

Entrance Antiphon God is in his holy place,
God who unites who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people

Responsorial Psalm Lord, I love your commands

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of heaven.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And never forget all his benefits.

ROSTERS - 1st/2nd August 2020
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator S Berman
Readers R Allen
Gifts on hold
Cleaners Allen

Candelo Sat 6pm
Commentator K Wels
Readers L Thompson
Gifts on hold
Cleaners - Aug Ann Hyam

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator David Grainger
Readers Mary Tupper
Gifts on hold
Cleaners Margaret T & Lee R
Wardens Rob Cummins, Mike Tupper
Audio-Visual Judith Reid
Eucharistic Ministers Jacinta Battista, Denise Miller

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator K Summerell
Readers J Scott-Pegum, Michelle Scott
Gifts On hold
Counters Office
Music Matt Heffernan & Cantor
Acolyte TBA
Eucharistic Ministers TBA

Wise Words: ‘and in the end ... everything else will turn out to unimportant & inessential, except for this: Father, child & love.’
- St Pope John Paul II



Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation
Bega Saturday, 9.40 - 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— 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



17th Sunday - Year A

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*
St. Patrick's School, Bega. Mrs. Jo Scott-Pegum (Principal) 6492 5500
Lumen Christi (LCCC), Pambula. Mr. Shane Giles (Acting) 6495 8888

26th July 2020

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Dear Parishioner's

This weekend, we renew our commitment to making our Church Covid Safe.

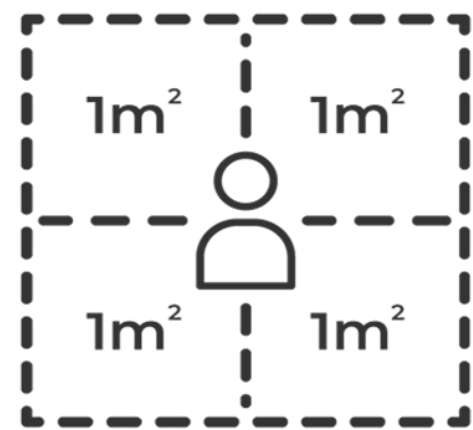
The following practices are to be observed:

- ✦ Registering people upon entering the Church- Name and contact details.
- ✦ Wiping down of Pew and common areas at the conclusion of every Mass (Paper towel & cleaner provided).
- ✦ People experiencing symptoms do not attend Mass (fever, cough, fatigue, sore throat, shortness of breath)
- ✦ Observance of 1m² rule (immediate families exempt).

There is blue tape in order to help spacing.
Please observe the spacing requirements

Furthermore, mingling should not occur inside the Church.

It looks like Covid is going to get worse- we need to get in good habits, in order to stay safe.



Next week (2nd August 9:30am Bega Mass), we will welcome into the Church our RCIA candidates. They will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Mass.

It was originally planned that this celebration would take place during Easter, but because of Covid it was cancelled. Our new Christians have been so patient in their wait, I sincerely hope you can join me next week at the Mass to welcome, and celebrate our newest Parishioners.

Peace, Fr. Luke



We Welcome into our Parish Family:
Harry Charles Game
Baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Changes to weekday Masses. There will be no morning mass on Thurs 30th.

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.



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

National Men's Gathering, 15th August - The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now an online event for registered participants. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group. The intent is to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, diocese and the world. Registration: Available from Monday 29th June. Go to: bit.ly/cm2020event

National Prayer Crusade for Vocations, 6 Sept - The Knights of the Southern Cross will launch their 14th Prayer Crusade for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life with the hope that this will lead to an increase in Catholic Chaplains for the Australian Defence Force where there is an ongoing need. The Crusade runs until **Saturday, 28 November 2020** and all Catholic organisations/schools & colleges, parishes & individual Catholics throughout Australia are being invited to participate.

*Requiem Mass for the Repose
 of the soul of
 Liz Coman
 St Patrick's
 Thursday 30th 11am*



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 Elizabeth Coman, Helen Rocotuku (nee Martin), Mary D'Arcy, Henry Rheinberger, Kay Grainger

ANNIVERSARIES John Jennings, Ben Adams, Catherine & Basil Rose, Jessie & Joe Sixsmith, Fr Joseph Rheinberger, Eunice Tarlinton

26th - Sts Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

29th - St Martha. The sister of Mary and Lazarus of Bethany.

30th - St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church, 390-450.

Feast Days this Week Remembered for his eloquent sermons, his loyalty to the bishop of Rome, and his pastoral zeal.

31st - St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest, 1491-1556. Founder of the Jesuits.

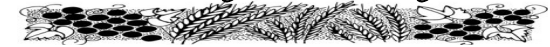
Remembered for his loyalty to the Church and its renewal, his ministry to the marginal, his concern for education, and his dedication "to the greater glory of God," the motto of the Jesuits.

1st Aug - St Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop & Doctor of the Church, 1696-

1787. Founder of the Redemptorists. Remembered as a popular preacher and devotional writer and as an influential master of moral theology.

Kingdom of Heaven (Part 2)

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



This Sunday's gospel concludes

Matthew's 'Sermon in Parables.' Both in

last Sunday's gospel and this Sunday's there are three parables: two brief stories with positive outcomes (mustard seed, leaven/treasure, pearl) contrasting with one longer story involving final judgment (weeds in the wheat/the fishnet). The first two parables in this Sunday's gospel - the buried treasure and the pearl - involve the same pattern of action. Though the person finds the treasure by chance and the merchant diligently searches for the pearl, each (1) finds something, (2) sells all they have, (3) buys the found object. In what way is 'the kingdom of heaven like' the action in these two parables? When one 'finds' the kingdom, whether by chance or by diligent search, one's world is reversed: each individual 'sells all that he has'. This represents both a complete break with their life as they knew it and the surpassing value of the kingdom. In order to 'buy' it - this is to be taken in terms of the parable, not literally - everything else is willingly sacrificed. In a scale of values the kingdom takes priority over everything else. But what is acquired - the kingdom - is more

valuable than 'all' that each has. In a scale of values nothing surpasses the worth of the kingdom.



So far these parables are quite positive in outlook - focusing on individuals who forego all but gain more. But there is another aspect to the kingdom that Jesus explores in the parable of the fishnet. The focus in this parable is on final judgment. To sort the fish - the bad from the good - the fishermen sit on the shore. This is the posture for judgment: in the age to come the disciples will 'sit on twelve thrones, judging

the twelve tribes of Israel' just as the Son of Man will sit on his throne to judge between sheep and goats. Though the kingdom is for the righteous, not the wicked, the separation of the righteous from the wicked must wait until the day of judgment.