

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

**Responsorial Psalm** Lord, come to my aid!

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!  
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they know me.  
Alleluia!

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


**ROSTERS - 23rd/24th August 2025**  
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

<b>Bemboka Sat 5pm</b>	
Commentator	G Green
Readers	J Macinante
Cleaners	Berman

<b>Candelo Sun 9:30am</b>	
Commentator	R Coman
Readers	Ann Hahesy
Cleaners - Aug	


<b>Tathra Sun 7:45am</b>	
Commentator	Eileen Corcoran
Readers	Jacinta Battista
Cleaners	Megan Hergenhan
Audio-Visual	Carleen Maley
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Platts, Michael Hergenhan

<b>Bega Sun 9:30am</b>	
Commentator	Mel Ferris
Readers	J Scott-Pegum
Gifts	Volunteer
Music	Matt Heffernan
Acolyte	Noby Abraham
Eucharistic Ministers	Bev Larkin



**For Sale:** Sunday Missal - \$32; Children's Mass Book - \$10. Contact the office or place your order in a marked envelope in the 2nd collection.

St Patrick's Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the rights and dignity of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families & carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all our thinking and actions. Parishioners are encourage to communicate concerns by emailing Fr Adrian, the Parish Office, the Parish Safeguarding Officer or directly to IPSS (ipss@cg.org.au)



**20th Ordinary - Year C** **17th August 2025**

# St. Patrick's Parish


*St. Patrick's, Bega - St. Columba's, Bemboka - St. Joseph's Candelo Star of the Sea, Tathra.*

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Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.  
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*We acknowledge the Djirringanj People, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon & cared for this land for thousands of years. We pay our respect to Elders past, present & emerging. We acknowledge & respect their continuing culture & the contribution they make to the life of the Bega Valley.*


## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Disturbing Love and the Warmth of Love

Fire is frightening; it can burn up a city. Controlled it is warming: in control in a grate; and it also warms the heart, when we sit back, watch the flames and chat, think or pray. Jesus came to bring fire on the earth. His is the warmth of love and companionship: when we know we can go to him just as we are, and enjoy the intimacy of his friendship - the friend who is always offering the gift of his heart to each of us.

The warmth of Jesus brings comfort and hope to the world when we live in isolation from each other, lack of friendship and hope. When we lack the reconciliation and justice that makes life possible among us, then the warmth of God's love for all can inflame our coldness.



There is also the fire that disturbs; love challenges as well as comforts. The flame of God can be frightening in that it demands a world of justice, peace and reconciliation. The fire of this love is the fire that also warms and comforts.

The flame of God is the Holy Spirit. Jesus comes to bring all sorts of fire to the world, and to send the Spirit of comfort, justice, reconciliation and hope. The message of Jesus may divide us, and if it does, the love of Jesus can unite us, for love is the most powerful gift of Jesus.

*A saying has it — he has come to afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted.*

*Donal Neary S.J.*

**Parish News:** ✦ The Archdiocesan IT changer over continues with minor disruptions. If you don't receive an answer to an email you sent, please resend. There are also issues updating the website and emailing the bulletin.  
 ✦ The work on the confessional in Bega to reconfigure for anonymous confessions continues. Thank you for your patience.



**Vinnies News:** It is on again Vinnies BBQ, Thursday 28th August, 10am to 1.30pm. Sausages Sizzler, homemade Slices Funds toward again to pe winter appeal for the companion in need. Come along to support Vinnies!



**St Patrick's Primary Enrolling now.** All grades including kinder 2026. For further details and to book an appointment contact the school office 6492 5500.

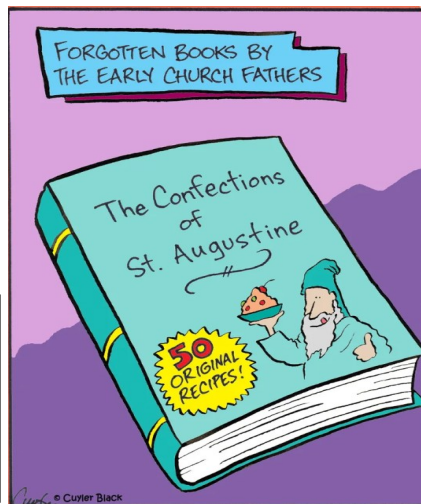
**RCIA:** if you are interested in becoming a Catholic please contact Father Adrian.

