

**Entrance Antiphon** Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

**Responsorial Psalm** I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living

**Gospel Acclamation** *Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*  
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**Communion Antiphon** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.



2nd Lent - Year B

28th February 2021

# 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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**ROSTERS - 7th March 2021**  
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

**Bemboka Sat 6pm**  
Commentator S Berman  
Readers G Green  
Gifts on hold  
Cleaners Berman

**Candelo Sat 6pm**  
Commentator L Thompson  
Readers P O'Callaghan  
Gifts on hold  
Cleaners - March Nalda & Karen Heffernan

**Tathra Sun 7:45am**  
Commentator Gerry Collins  
Readers Pat McRae  
Gifts on hold  
Cleaners Mary Plevy & C Ford  
Audio-Visual Pat Platt  
Eucharistic Ministers Eileen Reckord, M Hergenhan

**Bega Sun 9:30am**  
Commentator E Tomlinson  
Readers Maureen Scott, R Burgess  
Gifts On hold  
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir  
Acolyte  
Eucharistic Ministers C Tarlinton, J Taylor  
M Rheinberger, U de Morsier  
Nursing Home E & P Caragher

**Wise Words:**  
Joseph was willing to cooperate with the divine plan, though he in no way knew its contours or deepest purpose... he trusted & let himself be led.  
- Bishop Barron



**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 program 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

# Trust



**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 2)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

2. *Hope as “living water” enabling us to continue our journey.*

*The Samaritan woman at the well, whom Jesus asks for a drink, does not understand what he means when he says that he can offer her “living water” (Jn 4:10). Naturally, she thinks that he is referring to material water, but Jesus is speaking of the Holy Spirit whom he will give in abundance through the paschal mystery, bestowing a hope that does not disappoint. Jesus had already spoken of this hope when, in telling of his passion and death, he said that he would “be raised on the third day” (Mt 20:19). Jesus was speaking of the future opened up by the Father’s mercy. Hoping with him and because of him means believing that history does not end with our mistakes, our violence and injustice, or the sin that crucifies Love. It means receiving from his open heart the Father’s forgiveness.*

*In these times of trouble, when everything seems fragile and uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope. Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated (cf. Laudato Si’, 32-33; 43-44). Saint Paul urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: “Be reconciled to God” (2 Cor 5:20). By receiving forgiveness in the sacrament that lies at the heart of our process of conversion, we in turn can spread forgiveness to others. Having received forgiveness ourselves, we can offer it through our willingness to enter into attentive dialogue with others and to give comfort to those experiencing sorrow and pain. God’s forgiveness, offered also through our words and actions, enables us to experience an Easter of fraternity.*

*In Lent, may we be increasingly concerned with “speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn” (Fratelli Tutti, 223). In order to give hope to others, it is sometimes enough simply to be kind, to be “willing to set everything else aside in order to show interest, to give the gift of a smile, to speak a word of encouragement, to listen amid general indifference” (ibid., 224).*

*Through recollection and silent prayer, hope is given to us as inspiration and interior light, illuminating the challenges and choices we face in our mission. Hence the need to pray (cf. Mt 6:6) and, in secret, to encounter the Father of tender love.*

*To experience Lent in hope entails growing in the realization that, in Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of new times, in which God is “making all things new” (cf. Rev 21:1-6). It means receiving the hope of Christ, who gave his life on the cross and was raised by God on the third day, and always being “prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls [us] to account for the hope that is in [us]” (1 Pet 3:15).*

**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/>

**COVID PROTOCOLS REMINDER.** Thank you to everyone for continuing to observe the COVID-19 protocols to keep us safe. While they are being relaxed it is important that we continue to follow the existing protocols: ☩2 square meters per person rule. ☩1.5m distancing. ☩Communion in the hand only. ☩Customary/recommended hygiene practices. ☩1st & 2nd Collection to be placed in the box at the main entrance. ☩No touching for the 'sign of peace'.

