


Entrance Antiphon My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me & have mercy on me, for I am alone & poor.

Responsorial Psalm Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Gospel Acclamation *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*
God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son,
That all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon The sparrow finds a home, & the swallow a nest for her young: By your alters, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.



3rd Lent - Year B

St. Patrick's Parish

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

7th March 2021

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ROSTERS - 14th March 2021
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

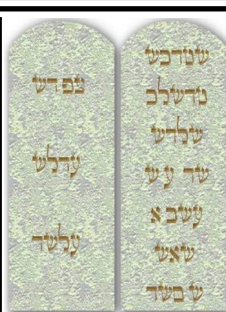
Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator G Berman
Readers G Bevitt
Gifts on hold
Cleaners Gerrey

Candelo Sun 9:30am
Commentator J Coman
Readers R Coman
Gifts on hold
Cleaners - March Nalda & Karen Heffernan

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Paul Gardiner
Readers Eileen Reckord
Gifts on hold
Cleaners Marj Bower
Audio-Visual Carleen Maley
Eucharistic Ministers M Hergenhan, Mark Oakley

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator Ayesha Twyford
Readers Melinda & Ayesha Twyford
Gifts On hold
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte
Eucharistic Ministers C Tarlinton, B Larkin
E Caragher, E Collins
Nursing Home

Wise Words: Christ does not force our will. He takes only what we give him. But he does not give himself entirely until he sees that we yield ourselves entirely to him. - *St Teresa of Avila*



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

Commandments



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 3)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
3. *Love, following in the footsteps of Christ, in concern and compassion for all, is the highest expression of our faith and hope.*
Love rejoices in seeing others grow. Hence it suffers when others are anguished, lonely, sick, homeless, despised or in need. Love is a leap of the heart; it brings us out of ourselves and creates bonds of sharing and communion.
“‘Social love’ makes it possible to advance towards a civilization of love, to which all of us can feel called. With its impulse to universality, love is capable of building a new world. No mere sentiment, it is the best means of discovering effective paths of development for everyone” (*Fratelli Tutti*, 183).

Love is a gift that gives meaning to our lives. It enables us to view those in need as members of our own family, as friends, brothers or sisters. A small amount, if given with love, never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness. Such was the case with the jar of meal and jug of oil of the widow of Zarephath, who offered a cake of bread to the prophet Elijah (cf. 1 Kings 17:7-16); it was also the case with the loaves blessed, broken and given by Jesus to the disciples to distribute to the crowd (cf. Mk 6:30-44). Such is the case too with our almsgiving, whether small or large, when offered with joy and simplicity.

To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned and fearful because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In these days of deep uncertainty about the future, let us keep in mind the Lord's word to his Servant, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you” (Is 43:1). In our charity, may we speak words of reassurance and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters.

“Only a gaze transformed by charity can enable the dignity of others to be recognized and, as a consequence, the poor to be acknowledged & valued in their dignity, respected in their identity and culture, and thus truly integrated into society” (*Fratelli Tutti*, 187).

Dear brothers and sisters, every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping and loving. The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.

May Mary, Mother of the Saviour, ever faithful at the foot of the cross and in the heart of the Church, sustain us with her loving presence. May the blessing of the risen Lord accompany all of us on our journey towards the light of Easter.

FRANCISCUS Rome, St John Lateran, 11 November 2020, Memorial of St Martin of Tours

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/>

Neglect of Ageing with Dignity - 23 march 7pm. Christians for an Ethical Society forum will be held at the Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. Speakers: Lin Hatfield-Dodds and Gordon Ramsay. More information and registration through <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ces-forum-neglect-or-ageing-with-dignity-tickets-142996543511>

Galong Retreats 2021. Brochure is available at the church entrance. Those wishing to attend need to register. A deposit is optional and not necessary to register to attend a retreat.

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

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. Contact Huw Warmenhoven for more information: huw.warmenhoven@cg.org.au

RECENTLY DECEASED Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter, Margo Chidiac, Denis Kelly, John Roberts

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



Oliva, 22, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes, and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 & support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.



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

Feast Days this Week
7th - Sts Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs d.203. Remembered for the joyful courage of their final witness to Christ. Mentioned in Eucharistic Prayer I.
8th - St John of God, Religious, 1495-1550. Remembered for this ministry, which was continued by his followers, who became the Order of Brothers Hospitallers of Saint John of God.
9th - St Frances of Rome, Religious, 1384-1440. Remembered as a dedicated laywoman who, in a time of plague & civil war, worked tirelessly for the poor & the sick yet without compromising her love for her husband & family.

Signs & Believing in John's Gospel



The NT does not use the word 'miracle.' Matthew, Mark, and Luke describe Jesus' extraordinary acts as 'deeds of power.' These powerful deeds are used to demonstrate that Jesus is overthrowing the power of Satan and establishing the Kingdom of God. In these three gospels (called 'the synoptic gospels') there are numerous and various powerful deeds - exorcism, healing, raising from the dead, and controlling nature (e.g., calming the storm at sea, walking on water). John's gospel, however, uses the word 'signs' to describe these deeds, though Jesus himself calls them 'works.' These signs are used to reveal aspects of the identity of Jesus. John is selective, describing only seven signs. He is also circumspect; his descriptions tend to downplay the miraculous aspects and keep the focus on Jesus.



For John 'signs' are ambivalent; they are not compelling proofs that overwhelm and convince a person to believe in Jesus. Indeed, it can happen that among people who see Jesus perform the same sign, some will believe and some will resolve to destroy him. Such is the reaction to raising Lazarus from the dead - the High Priest, Caiaphas, persuades the council that Jesus must die but many do indeed come to believe in Jesus. When people see signs and come truly to believe in Jesus, the sign has achieved its purpose. Between these all-or-nothing alternatives there is the possibility of seeing a sign and believing - but believing inadequately. Many people in John's gospel want to 'see signs' so as to be convinced that Jesus is who he claims to be; in other words, they don't want faith, they want proof. Such signs Jesus steadfastly refuses to give. Others see signs and believe in Jesus as a wonder worker: their faith stops at the sign itself. Jesus considers this faith inadequate.

Though signs can lead to faith, Jesus concludes that the best faith is that which needs no signs: 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe'.

TRIDUUM 1ST - 4TH APRIL

Thursday	1st	Mass of the Lords Supper 7pm Bega , adoration until 10pm
Friday	2nd	Passion of the Lord & Veneration 3pm - Bega
Saturday	26th	Easter Vigil 7pm - Bega
Sunday	27th	Easter Sunday Mass 7:45am - Tathra 9:30am - Candelo

EASTER PENITENTIAL RITE

<i>Candelo</i>	Sat. 20th March after 6pm Mass
<i>Tathra</i>	Wed 24th March after 9am Mass
<i>Bega</i>	Thurs 25th March 7pm 2nd Rite
<i>Bemboka</i>	Sat 27th March after 6pm mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Candelo - Tuesdays 7pm.
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