

Entrance Antiphon When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and Give him glory, I will grant him length of days

Responsorial Psalm Your ways, O Lord, are love & truth to those who keep your covenant.

Gospel Acclamation *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon One does not live by bread alone, But on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

ROSTERS - 28th February 2021
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

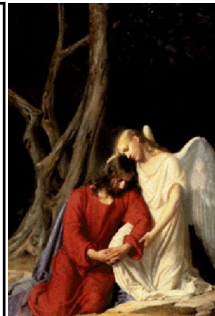
Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator J Guthrie
Readers M Guthrie
Gifts on hold
Cleaners Bevitt

Candelo Sun 9:30am
Commentator Ann Haesy
Readers R Coman
Gifts on hold
Cleaners - Feb Sharon & David Heffernan

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Pat Platts
Readers Trish Sly
Gifts on hold
Cleaners D'Arcy Family
Audio-Visual Paul Gardiner
Eucharistic Ministers Pat Platts, Eileen Reckord

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator V Northcott, A Woods
Readers V Northcott, A Woods
Gifts On hold
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte Sean McCambridge
Eucharistic Ministers F Farrell, A Tarlinton
K Rix, B Larkin

Wise Words: Only let it be in the name of Jesus Christ, that I may suffer together with Him! I endure everything because He Himself, Who is perfect man, empowers me.
- Ignatius of Antioch



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 2021
Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice
Confirmation—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

Wilderness



1st Lent - Year B

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 6495 8888

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Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2021
“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem” (Mt 20:18)
Lent: a Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love (part 1)
Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Jesus revealed to his disciples the deepest meaning of his mission when he told them of his passion, death and resurrection, in fulfilment of the Father's will. He then called the disciples to share in this mission for the salvation of the world.

In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who “humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross” (Phil 2:8). During this season of conversion, let us renew our *faith*, draw from the “living water” of *hope*, and receive with open hearts the *love* of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ.

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus (cf. Mt 6:1-18), enable & express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (*fasting*), concern and loving care for the poor (*almsgiving*), and childlike dialogue with the Father (*prayer*) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.

1. *Faith calls us to accept the truth and testify to it before God and all our brothers and sisters.* In this Lenten season, *accepting and living the truth revealed in Christ* means, first of all, opening our hearts to God's word, which the Church passes on from generation to generation. This truth is not an abstract concept reserved for a chosen intelligent few. Instead, it is a message that all of us can receive and understand thanks to the wisdom of a heart open to the grandeur of God, who loves us even before we are aware of it. Christ himself is this truth. By taking on our humanity, even to its very limits, he has made himself the way – demanding, yet open to all – that leads to the fullness of life.

Fasting, experienced as a form of self-denial, helps those who undertake it in simplicity of heart to rediscover God's gift and to recognize that, created in his image and likeness, we find our fulfilment in him. In embracing the experience of poverty, those who fast make themselves poor with the poor and accumulate the treasure of a love both received and shared. In this way, fasting helps us to love God and our neighbour, inasmuch as love, as Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches, is a movement outwards that focuses our attention on others and considers them as one with ourselves (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 93).

Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing him to “make his dwelling” among us (cf. Jn 14:23). Fasting involves being freed from all that weighs us down – like consumerism or an excess of information, whether true or false – in order to open the doors of our hearts to the One who comes to us, poor in all things, yet “full of grace and truth” (Jn 1:14): the Son of God our Saviour.

World Day of Prayer 2021. Thursday 4th March, 12pm, St Patrick's School Hall. Hosted by Bega Christian Fellowship. All Welcome.

Fr Luke invites you to participate in the **Archbishop's Lenten Retreat**. Livestreamed Thursdays at 7.30-9pm Please use the below link to register:
<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/walk-in-the-spirit/>

Ex-Students of the Sisters of St Joseph Reunion - Cancelled. Please note that the ex-students of the Sisters of St Joseph Reunion schedule for March 2021 in Goulburn has been cancelled for the first time since the 1940's. God's blessings are extended to everyone and the organisers look forward to gathering again in March 2022.

Raising Fathers. A special evening with Robert Falzon exploring his new book 'Fathering from the Frontline'. Tuesday 2nd March 5:30-7pm, Haydon Hall St Christopher's Pastoral Centre. For more information and to register visit: register <https://cgatholic.org.au/raisingfathers>

Tribunal of the Catholic Church. Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Canberra-Goulburn Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information please phone the Canberra Office of the Tribunal Office on 6239 9813 or email tribunal@cg.org.au



Prayers for the repose of the soul of
Dennis Kelly
St Patrick's
Tuesday 23rd 11am



Prayers for the repose of the soul of
John Roberts
Star of the Sea
Thursday 25th 1pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Candelo - Tues 7pm. Starting 23rd February
 All Welcome



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 Church
- Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.
- Thursday 9.15am Bega Church
- *Hillgrove House 3rd Thursday 11am*
- Friday 9.15am Bega Church
- 4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
- Saturday 9.15am Bega Church

RECENTLY DECEASED Denis Kelly, John Roberts, John Graves, Tony Mullaney
ANNIVERSARIES Anne Sixsmith, Basil Rose, Denise Mary Mulligan, Holy Souls



Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access to emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.



You can also donate on 1800 024 413 or www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

21st - St Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church, 1007-1072. Remembered as a scholarly reformer possessing a deeply ascetical spirituality.
Feast Days this Week
22nd - The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle. This feast celebrates Peter, first among the apostles, as founder of the See of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.
23rd - St Polycarp, Bishop 7 Martyr, ca. 69-155. Remembered because of the account of his martyrdom for his fearless acknowledgment of Christ, and honoured as one of the apostolic fathers of the Church.

Noah's Flood, New Creation & Baptism



New Testament writers and early Church Fathers both looked to the Old Testament for hidden signs and symbols that foreshadowed and prepared the way for events and teachings in the life of Christ and the Church. The reading from Peter is paired with the reading from Genesis in just this way: Noah's flood foreshadowed Christian baptism. Just as the waters of the flood washed away sin and saved the righteous, the waters of baptism wash away sin and make believers righteous. Other water-related events that were also interpreted as signs of baptism include the crossing of the Red Sea and making the bitter waters sweet in the wilderness. But there is more to the significance of the flood story than the very obvious washing motif.



In Genesis life after the flood is presented as a new creation.
 a. In both the creation and flood stories, the 'wind' is over the waters and God exercises control over the 'abyss'.
 b. The waters of the flood subside 'in the first month, on the first day of the month' - a new beginning on New Year's Day.
 c. In both stories God commands, 'Be fruitful and multiply'.
 d. Human life is created in the 'image of God'. Both Adam and Noah have three sons. In all these ways the priestly author infers that life after the flood was like a new creation.

This reflects a profound insight into the effects of baptism. Immersion in the water is like being buried with Christ and emerging from the water is like rising to new life. Elsewhere, Paul describes it this way: 'whoever is in Christ is a new creation'. The first and second readings today point to the deepest purpose of Lent - entering profoundly into the dying and rising of Christ begun in baptism and continued on our daily discipleship to which Jesus calls us in the gospel: 'Repent and believe.'