

Entrance Antiphon Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trust in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Responsorial Psalm Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth & wine to cheer the heart

ROSTERS - 28th/29th August 2021
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

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

Candelo Sat 6pm
Commentator R Heffernan
Readers Roxanne Hopkins
Gifts on hold
Cleaners - Aug Ann Hyam; D&K Dodds

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

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator Volunteer
Readers M Russell, T Tomlinson
Gifts On hold
Music
Acolyte David Grainger
Eucharistic Ministers K Rix, D Koenigkamp
F Farrell, B Burton
Nursing Home

Wise Words:

The security of faith does not make us motionless or close us off, but sends us forth to bear witness & dialogue with all people.

- 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 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

Belief



21st Ordinary - Year B

22nd August 2021

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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This is a Hard Saying

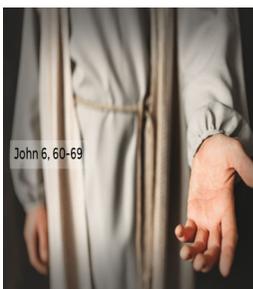
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



The gospel begins abruptly - the disciples complain, 'This is intolerable language. How can anyone accept it?' What is the issue?

It is helpful to remember that earlier the Jews were murmuring against Jesus (Sunday 19). Now it is Jesus' own disciples who murmur and question. The claims Jesus makes are difficult for everyone to believe, not just his opponents. Even some of his disciples 'no longer accompanied him'. Note the implications: 'not believing' and 'betraying' Jesus are lumped together.

So, what, precisely, is the 'intolerable language'? The easy answer might appear to be Jesus' claim that one must 'eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood' (Sunday 20) in order to have life. As difficult as that may be to believe, there is an even more difficult claim. Throughout John 6 Jesus has claimed to 'come down from heaven.' We saw on Sunday 19 that the people seemed unconcerned that Jesus claimed to be 'bread' but they did question his heavenly origin: they know his family so 'how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven?'. That seems to be the issue here as well, as Jesus' response indicates: 'Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?'. In effect Jesus says, 'If you saw me ascend to heaven, would you then believe that I have come down from heaven?' In other words Jesus'



'intolerable language' is his claim to have come from God and to be one with God. Indeed, Jesus is 'the Holy One of God'.

The entire Bread of Life discourse comes to a conclusion by returning to one of its major themes. Jesus asserts, 'The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life' and Peter affirms, 'You have the words of eternal life'. Throughout, Jesus the Teacher has been speaking words of life. The response to Jesus' teaching is to 'believe'. The result of believing: eternal life.

STAY COVID-19 SAFE

Churches now closed for Public Worship

Parish Office closed to visitors - please phone or email - Fr Luke still available.
Stay Home, stay safe

Current COVID-19 Restrictions.

The lockdown has been extended till the 28th August.

- ✦ The Churches remained closed for public worship.
- ✦ Funerals limited to 10 persons; ✦ Weddings limited to 5 person;
- ✦ Holy communion to the sick allowed; ✦ Anointing of the sick allowed;
- ✦ Face mask are mandatory

Parish Office Closed to Visitors: Please phone or email.

Stay up-to-date: Visit our Website <http://cg.org.au/bega/Home.aspx> or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stpatricksbega/> Bulletin will also be available at the church doors. If you are not receiving the Thursday bulletin email or Parish texts sign up here: <https://forms.gle/Prsi2sn64E7JBRzu9>

St Vincent de Paul Society Spring Fashion Parade. 11th September at the Bega Country Club. Doors open at 5.00pm parade starting at 6.30pm. Tickets are \$20 are available at Vinnies Store Bega.

Emergency Aid for Haiti. *Aid to the Church in Need (ACN International)* has expressed its solidarity in prayer with Haiti and immediately approved an emergency aid package of half a million Euros (\$800,000 AUD) for the Haitian people. In response to this, ACN Australia has set up an emergency appeal to provide help for our brothers and sisters in Haiti who are going through a very hard time. To donate visit www.aidtochurch.org/haiti

Future of Catholicism in Australia - 26th August 7:30pm. Australian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform extends an invitation to a 2nd online convocation, *Outcomes & Actions for the Plenary Council*. Opened by Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann (Senior Australian of the Year 2021). Speakers: Jesse Rogers, Debra Zanella, Robert Fitzgerald, John Warhurst. Register at accr.com.au



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 Sr Marie Jeanne Graham rsj, Tracy (Hay) Cannon, Jean Sheedy, Yvonne Sixsmith, Juanita (Collins) Bamford

ANNIVERSARIES Patsy Hart, Noa Jessop, Tyler Finucane, Barney Heffernan, Anne Farrell, John Daly, Barney & Nora Sheehan, Lizzie Coman, Eunice Tarlinton

Feast Days this Week

- 22nd - **The Queenship of The Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 23rd - **St Rose of Lima**, Virgin, 1586-1617. Remembered for her radiant love of God and for the severe penance and hardships she endured during serious illness. The first saint of the Americas to be canonised (1671).
- 24th - **St Bartholomew**, Apostle, Said to have preached the gospel in India and in Armenia, where tradition indicates he was martyred.
- 25th - **St Louis**, 1214-1270. Remembered for his impartial justice, for his care of the poor and the sick, and for honouring his word.
- 25th - **St Joseph Calasanz**, Priest, 1557-1648. Remembered especially for his patience in the midst of suffering.
- 27th - **St Monica**, 331-387. Remembered for her parental devotion, her patience, and her persistence in prayer.
- 28th - **St Augustine**, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, 354-430. Remembered as a model pastor and as a preacher and writer whose thought has had an enduring influence in Christian history.

Mass Resources: Sunday Chanel 80 6am 'Mass for you at home'
Monday to Saturday 12:15pm; Sunday 11am *St Christopher Live Stream*
<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

Zoom Rosary: Join Archbishop Christopher every Wednesday & Friday at 4pm to pray the Rosary. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022458332?pwd=MDZ4ODFhNjIvdnpFd2IaVDQzWnAydz09>

Preparing for Spiritual Communion.

- 1 - Prepare your heart for and encounter with Jesus**
Create a space where you will be able to pray quietly. Focus on an image of Jesus and light a candle before Him. Make the Sign of the Cross.
- 2 - Read or listen the Mass Readings**
- 3 - Recite the Prayer**
- 4 - Silence**
Remain in silence for some moments, with Jesus in your heart. Allow him to love you and to nourish your soul.

Spiritual Communion Prayer.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I Embrace You as if You were already here, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.