


Entrance Antiphon Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Responsorial Psalm Let my tongue be silences, if I ever forget you.

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

Communion Antiphon Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
to praise the name of the Lord



4th Lent - Year B

St. Patrick's Parish

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

14th March 2021

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ROSTERS - 21st March 2021
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator J Guthrie
Readers S Berman
Gifts on hold
Cleaners Green

Candelo Sat 6pm
Commentator L Thompson
Readers Merryl Whitby
Gifts on hold
Cleaners - March Nalda & Karen Heffernan

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Jacinta Battista
Readers Val Besant
Gifts on hold
Cleaners Val Besant & Marg Roberts
Audio-Visual Trish Sly
Eucharistic Ministers Mark Oakley, Carleen Maley

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator Volunteer
Readers K Jennings, Mark O'Neil
Gifts On hold
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte Tony Healey
Eucharistic Ministers M Rheinberger, J Taylor
B Burton, B Tygh
Nursing Home

Wise Words:
Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone.
- Pope Francis



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

believing

Works & Believing

The Fourth Sunday of Lent



The first half of the gospel discusses the effects of believing and not believing. Those who believe in Jesus will be saved and have eternal life; those who do not believe in the only Son of God are condemned. The very high stakes - eternal life or condemnation - underscore the importance of believing.

In John's gospel, believing is not an intellectual insight or a mental conviction. Believing is an activity. This is suggested by the fact that, though John uses the verb 'to believe' ninety-eight times, he never uses the noun 'faith' or 'belief.' The activity of believing is directed toward Jesus: 'believing' means 'believing in Jesus' and is expressed in an active commitment to him. For John, both believing and not believing are expressed in actions or, to use John's word, believing and not believing are expressed in 'works' (3x in this Sunday's gospel). Those who do not believe hate the light (= Jesus); they do 'wicked things' and their 'works' are evil. To come into the light will expose their wicked deeds. By contrast, the last sentence of the gospel describes the kind of life a believer lives. Our text says 'whoever lives by the truth'; but the Greek more literally says 'the one who does the truth,' again stressing the dynamic nature of the Christian life: truth is something one does. The believer's 'works' - the way one lives - are 'done in God.'



While it is true to say that those who believe will express their belief in works, John goes even further: 'This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent'. The primary work of the Christian is to believe in Jesus. The one who believes must make a total commitment of self to Jesus. Thus, for John, the person and presence of Jesus require and permit only a total response - no half-hearted response is possible: the choices are either light/darkness, eternal life/condemnation, evil/truth. The fundamental choice underlying all others is this: to believe or not to believe. Either choice is expressed in the works one does.

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/>

Upcoming Feasts:

- ✦ St Patrick Wednesday 17th Bega - School Mass -12noon.
- ✦ Feast of St Joseph Friday 19th Mass Bega 9:15am.
- ✦ Annunciation of the Lord Thursday 25th Bega 9:15am



Vinnies Knock on Effect Appeal. Replacing the traditional door knock appeal for the support of the homeless, your impact will open doors to hope. To donate to our local conference please use the envelopes provided at the church entrance or visit knockoneffect.org.au

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: Across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith. Could you help stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters and help ease their heavy burdens? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/refugees



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

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

EASTER PENITENTIAL RITE

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- Candelo* - Every Tuesdays 7pm.
All Welcome
- Tathra* - Good Friday 10am
- Bemboka* - Good Friday 6pm
- Bega* - Holy Saturday 9:15am
Subject to feedback



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 Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter, Bernie, Kocur, Margo Chidiac, Denis Kelly, John Roberts

ANNIVERSARIES Pat & Gabrielle Healey, Heather Pook, Anne Sixsmith, Basil Rose



Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet at home & was often sick due to the practice of open defecation. Through Caritas Australia's support, Arsad & his community improved hygiene & sanitation, & funded their own toilets .
Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 & help improve health & wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a better future for all .

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

Feast Days this Week

- 17th - St Patrick**, Bishop, ca. 4th - 5th Century. Remembered for his simplicity and pastoral care, for his humble trust in God, and for his fearless preaching of the gospel to those who had enslaved him in his youth. Specially honoured in Australia because the many Irish people who came to settle here brought with them the faith and zeal of St Patrick
- 18th - St Cyril of Jerusalem**, Bishop & Doctor of the Church, ca 315-386. Remembered especially for the illuminating baptismal catechesis he gave in the new Constantinian basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.
- 19th - St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** A carpenter, though born of the royal house of David, Joseph was an upright man who, as husband of the Virgin Mary, cared for Mary and the child Jesus. Venerated in the East after the fourth century, and his cult flowered in the West during the fifteenth century, following the development of medieval nativity plays, the Christmas crib, and increased devotion to Mary.

Dear Parishioners

Pope Francis has declared this year dedicated to St Joseph.

In a Dec. 8 apostolic letter, "Patris Corde" ("With a father's heart"), the pope said Christians can discover in St. Joseph. As Mary's husband and guardian of the son of God, St. Joseph turned his human vocation to domestic love.

I invite interested Parishioners to join me to discuss decorating and suitably placing the statues of St Joseph in each of our Churches for the year of St Joseph.

- Bega Church- after Sunday Mass, 21st March.
- Tathra Church- after Sunday Mass, 21st March
- Candelo after Vigil Mass, 20th March
- Bemboka after Vigil Mass, 27th March

Peace, Fr. Luke

