


Entrance Antiphon Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophet be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm The Lord is kind & merciful; slow to anger & rich in compassion.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
Love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

24th Sunday - Year A
13th September 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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Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we welcome four new members into our Parish family. Sonia, Jasmine, Oliver and Charles will be baptised during the Sunday Mass at St Patrick's. We wish them all the best in their future journey in Faith.



This weekend I ask for us again to be mindful of our adherence to Covid protocols. I have made put out new signs and notices in order to be clearer of our obligations. Please follow every instruction for the health of everyone.

Weekend and weekday Mass sign in sheets—please ensure that when signing in for Mass, there is only one name per line. Please do not write for example: Smith x3. We can only have the designated number of people in the Church at any one time. Sheets are marked with available places to ensure this is achieved.

CURRENT PROTOCOLS

- ✦ In accordance with government restrictions only the designated number people are permitted in the church at any one time (please see sign at Church Entrances) ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS MUST sign in upon entry. Records are renewed daily & destroyed after 28 days. All attendees (including children) must complete the Mass Register prior to entry.
- ✦ Communion is to be received in the hand only.
- ✦ Please sit where there is a 'Please sit here' marker. Every 2nd pew is closed. NB: Families can sit together.
- ✦ Please use the hand sanitiser upon entry
- ✦ There will be no sign of peace.
- ✦ Please maintain social distancing 1.5m, at all times.

Peace Fr Luke.

SUNDAY MASS STREAMS CONTINUE
SUNDAY 9:30AM YouTube: 'Bega Parish Stream' or
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_IP75FT2dJL7Oowe5WUrhQ

ROSTERS - 20th/21st September 2020

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm	
<i>Commentator</i>	G Green
<i>Readers</i>	G Bevitt
<i>Gifts</i>	on hold
<i>Cleaners</i>	Berman
Candelo Sat 6pm	
<i>Commentator</i>	Sharon Heffernan
<i>Readers</i>	Sarah Andrews
<i>Gifts</i>	on hold
<i>Cleaners - Sept</i>	Patricia O'Callaghan
Tathra Sun 7:45am	
<i>Commentator</i>	Judith Reid
<i>Readers</i>	Jacinta Battista
<i>Gifts</i>	on hold
<i>Cleaners</i>	Carleen & Les Maley
<i>Wardens</i>	P Mullaney, Michael Doig
<i>Audio-Visual</i>	Trish Sly
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Carleen Maley, Judith Reid
Bega Sun 9:30am	
<i>Commentator</i>	M Henare
<i>Readers</i>	J Scott-Pegum, Michelle Scott
<i>Gifts</i>	On hold
<i>Counters</i>	Office
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan & Cantor
<i>Acolyte</i>	TBA

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

Wise Words:
Forgiveness doesn't excuse their behaviour.
Forgiveness prevents their behaviour from destroying your heart.
- #BeyondOrdinary



forgiveness



Support of the Church in the Holy Land-Good Friday Collection- This weekend The collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing.

Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.3 million to this cause. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land and keep them in your prayers. Envelopes are available in each church and the Presbytery Veranda Box. Donations can also be made online: <https://myfranciscan.org/donation-page-pontifical-good-friday-collection/> or by phoning the parish office.

Fathers Day Appeal -The Archdiocesan Clergy Retirement Foundation thanks everyone who contributed so generously. For those still wishing to make a donation, envelopes are available in the church. Donations can also be made at www.cgatholic.org.au/donate Thank you for your generous support.

Lebanon Appeal - *Aid to the Church in Need* is running an emergency appeal to support the people of Lebanon after the recent devastating explosion in Beirut. Donation flyers are available at the entrance. Return in the 2nd collection for posting or call 1800 101 201 or visit www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon

Blessed Ozanam Collection. 27th September. The St Vincent de Paul Society Bega Conference is conducting this appeal for its twinned conferences in Kerala India. Twinning is the programme by which Vinnies members support their fellow Vincentians in developing countries spiritually, financially and through Mutual encouragement. Envelopes and electronic options will be provided.

World Mission Sunday - 18th Oct. This year's Mission Sunday Appeal is for the Arrupe Centre in Cambodia, which supports through education, vocational training and health support, children & youth with disabilities.

God's Word 2021 \$20



To order:
 ✦ use the form at the church entrance.
 ✦ Contact the office via phone or email

2021 Columban Art Calendars \$9



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 ✦ From the church entrance: Please use the envelope provided & place in 2nd collection.
 ✦ Contact the office via phone or email.

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 Richard Caragher, Elizabeth Coman

ANNIVERSARIES Harold Tarlinton, Gerald Rheinberger, Patrick O'Callaghan, Bernard J Collins

13th - St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church, 347-407.
14th - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
15th - Our Lady of Sorrows.
16th - St Cornelius Pope, Martyr (died 253) & **St Cyprian**, Bishop, Martyr (died 258). Both remembered as compassionate pastors who developed the Church's teaching & practice of reconciliation. Antagonists in theological debate, they were united in sharing the crown of martyrdom & are named together in Eucharistic Prayer I.
17th - St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church, 1542-1621. Remembered for his dedication to the truth, his charity in disputation, & his austerity of life.
19th - St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr. Died in the great persecution of the emperor Diocletian at the beginning of the 4th century.

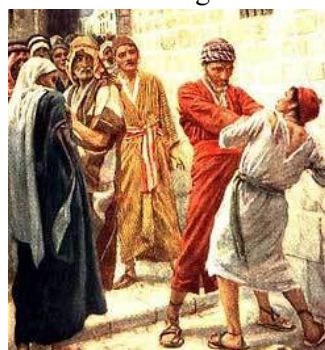
The Church & Forgiveness *24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Last Sunday's gospel indicated how the Church should deal with those who refuse to repent. In this Sunday's gospel the situation is reversed: the sinner (i.e., the one in debt) asks for forgiveness. In such a case Jesus instructs his disciples that they must be quick & unstinting in offering forgiveness.

Peter's proposal to Jesus sounds magnanimous: he is willing to forgive seven times! But what mentality does that reflect? Would Peter keep track of the 'brother' who sins? Does he record the number of sins so that, once the eighth sin is committed, he may seek retribution with impunity? In other words, Peter's question misunderstands the kind of forgiveness that should characterise the Church.

In the parable that follows, the servant owes the king 'a huge amount'. The Greek reads '10,000 talents' which is far more than merely 'huge' - it is beyond reckoning! A talent was the largest denomination of currency; 10,000 is the highest counting number: thus 10,000 talents is the largest of the largest. Rather than take out a calculator, the reader is invited to imagine the unimaginable. The debt, despite the servant's promise to 'pay [it]



back in full' could never be repaid. Nevertheless, the servant begged for patience; instead, he got forgiveness!

The situation between him and his fellow servant is different in two ways. First, what was owed him was 'a much smaller amount' - literally, a hundred days' wages. Second, while that is still a large amount for a mere servant, it is a debt that could be paid off in time. The request, identical to his own request to the king - 'be patient with me and I will pay you back' - was reasonable. Thus, the first servant need not have been compassionate (as was the king), merely reasonable and patient. Even in this he failed.

In the Church forgiveness isn't a matter of 'how many times must I forgive?' but simply 'how must I forgive?' The answer is clear: as God has forgiven me. Forgiveness received is the basis for forgiveness given.