☩Please record your attendance in the register at the entrance. Each Church is supplied with a customised sheet for each Mass. Please put ONE person per numbered space. The sign-in register is how we are demonstrating our adherence to the maximum number per church and we can be audited by the police at any time. Thank you for your cooperation. *Did you know?* the sheets are kept for 4 weeks then shredded and composted.

**Aid to the Church in Need Australia:** Did you know that each year the Catholic charity, *Aid to the Church in Need*, supports the training of 12,000 seminarians and provides ongoing formation for 8,000 priests. Could you help support a priest or seminarian? Visit [www.aidtochurch.org/formation](http://www.aidtochurch.org/formation)

**Re-Growth Conference:** 12th March. ReGrowth Conference is a formation for mission opportunity for Church leaders across the Anglican and Catholic Dioceses of Canberra & Goulburn. This gathering will explore how Alpha can support renewal within our Church at the grassroots. Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre. Registration is essential: [bit.ly/regrowth-alpha](http://bit.ly/regrowth-alpha). Contact Huw Warmenhoven for more information: [huw.warmenhoven@cg.org.au](mailto:huw.warmenhoven@cg.org.au)

**Eden: Ecumenical Youth Leaders Gathering:** 11th March. Eden is an event that will gather a new generation of Christian leaders from across Canberra can respond to a call for unity in mission. The gathering is open to all Youth and Young Adult Chaplains, Ministers, Pastors and Leaders from Christian Churches across the Canberra Region. Old Parliament House, Rose Gardens. Registration is essential: [bit.ly/eden-alpha](http://bit.ly/eden-alpha). Contact Ben Higgins, National Youth Director for Alpha Australia, for more information [ben.higgins@alpha.org.au](mailto:ben.higgins@alpha.org.au)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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



**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

**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

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Denis Kelly, John Roberts, John Graves, Tony Mullaney

**ANNIVERSARIES** Heather Pook, Anne Sixsmith, Basil Rose, Holy Souls



Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 & help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education & clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home .**

You can also donate on 1800 024 413 or [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion).

**Feast 4<sup>th</sup> March - St Casimir, 1458-1484.** Though a young prince of Poland, he preferred peace to being a soldier. He chose celibacy over marriage and favoured prayer and penance rather than royal privilege. Remembered for his generous life of austerity and devotion.

**Moriah: Mountain of Sacrifice**



The test to which Abraham is subjected is to take place on a mountain in the land of Moriah. On this mountain Abraham

sacrifices a ram as a holocaust in place of his son, Isaac. Though Genesis reports that Abraham built many altars throughout the Promised Land, Moriah is the only place the text tells us that he actually offered a sacrifice. According to 2 Chronicles 3:1, this is the very spot where Solomon later built the Temple in Jerusalem. Once the Temple was completed it eventually became the only place where sacrifice could be offered. The story in Genesis 22, then, tells not only about Abraham's great obedience and faith; it indirectly explains why the Temple was built there: Abraham, the great patriarch and father of the nation, himself sacrificed a burnt offering to the Lord on this very spot.



In a verse omitted from the first reading (v. 14), Abraham names the place, 'Yahweh-yireh.' This literally means 'the Lord will see,' and the Lord indeed does see that Abraham is obedient. But the Hebrew goes on to explain that it means 'the Lord will be seen,' and, in a manner of speaking, the Lord was seen by Abraham. But this is really a more appropriate nickname for the Temple where the Lord's glory dwells: obviously, the story is told with the Temple in view. Thus, the mountain that was to be a mountain of testing becomes a temple-mount where appropriate (not human) sacrifice is made and where the Lord is seen. This point must not be overlooked: it is after testing, obedience, and sacrifice that 'the Lord is seen.'

The responsorial psalm highlights several of these themes: not only the precious death of God's faithful ones, but also the themes of offering sacrifice, fulfilling vows, and standing in the temple courts in Jerusalem. But in a nice reversal, whereas the psalm speaks of fulfilling vows, in Genesis it is God who swears to fulfil promises made to Abraham.