

**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 on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**ROSTERS - 8th/9th March 2020**  
 Please arrange a swap if you are not available

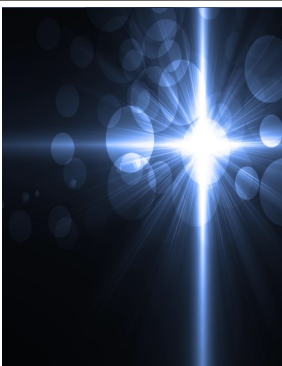
**Bemboka Sat 6pm**  
*Commentator* S Berman  
*Readers* P Bateman  
*Gifts* Berman  
*Cleaners* Green

**Candelo Son 9:30am**  
*Commentator* J Coman  
*Readers* R Coman  
*Gifts*  
*Cleaners - March* Nalda & Karen Heffernan

**Tathra Sun 7:45am**  
*Commentator* Kate D'Arcy  
*Readers* Eileen Reckord  
*Gifts* Judith Reid  
*Cleaners* Marj Bower  
*Wardens* Gerry Collins, G Hergenhan  
*Audio-Visual* Eileen Reckord  
*Eucharistic Ministers* M Hergenhan, Mark Oakley

**Bega Sun 9:30am**  
*Commentator* K Summerell  
*Readers* F & P Sorensen  
*Gifts* Volunteer  
*Counters* P & F  
*Music* Matt Heffernan & Choir  
*Acolyte*  
*Eucharistic Ministers*  
  
*Nursing Home*

**Wise Words:**  
 The endurance of darkness is the preparation for Great Light.  
 - St John of the Cross



**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





**1st Lent - Year A**

# St. Patrick's Parish

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

**1st March 2020**

Fr. Luke Verrell. Parish Priest.  
 Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.  
 Hrs 9-3 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*  
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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 40 days, and our season of Lent is our own 40-day journey into the wilderness, into the desert, into the outback of our own lives in imitation of his, just as his 40 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 3 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), & greed or avarice (selling his soul to the devil for the kingdoms of the world). In terms of the 7 deadly sins, catalogued by Evagrius Ponticus & 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 & pray that they soon join us in this eucharistic meal we share. *Geoffrey D Dunn*



# Welcome First Reconciliation Candidates & families.



**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 Mon 30th 9:15am

**St Patrick's School Masses.** ✠ *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

**Family Masses.** 8th & 15th March. 5pm. All welcome.

**Men's Breakfast.** St Johns Church Bega, Saturday March 7th at 8am. Guest Speaker - Chris Best from Bega Valley Shire Council, who was heavily involved on behalf of Council during the fires. Chris will speak to us about not only the operational matters but also, in particular, about the various relief and recovery support services etc and other assistance programs which are now available from various agencies. Plus a number of other relevant matters such as what we have learned and where do we go from here.

Dear Parishioners, I would like to set up a Maintenance group within our Parish. Our newly formed PPC is tasked with a focusing exclusively on people -evangelisation, welcoming, community and caring. And our finance committee numbers have dwindled recently. This has created a gap in Parish maintenance, building projects and OH&S. While I acknowledged that so much of what needs to be done – already gets done- by those working tirelessly behind the scenes, there should still be a body to 'look after' the Parish assets.

Maintenance Group would be filled with 'doers' who can help in the following way:

- Take on the task of Building Maintenance (or organising maintenance) for a particular Church;
- Help plan and execute building projects;
- Clean ups;
- Undertake OH&S audits;
- some handyman work.

**First meeting Saturday 10:30 am 21<sup>st</sup> of March with Cuppa Tea in Presbytery.**

*Peace, Fr. Luke*

**Credit Card Givers** - Please remember to keep the parish office up-to-date with your credit card details.

## Stations of the Cross

*Candelo* - Tues 7pm



## 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** Colin Tarlinton

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



Indigenous minorities in the Philippines face regular discrimination and disadvantage. Manide woman, Shirley faced challenges supporting her children and sending them to school. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley's life has been transformed.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community.**

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

**Feast Days this Week**

**4<sup>th</sup> - St Casimir.** 1458-1484. Polish Prince. Remembered for his generous life of austerity and devotion.

**7<sup>th</sup> - Sts Perpetua and Felicity,** Martyrs. Died 203. Remembered for the joyful courage of their final witness to Christ. Mentioned in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon)

**8<sup>th</sup> - St John of God,** Religious. 1495-1550. Remembered for this ministry, which was continued by his followers, who became the Order of Brothers Hospitallers of Saint John of God.

**Bushfire Resource Kit.** The Redemptorists of Australia and New Zealand have created a digital resource kit to help you cope with or find information to guide action. We hope these prayers, articles, videos and relief services can, in a small way, help you make sense of these unfolding extreme weather events. [www.ccsr.org.au/writings-select-digital-resource-kits](http://www.ccsr.org.au/writings-select-digital-resource-kits) - click on bushfire resource kit.

**Journey with the Martyrs – Lenten Calendar.** During the season of Lent *Aid to the Church in Need* would like to invite you to "Journey with the Martyrs" through an online Lent calendar. The Lent calendar features 47 true stories of modern martyrs, witnesses of love, who heroically offered their lives for God and their communities. Visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/lent2020](http://www.aidtochurch.org/lent2020)

## SHRINES OF OUR LADY WITH FR. SEBASTIAN MANOHARAN (MSFS)

Journey with our Lady as you visit famous shrines and sites of her apparitions. Explore various pilgrimage sites in Portugal, France, Italy, Croatia and Bosnia during this 15N pilgrimage led by Fr. Sebastian Manoharan (MSFS) that features Fatima, Lourdes, Paris, Rome and Medjugorje for an all-inclusive price of \$7990+Tips. The fare includes Entrances & Sites as per itinerary + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfast & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. 2020 Departures Available: **20th May 2020**. For inquiries & bookings call **03 8839 6615** or **1300721561** or email us [info@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:info@magiholidays.com.au)

**ST JOSEPH'S HOUSE BATEHAVEN.** 12 David Avenue 23-27 March. *The Hearts Memory: Gratefulness with Maureen McDermott RSJ.* During this mini guided retreat, we will have the opportunity to reflect on the memories of our heart and how they can lead us to a sense of being grateful. This retreat can be attended as a single day or all three days. Daily cost \$40. Full retreat, board and meals \$400. Contact Sr Marie for further information 0429 383 333 or email her on [batehavenretreats@sosj.org.au](mailto:batehavenretreats@sosj.org.au)