

**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 - 26th/27th 2023**  
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

<b>Bemboka Sat 6pm</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	
<i>Readers</i>	
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	
<b>Candelo Sun 9:30am</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	Ann Haesy
<i>Readers</i>	R Coman
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners - Aug</i>	Ann Hyam, K Dodds
<b>Tathra Sun 7:45am</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	Neil Walker
<i>Readers</i>	Gerry Collins
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	Pat Platts
<i>Audio-Visual</i>	Kate D'Arcy
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Eileen Reckord, M Hergenhan
<b>Bega Sun 9:30am</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	Family Mass
<i>Readers</i>	Family Mass
<i>Gifts</i>	Volunteer
<i>Counters</i>	S & W Giles
<i>Music</i>	
<i>Acolyte</i>	Frank Farrell
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	D Koenigkamp

**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 0428 471 012 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 2023**  
*Baptisms*—During Mass, 1 month notice  
*Confirmation*—28th May  
*Weddings*—by appoint, 6 months notice req.  
Please contact the Parish Office.

**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. **Bulletin & Forms** can  
be found on the website

### Wise Words:

Aim at heaven  
and you will get  
earth thrown in.  
Aim at earth  
and you will get  
neither.  
- C. S. Lewis



**Faith Hope Love**



20th Sunday - Year A

20th August 2023

# St. Patrick's Parish

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

Fr. Adrian Chan. Parish Priest.

Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.

Hrs 9-2 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*

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## The Method in the Madness

## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



It's not often that Jesus' language  
seems crude, but in today's Gospel

(Matt 15:21-28) it does. Using the common Jewish designation for Gentiles,  
viz, 'dogs', he says 'It is not fair to take the dogs' (Matt 15:25).

But what about Jesus' tone of voice, facial expression and body language as  
he utters those words? Is he surly, spiteful, or cruel? Hardly. We can all too  
easily picture him as almost terminally serious, without a laugh in his body.  
Well, if Jesus has no joy in his heart, no lightness in his spirit, no humour on  
his lips, then whatever else he brings it's not 'good news', and it isn't the  
fullness of life.



I suspect a mischievous, yet  
friendly, banter here between  
Jesus and the woman; also,  
that Jesus orchestrates the  
entire encounter to teach his  
disciples a lesson. She's a  
Canaanite, despised by Jews.  
Yet, she doesn't take offence  
in the least at what Jesus

says. She even turns the tables on him and (dare one suggest it?) makes him  
chuckle at her wit and bowls him over by her good humour.

Clearly, that's a winning combination, for Jesus tells the 'chosen' ones that  
this despised one has great faith, and grants her what she wants. Nothing  
crude there!

*Fr. Tom Cahill svd.*

**St Patrick's Parish News:** Keep up-to-date with all the latest Parish news:

✦ Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/stpatricksbega](http://www.facebook.com/stpatricksbega)

✦ subscribe to the weekly bulletin email: send your request to [bega@cg.org.au](mailto:bega@cg.org.au) ;

✦ check out our website - <http://cg.org.au/bega>

**Vocations Awareness Week.** 24 – 31 Aug. Join us as we begin the week with a special prayer vigil on Thursday, 24 August at St Christopher's Cathedral from 6 - 7 pm. More Vocations information can be found at [www.facebook.com/cgvocations](http://www.facebook.com/cgvocations)

**Integral ecology pilgrimage** - Six Thursday evenings 6.30-8.30pm, 31-Aug to 5-Oct. With ACU, the Archdiocese is convening a series of online dialogues on Care for Our Common Home teaching as first steps in our synodal journey for the year of the Holy Spirit. . Information - <https://cgcatholic.org.au/services-directory/caring-for-creation/> Register at <http://bit.ly/3rTieKp> . If you wish to lead a Bega Parish Hub to participate as a group, please contact the office. Thanks.

**Respect Life Sunday Celebration Mass** 1st October, 11 AM. Archbishop Christopher Prowse will celebrate Respect Life Sunday Celebration Mass at 11 AM on 1 October at St Christopher's Cathedral. All welcome, especially those who work at the coalface in caring and advocating for human life at its most vulnerable stages. A simple lunch will be provided afterwards. Enquiries: Lara Kirk [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au)

**Marriage Enrichment Weekend.** 27-29 Oct. Join other couples in an opportunity for to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love at a **Marriage Encounter Weekend** in a Covid safe environment at a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Enquiries: Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or [nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au) Book online: at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

### You're Invited

- ✦ *Tathra* - Breakfast every 2nd Sunday of the Month after Mass. 13th August
  - ✦ *Bega* - Morning Tea 4th Sunday of the Month after Mass Bega. 27th August
- All Welcome. Please bring a friend.**

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### 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  
- 4th Sunday- 9:30am Family Mass

### Weekdays

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

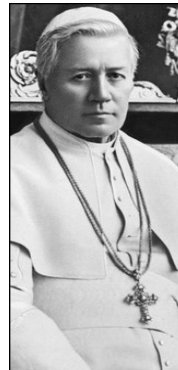
**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Margaret Willburger, Carole Trimble, Fr Ronald Donoghue (brother of Peter Donoghue), Tony Dessmann, Marie Rheinberger, Ben Jennings (27)

**ANNIVERSARIES** Noa Jessop, John Daly

**PRAYERS** Hugo D'Arcy and his family  
Noah Smith - operation in Sydney

**Feasts Days**

- 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 1835-1914, Papacy 1903-1914.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - The Queenship of The Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - St Rose of Lima**, Virgin 1586-1617. 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)
- 24<sup>th</sup> - St Bartholomew**, Apostle. Said to have preached the gospel in India and in Armenia, where tradition indicates he was martyred
- 25<sup>th</sup> - St Louis** 1214-1270. Remembered for his impartial justice, for his care of the poor and the sick, and for honouring his word
- 25<sup>th</sup> - St Joseph Calasanz**, Priest 1557-1648. Remembered especially for his patience in the midst of suffering.



### The Story of Pope Pius X - *Franciscan Media*

Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children.

The second of 10 children in a poor Italian family, Joseph Sarto became Pius X at age 68. He was one of the 20th century's greatest popes. Ever mindful of his humble origin, Pope Pius stated, "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor." He was embarrassed by some of the pomp of the papal court. "Look how they have dressed me up," he said in tears to an old friend. To another, "It is a penance to be forced to accept all these practices. They lead me around surrounded by soldiers like Jesus when he was seized in Gethsemani."

Interested in politics, Pope Pius encouraged Italian Catholics to become more politically involved. One of his first papal acts was to end the supposed right of governments to interfere by veto in papal elections—a practice that reduced the freedom of the 1903 conclave which had elected him. In 1905, when France renounced its agreement with the Holy See and threatened confiscation of Church property if governmental control of Church affairs were not granted, Pius X courageously rejected the demand.

While he did not author a famous social encyclical as his predecessor had done, he denounced the ill treatment of indigenous peoples on the plantations of Peru, sent a relief commission to Messina after an earthquake, and sheltered refugees at his own expense. On the 11th anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. Pius had foreseen it, but it killed him. "This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge." He died a few weeks after the war began, and was canonized in 1954.