The Chair of St Peter the Apostle.** The chair (cathedra) of a bishop is a preeminent sign of his teaching authority and pastoral oversight of a local Church. This feast, observed in Rome since the fourth century, celebrates Peter, first among the apostles, as founder of the See of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.

**Altar Servers.**

The role of Children as Altar Servers is a long tradition in the Catholic Church. The Church has seen Altar Serving as a means to foster vocations. It is also a way to deepen a child's love for service, and of the Mass, and to nurture self-pride and confidence. I welcome all school aged children (year 3 to year 12) to nominate for this role. Children may serve at ANY of the Parish Masses once they are trained. Training will initially take place- **10:45am- 12pm Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2020** (with more training to follow). Please fill in the form and present it to the Parish Office (or Fr. Luke) Please see me if you have any queries of difficulties. *Peace, Fr. Luke*

**Altar serving form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

The usual weekend Mass I attend with my family are: (e.g. Sunday (930am) \_\_\_\_\_

I have been Baptised (y/n) \_\_\_\_\_

I have made my first Holy Communion: \_\_\_ (y/n) \_\_\_\_\_

I have made Confirmation \_\_\_ (y/n) \_\_\_\_\_

School I attend \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

All children will need black leather polished shoes to serve in