

Entrance Antiphon	As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.
Responsorial Psalm	The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon	The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your alters, O Lord of host, my King and my God. for ever singing your praise.

ROSTERS - 18th/19th July 2020
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm	
<i>Commentator</i>	J Guthrie
<i>Readers</i>	E Bevitt
<i>Gifts</i>	on hold
<i>Cleaners</i>	Gerrey
Candelo Sat 6pm	
<i>Commentator</i>	Ann Haesy
<i>Readers</i>	Kevin Dodds
<i>Gifts</i>	on hold
<i>Cleaners - July</i>	Meryl & Jim Whitby
Tathra Sun 7:45am	
<i>Commentator</i>	Trish Sly
<i>Readers</i>	Val Besant
<i>Gifts</i>	on hold
<i>Cleaners</i>	Maddie & Mary Plevy
<i>Wardens</i>	Bernie Miller, David Grainger
<i>Audio-Visual</i>	Carleen Maley
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Mary Tupper, Les Carey
Bega Sun 9:30am	
<i>Commentator</i>	L Reeve
<i>Readers</i>	K Jennings, M O'Neill
<i>Gifts</i>	On hold
<i>Counters</i>	Office
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan & Cantor
<i>Acolyte</i>	TBA
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	TBA

Wise Words:

Your mind is the garden. Your thoughts are the seeds. The harvest can either be flowers or weeds.
- William Wordsworth



Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

<i>Bega</i>	Saturday, 9.40 - 10am
<i>Bemboka</i>	before vigil Mass
<i>Candelo</i>	before vigil Mass
<i>Tathra</i>	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— TBA
First Communion—TBA
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



15th Sunday - Year A

12th July 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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Dear Parishioner's

Tax time has come, and Tanya will send out our yearly receipts. Thank you to all who make financial contributions to the Parish. "How much does it cost to run a parish?" This is somewhat of an open ended question. Like household's, parishes must adjust their spending to fit in with their income. As you would know all too well, a larger income gives more freedom in what we can do. Often 'the cheaper option' is not cheaper in the long run. In a Parish with over a 100 year history, our maintenance expenses can be a lot as we seek to pass on our parish for future generations.

Two forms have been prepared for those wishing to make Direct Debit contributions.

Direct Debit can now be made to the First (Blue Form) and Second collection (Green form).

Direct Debit is the preferred way of receiving money from you. With the 2nd Collection- all the banking is done at the Parish Level (by Tanya).

1st Collection:

The first collection is pooled from all parishes and pays the priest stipend and living allowance. It also pays for the bishop (and makes contributions to the retired clergy). During Corona this saw a big reduction (some of which has been recovered- thanks to parishioners 'making up' for lost weeks). The diocese needed to reduce the priest's pay in order to not deplete the fund during Corona. Like many, we are now supported by JobKeeper for the next four months. I am happy to see that Bega's contribution are enough to support their priest.

Peace,

Fr. Luke



We Welcome into our Parish Family:
William Kenneth Kettle
 Baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

SUNDAY MASS STREAMS CONTINUE - SUNDAY 9:30AM -
 YouTube: 'Bega Parish Stream' or https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_IP75FT2djL7Oowe5WUrhQ

First Eucharist. Children from years 3 & 4 (and older) are invited to enrol for First Eucharist preparation. Packages are available from the office.



Planned Giving. 2019/20 receipts will be available from next weekend.



St Patrick's Primary News! Kinder Enrolments for 2020. Kinder enrolments are now open and filling up fast, please go to our website and fill-in an online application or contact St Pat's office on 6492 5500.

150th Anniversary Pavers. As we are yet to lay our 150th pavers due to pending construction works we would like to take the opportunity to place a second order. Pavers will range from \$35-\$30. If we receive enough interest an order will be placed. Please contact the office.

Engaged Encounter. 1st-2nd August. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information visit our web site: www.engagedencounter.org.au



The Bega Sub Branch of RSL NSW, in conjunction with the people of the Bega Valley, will hold a Welcome Home and Thank You march and service at the Bega Soldiers' Memorial on Sunday August 16th 2020. *A cordial invitation is extended to all Serving and Ex-Service personnel, Police, Fire and other Government Departments, Service Clubs, Schools, Church Groups and Lodges, as well as members of the public, their families and friends to attend.* Assembly in Church Street at 10:30 hours and step off at 10:45, marching to the memorial where the service will commence at 11:00 hours. **COVID Safe procedures will be observed at all times.** After the Ceremony lunch can be purchased at Club Bega and you are cordially invited to join us for fellowship. More information & registration to Mr. Ken Witchard on 02 6492 1222 or via email to subbranchbega@bigpond.com.

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.
- Thursday 9.15am Bega
- *Hillgrove House on hold.*
- Friday 9.15am Bega
4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
- Saturday 9.15am Bega

RECENTLY DECEASED Henry Rheinberger, Kay Grainger, David Peters, Geoffrey O'Connell, Caleb Shaw, Ruth Glover, Noel Adams,

ANNIVERSARIES Fr Joseph Rheinberger, Eunice Tarlinton, Malcolm & Patricia McCambridge, Mary Van Dieman

13th - St Henry. 973-1024, Duke of Bavaria & then Holy Roman Emperor. Remembered for combining his temporal leadership with piety and for supporting reform within the Church.

14th - St Camillus de Lellis, Priest, 1550-1614. Remembered for his special love for and service of the sick.

Feast Days this Week

15th - St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church, 1218-1274. Remembered as a teacher, for his extensive biblical and mystical writings, and for his holiness, gentleness, and compassion.

16th - Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Commemorates the Virgin Mary as associated with Mount Carmel (Israel), site of the prophet Elijah's altar to the one true God and of the twelfth century eremitical forerunners of the Carmelites. Mary is celebrated on this day as a model of reflection, solitude, and prayer.

Parable of the Sower

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Matthew's telling of this well known parable highlights some of his favourite

themes. It is prominently placed as the first parable in Matthew's 'Sermon in Parables'. The 'Sermon in Parables' is central in 2 ways: it is the third of 5 sermons and chapter 13 is the middle of the gospel. All 8 parables in this sermon are about the kingdom of heaven. These fictitious stories taken from everyday life suggest aspects of the kingdom. Part of the appeal of parables is their resistance to definitive interpretation: it is not possible to say, 'This is the meaning.' Each of the parables suggests rather than defines what the kingdom 'is like.'



Note, first, that the parable of the sower is not a lesson on agricultural technique nor a historical record with clues to ancient farming practices. Nor is it actually about the sower: the sower appears only in the first verse and then disappears. Nor is the parable about various kinds of soil, despite its great appeal to make moral points about ourselves, e.g., 'I am like the rocky ground.' The parable is about the seed, i.e.,

'the word of the kingdom'. The Sower (Jesus) scatters the seed extravagantly and indiscriminately: this is consistent with the abundance, generosity, and graciousness that characterise the kingdom. The superabundant harvest reiterates those themes and also points to the mysterious but certain ways in which God's kingdom grows.

The harsh quote from Isaiah 6:9-10 serves two purposes. First, in Jesus, Scripture is being fulfilled (Sunday 3); second, 'knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you', i.e., knowledge of the kingdom is revealed, not acquired (see last Sunday's gospel). Without this blessing, looking and hearing will not suffice; consequently, without revelation, conversion and healing are not possible. Though this may offend our egalitarian sensibilities, it highlights the core truth that the kingdom is God's doing, not a human accomplishment. All depends on grace.