**Upcoming Ordinations:** 5th September 6pm. Please prayer for Deacon Joseph Nivaskaran MGL & Deacon Michael Last MGL

**Parish Administrative Support Assistant** (Canberra). People are invited to apply for the position of Parish Administrative Support Assistant. This is a full-time permanent position supporting parishes across the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn with the inputting of financial data and reporting requirements. Part-time hours may be considered for the right applicant. Full details please visit the Archdiocesan webpage: <https://cgcatholic.org.au/job-vacancies/parish-administrative-support-assistant/>

#### **Wise Words:**

Have the courage to go against the tide of current values that do not conform to the path of Jesus.  
 - Pope Francis



**Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation**  
**Bega** Saturday, 9.40 - 10am  
**Bemboka** before vigil Mass  
**Candelo** before vigil Mass  
**Tathra** before Sunday Mass

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#### **Sunday Mass Times**

- **Bemboka** - Saturdays - 5pm Vigil
- **Candelo** - Saturdays - 5pm Vigil 1st, 3rd, 5th  
 - Sundays - 9:30am liturgy 2nd, 4th
- **Tathra** - Sundays - 7.45am Mass
- **Bega** - Sundays - 9.30am Mass  
 - 4th Sunday- 9:30am Family Mass

#### **Weekdays**

- Tuesday 4.00pm Bega Chapel
- Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.
- Thursday 9.15am Bega Chapel
- **Hillgrove House 3rd Thursday 3pm**
- Friday 9.15am Bega Chapel  
 4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
- Saturday 9.15am Bega Church

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Alan Crawford, Kath Lindwall, Sue Gardiner, Michael Guthrie

**ANNIVERSARIES** Bernard Collins, Tyler Finucane, Clare Finucane, Nora & Barney Sheehan, Elizabeth Coman, Noa Jessop, Ann Farrell, Tony Dessmann

**19<sup>th</sup> - St John Eudes**, Priest 1601-1680. Founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (Eudists) which is dedicated to the formation of presbyters, and helped to begin a community of women religious.  
**20<sup>th</sup> - St Bernard**, Abbot & Doctor of the Church, died 1153. Soon became the founder and abbot of Clairvaux and pioneered the reform and expansion of the Cistercian Order. A prolific writer on theology and spirituality, an eloquent preacher, and an adviser of popes and kings.  
**21<sup>st</sup> - St Pius X**, Pope 1835-1914 (Giuseppe Sarto). In pursuit of his motto, "to renew all things in Christ", he initiated reforms of the liturgy and of canon law and took stern measures against "modernist" trends in theology.  
**22<sup>nd</sup> - The Queenship of The Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> - St Rose of Lima**, Virgin 1586-1617. A recluse and mystic. Remembered for her radiant love of God and for the severe penance and hardships she endured during serious illness. The first saint of the Americas to be canonised (1671)



#### **Minute Meditations - 'Imperfect Yet Perfectly Made'**

We are imperfect, yet fully made in God's image. And God desires us to be well, to love ourselves enough to be well. Francis of Assisi knew this. As a veteran and prisoner of war who likely suffered from PTSD, Francis understood that he was broken and worthy of repair. He was medieval to his core, yet his problems were not dissimilar to what we face today. But once he stripped himself of all things worldly, Francis understood that no wound was beyond God's ability to heal.

In a letter Francis wrote to a friar, his salutation should be on the lips of everyone who loves those suffering in mind or spirit: *"May God smile on you and be merciful to you. May God turn his regard toward you and give you peace."*

- from St. Anthony Messenger's *"Erasing the Stigma of Mental Illness"* by Christopher Heffron

#### **1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea 2025.**

The Council of Nicaea, also known as the First Ecumenical Council, was held in the city of Nicaea in 325AD (the present-day Turkish city of Iznik). Convened by the emperor Constantine, it brought together more than 250 bishops (tradition claims 318) to address several issues facing the early Church.

There were two main issues addressed at the council: the teachings of the Alexandrian priest Arius regarding the divinity of Jesus and the date on which Christians should commemorate Jesus' resurrection, that is, the date of Easter.

The council deemed Arianism a heresy and enshrined the divinity of Christ by invoking the term *homoousios* (Greek: "of one substance") in a statement of faith known as the Creed of Nicaea.

The Council of Nicaea, the First Ecumenical Council, is the best-known council among Christians of all denominations. It was the largest gathering of bishops in the history of the Church up to that time and its Creed, the Nicene Creed, become a statement of Christian faith not only for the Orthodox Church but for nearly all of Christianity.