

Entrance Antiphon Give me justice, O God, & plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful & cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation *Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and die, it remains a single grain.
But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

ROSTERS - 27th/28th March 2021
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator G Bevitt
Readers G Green
Gifts on hold
Cleaners Allen

Candelo Sun 9:30am
Commentator Ann Haheay
Readers K Dodds
Gifts on hold
Cleaners - March Nalda Hefferman

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Chris Adams
Readers Jacinta Battista
Gifts on hold
Cleaners Carleen Maley
Audio-Visual Judith Reid
Eucharistic Ministers Carleen Maley, Pat McRae

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator Tomlinson Family
Readers M Russell, T Tomlinson
Gifts On hold
Music Matt Hefferman & Choir
Acolyte Sean McCambridge
Eucharistic Ministers A Tarlinton, U de Morsier
B Larkin, K Rix
Nursing Home

Wise Words:
Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday.
- Ven. Fulton J Sheen



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

sacrifice



5th 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
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'The Hour': Cross & Glory



In John's gospel Jesus frequently speaks of 'the hour' or 'an hour' that has 'not yet come' or 'is coming', or 'has come'. In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus three times speaks of 'the/this hour'. Almost always, 'the hour' refers to the time of Jesus' death and resurrection or, in John's words, 'his hour to pass from this world to the Father'.



In this Sunday's gospel Jesus' death is presented in two images: the grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies and Jesus' being lifted up, which refers literally to being hoisted up and hung on a cross. As grim as this sounds - and certainly Roman crucifixion was particularly gruesome - John sees 'this hour' as a time of glory. This is stated explicitly: 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified'. But the cross-as-glory is

also implied by the expression 'being lifted up.' This is an instance of John's use of double entendre: while 'lifting up' refers to the crucifixion, it also means 'being exalted.' In John's gospel, crucifixion is exaltation and the cross is Jesus' throne of glory: on the cross his true kingship is revealed and his mission is accomplished. For this reason Jesus asserts, 'No one takes (my life) from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again'. Jesus is never more himself than when he ascends the cross as King and exercises power to accomplish salvation. Indeed, John makes the crucifixion a world-wide proclamation of Jesus' kingship: John alone mentions that the charge, 'Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews,' was written in Hebrew (the local and sacred language), Latin (the official language of the Empire), and Greek (the common international language).

Thus, 'the hour' reveals the glory of Jesus and is the climax of his incarnation: 'For this purpose I came to this hour'. What purpose? 'When I am lifted up will draw everyone to myself'.

Upcoming Feasts: ✦ Annunciation of the Lord Thursday 25th Bega 9:15am

Save the Date: Confirmation Parent inFORMATION night - Wednesday 21st April 6pm St Patrick's Church. All parents with students in years 5 and 6 are invited to attend and begin the process to enrol their child for the Sacrament of Confirmation - 17th July 2021.



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



Good Friday Collection 2nd April - The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will again take place on Good Friday.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to the global pandemic, it was an extremely difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with very little income due to the lack of pilgrims and the closure of churches around the world. Despite this, Australian Catholics did manage to donate \$406,000 (compared to the \$1.3 million in 2019). This year, the Holy Land will continue to face an extreme shortfall in income due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we are urging Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. *Envelopes will be available in all Churches.* Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. *Thank you.*

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

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



Halima is raising 2 children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment & hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health & cleanliness of her community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, & strengthen the communities around them.

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

Feast Days this Week

23rd - St Turibius de Mogrovejo, Bishop, 1538-1606. Remembered for his determined opposition to ecclesiastical abuses and to colonial exploitation, for his pastoral care and evangelisation of the indigenous peoples in their own languages, and for his visitation of the vast diocese.

25th - The Annunciation of the Lord - commemorating the announcement to the Virgin Mary of the Word made flesh, Mary's acceptance of God's will, and the conception of Christ nine months before Christmas. Its occurrence close to Easter links the incarnation with the whole mystery of human redemption in Christ.



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 3rd Easter Vigil
7pm - Bega
- Sunday 4th Easter Sunday Mass
7:45am - Tathra
9:30am - Candelo

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.
- Good Friday 10am
- Tathra - Good Friday 10am
- Bemboka - Good Friday 6pm
- Bega - Holy Saturday 9:15am

