

**Entrance Antiphon** Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
and look on the face of your anointed one;  
one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**Responsorial Psalm** O God, let all the nations praise you!

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon** With the Lord there is mercy;  
in him is plentiful redemption.

**ROSTERS - 22nd/23rd August 2020**  
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

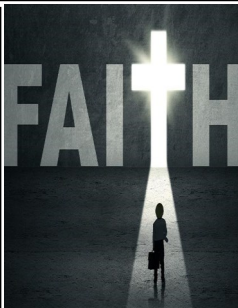
**Bemboka Sat 6pm**  
Commentator G Berman  
Readers G Bevitt  
Gifts on hold  
Cleaners Gerrey

**Candelo Sun 9:30am**  
Commentator Ann Haesy  
Readers R Coman  
Gifts on hold  
Cleaners - Aug Ann Hyam

**Tathra Sun 7:45am**  
Commentator Eileen Reckord  
Readers Carleen Maley  
Gifts on hold  
Cleaners E Reckord, J Battista  
Wardens Peter Preo, B Miller  
Audio-Visual Vicki Kennaugh  
Eucharistic Ministers Michael Doig, Eileen Reckord

**Bega Sun 9:30am**  
Commentator L Reeve  
Readers Maureen Scott, R Burgess  
Gifts On hold  
Counters Office  
Music Matt Heffernan & Cantor  
Acolyte TBA  
Eucharistic Ministers TBA

**Wise Words:**  
Faith & love are like  
the blind man's  
guides. They will  
lead you along a path  
unknown to you, to  
the place where God  
is hidden.  
- St John of the Cross




**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



**20th Sunday - Year A** **16th August 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

Please remember in your prayers the Catholic faithful of Victoria who are again under lockdown- going without the Mass and Eucharist. I have nominated our Parish to be 'twinned' in prayer with a parish in Melbourne- We will offer our prayers and Masses for those who cannot attend.



Please return your updated giving forms (Direct Debit-Blue and Green or credit card-white). It has been very helpful to begin streamlining the giving process. It has had the added bonus of lending more time for silence in the liturgy.

Our Parish is preparing children for First Eucharist, **as well as baptism and Eucharist.** Part of this preparation is the two family retreats (including Sunday Mass) beginning 4pm. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. All young families are welcome to attend these events.

We have done very well with the recent rain- a welcome blessing.


*Peace, Fr. Luke*



First Communion Enrolment Mass.



**SUNDAY MASS STREAMS CONTINUE - SUNDAY 9:30AM -**  
 YouTube: 'Bega Parish Stream' or [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_IP75FT2djL7Oowe5WUrhQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_IP75FT2djL7Oowe5WUrhQ)

 **St Patrick's Primary News! Kinder Enrolments for 2020.** Kinder enrolments are still open. Contact the school office on 6492 5500.

**National Fertility Awareness Week - 17-23 August.** Take control of your fertility via [www.fertilitypinpoint.co](http://www.fertilitypinpoint.co) More information can be accessed through [www.billings.life](http://www.billings.life) Or call 1800 335 860

**Women's Retreat Day - 22nd August.** The retreat is based on St Catherine of Siena's words "**Be who you are meant to be and you will set the world on fire**". This event is both an **in-person** event and available **online** commencing at 9.00am and concluding with dinner. For more information please contact us on [mgl sisters@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters@gmail.com).

**Laudato Si dialogue.** Further information and registration contact: [BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au](mailto:BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au) or on 0428-625-110.

**Women's Reflection Afternoon - 29 August.** A livestreamed event across the Archdiocese. Register at [www.bit.ly/WomensReflectionAfternoon](http://www.bit.ly/WomensReflectionAfternoon) . Enquiries email [catholic.women@cg.org.au](mailto:catholic.women@cg.org.au) or ring/text Lara on 0429 192 869


**Prayer of Columba of Iona**

Be thou a bright flame before me,  
 Be thou a guiding star above me,  
 Be thou a smooth path before me,  
 Be thou a kindly shepherd behind me,  
 Today ... tonight... and forever.  
 Amen

**Our Relationship with the Land - next Desert Creek House workshop, 21st - 23 August.** For more information: 6492 8498 or [www.desertcreekhouse.com.au](http://www.desertcreekhouse.com.au)

**First Eucharist 2020**



-  **Parents Virtual Retreat** Wednesday 5th August 6pm.
-  **Enrolment Mass** Sunday 9th August, 9:30am St Patrick's Church.
-  **Family Retreats** Sunday 23rd & 30th August, 4:30pm. St Patrick's
-  **First Eucharist** Thursday 17th September, 6pm St Patrick's Church.
-  **Thanksgiving Mass** Sunday 20th September, 9:30am. St Patrick's

**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** Tyler Finucane, Paul O'Brien, Noa Jessop, John Jennings, Ben Adams, Catherine & Basil Rose, Jessie & Joe Sixsmith

**16<sup>th</sup> - St Stephen of Hungary.** 975-1038. Remembered for making Christianity the religion of the nation and for his justice to the oppressed and charity for the poor.

**19<sup>th</sup> - St John Eudes,** Priest, 1601-1680. Founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary and the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

**20<sup>th</sup> - St Bernard,** Abbot & Doctor of the Church, 1090-1153. Remembered as the most influential churchman of his age, for his inspirational leadership, and for his devotion to the humanity of Christ and to the Blessed Virgin.

**21<sup>st</sup> - St Pius X,** Pope (1903-14), 1835-1914. Born Giuseppe Sarto, Remembered for his poverty and for his promotion of liturgical participation, especially of frequent communion, to which he admitted young children.

**22<sup>nd</sup> - The Queenship of The Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Salvation for Gentiles** *20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

There are several troublesome features in this Sunday's gospel story: initially, Jesus did not answer the woman; the disciples are eager to send her away; Jesus capitulates to their suggestion by telling the woman that his mission is 'only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel,' i.e., not to Canaanites; Jesus compares her and foreigners to 'dogs.' If Matthew's goal in this story were to present biographical details about, or psychological insights into, Jesus then we would be rightly scandalised. It seems more likely, however, that Matthew is addressing the thorny issue which his own community is facing in the 80s: where do Gentiles fit into the Church's mission? Because Matthew's community is made up of both Jewish and Gentile members, there would have been keen interest in this story.

Some background. Jewish tradition began with a keen sense of Israel's special election: 'the Lord, your God . . . has chosen you from all the nations on the face of the earth to be a people peculiarly his own'. As the tradition developed, Israel envisioned a time when all nations would come to worship the Lord. Eventually, Israel understood that its mission was to lead the nations to God. There is a progression in God's saving work: Jews first, then Gentiles through the ministry of the Jews. Jesus' response to the Canaanite woman reflects this theology: the house of Israel comes first.



Jesus' reference to 'the dogs' is cleverly reinterpreted by the woman. Dogs have a place in the household and must be fed. She thus argues rightly that God is God of both Jews and Gentiles. Jesus is persuaded, however, not by her clever retort but by her faith: clearly, faith knows no ethnic limits. This offers guidance to Matthew's community. While Jews may be first and Gentiles second in the biblical understanding of God's saving plan, faith is possible for people of every origin and background. Consequently, membership in the Christian community is based not on ethnic origins, but on the response of faith.