

Responsorial Psalm. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation. Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the fathers voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
Listen to him.

ROSTERS - 14th/15th March 2020

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm

Commentator G Bevitt
Readers G Green
Gifts
Cleaners Allen

Candelo Sat 6pm

Commentator L Thompson
Readers K Wels
Gifts Ann & Peter Haheys
Cleaners - March Nalda & Karen Heffernan

Tathra Sun 7:45am

Commentator Paul Gardiner
Readers Val Bessant
Gifts Val Bessant & M Roberts
Cleaners Val Bessant & Marg Roberts
Wardens Michael Doig, Gerry Collins
Audio-Visual Carleen Maley
Eucharistic Ministers Mark Oakley, Carleen Maley

Bega Sun 9:30am

Commentator J Lott
Readers V Northcott, A Woods
Gifts B Burton
Counters B & E Richards
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte David Grainger
Eucharistic Ministers E Collins, U de Morsier
R Healey, E Caragher
Nursing Home Paul Gardiner

Wise Words:

Lent is not just a time for squaring conscious accounts: but for realizing what we had perhaps not seen before. The light of lent is given us to help us with this realization.
- Thomas Merton



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

BEHIND the CLOUD



2nd Lent - Year A

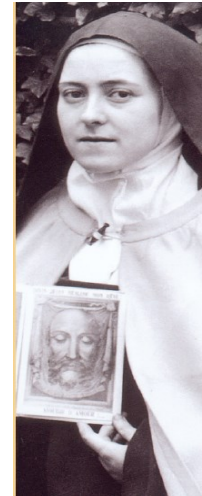
8th March 2020

St. Patrick's Parish

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

Fr. Luke Verrell. Parish Priest.
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The relics of Saints Louis, Zelig and Therese Martin (part 1 of 3)
Most Reverend Gregory Homeming OCD, Bishop of Lismore

The relics of St Therese of Lisieux and her parents St Louis and St Marie-Azelie (Zelig) will be taken through a number of dioceses early in 2020. Many people wonder why the Church persists in what seems to be a mediaeval piety, an archaic practice. Why tour the remains of saints and make them available for the veneration of the faithful? Is this an outdated superstition?

Despite the scenes of intense religious devotion around relics, there is certainly nothing magical or talisman like about the relics of saints. Of themselves relics are not holy. It is more correct to say, they are the remains of a holy person, a saint, and on account of their connection to that holy person are revered.

In Australia we are used to caring for and respecting sacred sites. A place may be sacred for a number of reasons. It may be a place of spiritual significance to a people who identify with and are defined by that place; as is the case with many indigenous Australians. It may be a place where an important event took place and now is part of the national identity, such as Gallipoli. It may be a building in which over hundreds of years people have prayed and worshiped, such as a church or cathedral. Visit one of the churches which will host the relics. Pray and experience the saints. You will experience God and perhaps your life will change. As with a sacred site or souvenir, you can, through the saint, experience and connect with the holiness of God.

Dear Parishioners,

Fr Tony Percy, our Vicar General, has given Archdiocesan Protocols to help reduce the transmission of the Corona Virus. I only received this on Wednesday afternoon, and they were immediately made public (via the archdiocesan website) at the same time.

Our Parish will, in due time, make appropriate changes in response to the advice received. For now, I ask you to all to read the press release and sit with it this week. These changes have been made out of concern for vulnerable people in our church- I ask that this be part of your consideration in your feelings towards these changes.

The Archdiocese has asked that appropriate instruction be given with implementing these changes which means *I will not make any changes this weekend* in our churches. I ask you to sit with the changes this week and the next Sunday (15th) we can meet after each Mass to form an outlook which supports these changes.

peace, Fr. Luke

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/coronavirus-leads-catholic-churches-to-change-mass-practices/>

St Patrick's School Masses. ✠ *Feast of St Patrick* - 17th March 12:15pm

Connect Family Masses. 8th & 15th March. 5pm, start in the hall for fellowship and sharing with high school students. All welcome.

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

Maintenance Group Meeting. First meeting Saturday 10:30 am 21st of March with Cuppa Tea in Presbytery.

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

Learnings for Australian Catholics & the Australian Plenary Council. 2nd April, 7:30pm at the Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. The forum is to inform on the processes and outcomes, including the Pope's response, of the Amazon Synod. A Background Paper is available on the website. Speakers include Br Mark O'Connor FMS Vicar for Communications, Parramatta diocese, official observer at the Amazon Synod. Paul Nicoll, Canberra Catholic with experience and insight into the Brazilian/Amazon church. Agnes Dodds, Melbourne Catholic and member of Women's Wisdom in the Church (WWITCH) and Terry Fewtrell. *Overnight billeting available for rural and regional visitors to Canberra (Contact rod@rodpage.com).* Further details: www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org

Instagrace for Year 8 to 12. 14-17 April. Instagrace is four day catholic residential program organised by Jesus Youth Canberra for Years 8 to Year 12. This program is designed to help teenagers explore themselves and develop a personal relationship with Jesus through inspiring talks, music and life testimonies.

St John Paul II College, 211 Goyder St, Narrabundah. Registration fee - \$200.

Registrations close on 31/03/2020. www.instagrace.com.au to register.

Enquiries Roby: 0433828266, Jobin: 0470415847 or Leeba: 0403893115

Email: jesusyouthcanberra@gmail.com

Credit Card Givers - Please remember to keep the parish office up-to-date with your credit card details. With the recent fires cards may have been reissued or cancelled.

Stations of the Cross

Candelo - Tues 7pm

Bega - Friday 5:30, Chapel



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



27 year-old Phany was a struggling farmer & was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills & better water management, to combat drought.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families. .

You can also donate on 1800 024 413 or www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

Feast Days this Week

8th - 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.

9th - St Frances of Rome, Religious. 1384-1440. Remembered as a dedicated laywoman who, in a time of plague and civil war, worked tirelessly for the poor and the sick yet without compromising her love for her husband and family.

Jesus, Moses, and Elijah

The appearance of Moses and Elijah has symbolic significance. Moses, who delivered the Ten Commandments to



Israel, represents the Law; Elijah was esteemed as the greatest of prophets. The work of Moses and Elijah - the Law and the Prophets - was to testify to, and prepare for, the coming of the Messiah. This interpretation is found in this Sunday's Preface: '[Jesus] wanted to teach them [his disciples] through the Law and Prophets.' Now that Jesus has come and his glory is revealed, the work of Moses and Elijah is accomplished; so in the transfiguration they disappear and 'Jesus alone' remains. Yet, their appearance shows that Jesus stands in continuity with the saving and revealing work of God recorded in



the Law and the Prophets. Their disappearance at the end of the vision does not suggest that the Law and Prophets have become obsolete, for as Jesus indicates, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfil'.

Matthew is interested in both Moses and Elijah. He deals with Elijah in the verses following this Sunday's gospel. Matthew's description of Jesus invites a comparison with Moses. In the Old Testament Moses is twice on a mountain when God speaks with him: first, on Mt. Horeb (= Sinai) when God appeared to him in a burning bush and again when God appeared in terrifying glory to give him the Ten

Commandments. After forty days on the mountain Moses came down and 'his face had become radiant'. In the transfiguration Jesus is on a mountain, his appearance becomes radiant, and God speaks with him. Moses was a 'servant' of the Lord to whom the Lord would speak 'as one speaks to a friend'. Jesus is also the Servant of the Lord (Sunday 2), and more than a friend: God declares, 'This is my beloved Son.' The obedience required by the words of Moses is now directed to Jesus: 'listen to him.'