

Responsorial Psalm. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
Give me living water, that I may never thirst again
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become him a spring welling up to eternal life.

ROSTERS - 21st/22nd March 2020
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator J Guthrie
Readers M Guthrie
Gifts Guthrie
Cleaners Bevitt

Candelo Sun 9:30am
Commentator Sharon Heffernan
Readers Sarah Andrews
Gifts
Cleaners - March Nalda & Karen Heffernan

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Judith Reid
Readers Jacinta Battista
Gifts Marie Oakley
Cleaners Carleen & Les Maley
Wardens Peter Mullaney, Michael Doig
Audio-Visual Trish Sly
Eucharistic Ministers Carleen Maley, Judith Reid

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator P Malone
Readers Maureen Scott, M Twyford
Gifts Woods Family
Counters T & M Collins
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte Sean McCambridge
Eucharistic Ministers A Tarlinton, B Tygh
J Taylor, C Tarlinton
Nursing Home

Wise Words: Pray with great confidence, with confidence based upon the goodness & infinite generosity of God & upon the promises of Jesus Christ. God is a spring of living water which flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray.
- St Louise de Montfort.



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 appointment, 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

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3rd Lent - Year A

15th 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.
Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.
Hrs 9-3 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*
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The relics of Saints Louis, Zelig and Therese Martin (part 2 of 3)

Most Reverend Gregory Homering 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?



We all have souvenirs of people we have loved, insignificant items of little value, but to us they are treasured gems which move us to remember a loved one or an event. When the item attaches to a person it can bring to mind the attributes and goodness of the person. In some cases it can even encourage us to live according to higher values. The relics of saints fall into this category. Relics are physical remains which connect us with the goodness and holiness of the saint. They remind us of the saint and through the saint move us to live better lives.

The saints who are "visiting" Australia are a mother, a father and their daughter. St Louis and St Zelig are the only married couple to have been canonized, and they have a daughter who was called by Pope St Pius X, the greatest saint of the modern times. St Therese, who died in 1897, was a woman of precocious virtue and prayer. She says, "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."

She shows us that holiness is simple and hidden, it does not seek recognition but turning away from self to God, it makes within the human heart a place for Jesus.

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.



Congratulations to:
Michael Bennett & Sophie Lott

Hanna Cornwell & Dylan Cuthbert
Married 14th March



Feast day Masses. ✠ *Feast of St Patrick* - School Mass 9:15am; 5:30pm Bega.
✠ *Feast of St Joseph* - Due to a compulsory Governance day for priests in Canberra on the 19th there will be a Vigil Mass at St Patrick's chapel Wed at 5:30pm & No mass at the Nursing home.

Maintenance Group Meeting. First meeting Saturday 10:30 am 21st of March.

Woman's Weekend Retreat. 3-5 April. Water, Wind, Earth & Fire . **Venue:** Shalom House of Prayer, Carcoar. **Cost:** Suggested Donation of \$200 (includes all meals & accommodation) **Register:** 6367 3058 or email: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com

Australian Catholic Men's Gathering 2020 *Brothers, what must we do?* The Bishops of Australia would like to invite you to attend a national day of gathering for all Catholic men. When: Saturday 25 July 2020, 9am - 7pm. Where: ACU Strathfield, NSW. Cost: \$80 (excl GST). More Information: www.catholicmensgathering.com

Encounter Timor Leste with Palms 13-25 September 2020. On this 13-day tour you will experience the diversity of our close neighbour, from bustling Dili to its remoter communities. Gain a deeper understanding through new sights, smells, sounds, tastes, textures and experiences, challenging old ideas. It might even inspire you to join Palms and work overseas yourself. We are also offering an Encounter on the Thai-Myanmar in November. For more information call Robert at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or email robert@palms.org.au



I will send down a shower of roses from heaven- St Therese

We would like flowers to accompany the Relics of St Therese - Petals, roses, long life flowers. **Long life flowers to be left at the Office 10am Friday 27th March.** Petals and roses – After Sunday Mass Bega 29th March. Any money for flowers gratefully received via marked envelope in 2nd collection - Fr. Luke

Easter Penitential Rite

Bemboka Sat. 28th March, after 6pm Mass
Bega Thursday 2nd April 7pm
Tathra Wed 1st April after 9:30 mass
Candelo Sat 4th April after 6pm mass

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



Barry grew up in a tough environment. With the support of a program from Caritas Australia's partner, Red Dust Healing, Barry has overcome many of life's challenges. He is now an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 & help vulnerable people like Barry, so that they are empowered to assist members of their communities in Australia.

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

Feast Days this Week

17th - St Patrick, Bishop. 4th-5th Century. Remembered for his simplicity and pastoral care, for his humble trust in God, and for his fearless preaching of the gospel to those who had enslaved him in his youth. **18th - St Cyril of Jerusalem**, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. 315-386. Remembered especially for the illuminating baptismal catechesis he gave in the new Constantinian basilica of the Holy Sepulchre. **19th - St Joseph**, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Venerated in the East after the fourth century, and his cult flowered in the West during the fifteenth century, following the development of medieval nativity plays, the Christmas crib, and increased devotion to Mary

Living Water

Jesus and the Samaritan woman engage in a wide-ranging discussion - water, marriage, worship, belief. In the course of this discussion the woman comes to a progressively deeper understanding of who Jesus is: 'a Jew', possibly 'greater than our father Jacob', 'a prophet' possibly 'the Christ' (=Messiah), 'truly the Saviour of the world'. This journey of faith begins with the innocuous request for a drink of water.



Jesus, who is in the awkward position of asking the woman for water, is in the privileged position of being able to offer the woman 'living water.' The Greek expression is deliberately ambiguous. 'Living water' can refer either to 'flowing water' as from a stream (as opposed to standing water in a pond or cistern) or to 'life-giving water.' The woman understands the first meaning while Jesus intends the second. This misunderstanding allows Jesus to elaborate.



The immediate context doesn't explicitly explain what Jesus means by 'living water.' It is somehow linked to 'the gift of God' but that, too, isn't entirely clear. Later in the gospel Jesus explains: 'Whoever believes in me, as scripture says: 'Rivers of living water will flow from within him.' John explains: 'He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive'. Thus, 'living water' is the Spirit which is how Jesus himself remains in his disciples after his resurrection-ascension.

'Living water' as a metaphor for the divine presence is attested in Jeremiah. The prophet compares idolatry to trying to draw water from a cracked cistern: just as there is no water in an empty cistern, there is no power in idols because they are not gods. The Lord, however, is as refreshing and reliable as fresh flowing 'living water.' In 17:3 Jeremiah is more explicit when he says that 'living water' is 'the Lord.' To have living water as an internal spring means that believers will never thirst for God, for the Spirit is in them leading them to 'eternal life'.