


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

Responsorial Psalm Go out to all the world; and tell the Good News.


Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. 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 - 30th/31st August 2025	
Please arrange a swap if you are not available	
Bemboka Sat 5pm	
Commentator	G Berman
Readers	R Allen
Cleaners	
Candelo Sat 5pm	
Commentator	R Heffernan
Readers	K Dodds
Cleaners - Aug	
Tathra Sun 7:45am	
Commentator	Clare Walker
Readers	Neil Walker
Cleaners	Raewyn Galton
Audio-Visual	Kate D'Arcy
Eucharistic Ministers	M Hergenhan, Carleen Maley
Bega Sun 9:30am	
Commentator	Ayar Frantz
Readers	M O'Neill
Gifts	Volunteer
Music	Matt Heffernan
Acolyte	Frank Farrell
Eucharistic Ministers	Barbara Burton
	
For Sale: Sunday Missal - \$32; Children's Mass Book - \$10. Contact the office or place your order in a marked envelope in the 2nd collection.	

St. Pat's Choir practices Thurs 5.15—6pm Contacts Mary 0428 471 012 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 - all are welcome. Tathra - 7:20am before Sunday Mass Bega - 9am before Sunday Mass
MENS' GROUP: 2nd & 4th Thursdays St Patrick's Church. Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997
St Patrick's Sacramental Programme <i>Baptisms</i> —During Mass, 1 month notice <i>Confirmation 2025</i> — 8th June 2025 <i>Weddings</i> —by appoint, 6 months notice req. Please contact the Parish Office.
Syro-Malabar Mass 4th Wed of the Month 5pm Bega. Contact Lijoy 0469 341 965 സീറോ-മലബാർ കുർബാന മാസത്തിലെ 4 ബുധനാഴ്ച വൈകുന്നേരം 5 മണിക്ക് ബേഗ. ബന്ധപ്പെടുക: ലിജോയ് 0469 341 965

St Patrick's Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the rights and dignity of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families & carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all our thinking and actions. Parishioners are encourage to communicate concerns by emailing Fr Adrian, the Parish Office, the Parish Safeguarding Officer or directly to IPSS (ipss@cg.org.au)



21st Ordinary - Year C

24th August 2025

St. Patrick's Parish

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

Fr. Adrian Chan. Parish Priest.

Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.

Hrs 9-2 Tuesday & Thursday

Safeguarding, Mrs. Emma Grant,

St. Patrick's School, Bega. Mrs. Jo Scott-Pegum (Principal) 6492 5500

Lumen Christi Catholic College, Pambula. Mr. Shane Giles 6495 8888

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We acknowledge the Djirringanj People, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon & cared for this land for thousands of years. We pay our respect to Elders past, present & emerging. We acknowledge & respect their continuing culture & the contribution they make to the life of the Bega Valley.

Inclusive Salvation

Again this week we encounter some of the so-called 'hard sayings' of Jesus. However, rather than moving quickly on to find 'nicer' parts of scripture to nourish us, it is good to take time to ponder what such texts are all about. The question put to Jesus is one that many still ask. In his answer Jesus is not interested in talking about salvation as a matter of numbers or statistics. He seeks rather to make his hearers realise that being saved is not something to be taken for granted. If we imagine that being Irish and Catholic is enough then maybe we had better think again. It is not about having a casual familiarity with the Lord. It is rather about the urgent and serious business of trying to live the way he has asked us.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



People sometimes think that the Old Testament is a cruel book in which a vengeful God sends arbitrary punishments on whomsoever he wishes. However, such a view is completely at odds with the idea of God which is to be found in today's first reading and in many books of the Old Testament. We need to remember that in the Old Testament there is a development in the understanding of what God wants for the world, and in this reading from Isaiah we see a very inclusive and universal vision of salvation. There can be no doubt that texts such as these helped to form Jesus' view of the kingdom of God where there would be a welcome for all who are true to their conscience.

Sean Goan.



Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis: the Holy Father announced that Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized together on 7 September.

Parish News: ✦ The Archdiocesan IT change over is nearly complete.

✦ The work on the confessional in Bega to reconfigure for anonymous confessions continues. Thank you for your patience.



Vinnies News: It is on again Vinnies BBQ, Thursday 28th August, 10am to 1.30pm. Sausages Sizzler, homemade Slices Funds toward again to pe winter appeal for the companion in need. Come along to support Vinnies!



St Patrick's Primary News: ✦ Enrolling now - All grades including kinder 2026. For further details and to book an appointment contact the school office 6492 5500.

✦ Dance Concert - 'This is Me' Wednesday 24th Sept. 12noon. This vibrant performance will showcase the creativity, confidence, and joy of our students through dance. It's a wonderful opportunity for young children to experience live performance in a fun and welcoming environment. Tickets \$5.

RCIA: if you are interested in becoming a Catholic please contact Father Adrian.

Upcoming Ordinations: 5th September 6pm. Please prayer for Deacon Joseph Nivaskaran MGL & Deacon Michael Last MGL

STAND FOR LIFE with the Australian Christian Lobby at the Babies Booties event, between 11.30am - 1:30pm on Wednesday 27th August 2025 at Parliament House in Canberra. This event is highlighting the tragedy of abortion and the many thousands of lives lost each year. To read more information and/or attend this event, please register your attendance - <https://www.acl.org.au/babybooties/> There is plenty of parking under Parliament House and in the car parks around. Contact for the event is Sarah at ACL - volunteer@acl.org.au

Wise Words:

I will spend no more time asking God why doors have been closed because I'll be too busy praising God for the doors that are about to open.
- Anonymous.

You're Invited - after mass

- ✦ *Tathra* - Breakfast 2nd Sunday of the Month
 - ✦ *Bega* - Morning Tea last Sunday of the Month
- All Welcome. Please bring a friend.**

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

Bega Saturday, 9.40 - 10am
before vigil Mass
Bemboka
Candelo before vigil Mass
Tathra before Sunday Mass

Fr Adrian Contact: Mobile: 0411 676 064
Email: Adrian.Chan@cg.org.au

Sunday Mass Times

- *Bemboka* - Saturdays - 5pm Vigil
- *Candelo* - Saturdays - 5pm Vigil 1st, 3rd, 5th
- Sundays - 9:30am liturgy 2nd, 4th
- *Tathra* - Sundays - 7.45am Mass
- *Bega* - Sundays - 9.30am Mass
- 4th Sunday- 9:30am Family Mass

Weekdays

- Tuesday 4.00pm Bega Chapel
- Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.
- Thursday 9.15am Bega Chapel
- *Hillgrove House* 3rd Thursday 3pm
- Friday 9.15am Bega Chapel
4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
- Saturday 9.15am Bega Church

RECENTLY DECEASED: Alan Crawford, Kath Lindwall, Sue Gardiner, Michael Guthrie

ANNIVERSARIES Heather Pook, Bernard Collins, Tyler Finucane, Clare Finucane, Nora & Barney Sheehan, Elizabeth Coman, Noa Jessop, Ann Farrell, Tony Dessmann

Feasts Days

25th - St Joseph Calasanaz, Priest 1557-1648. A lawyer, theologian, & presbyter who gave away much of his family fortune and devoted himself to providing free education for poor children in Rome.

25th - St Louis 1214-1270. Regarded as a model Christian king at a time of great cultural achievement, but led two disastrous crusades, on the second of which he died of typhoid.

27th - St Monica 331-387. Before her marriage her faith bore fruit in her recovery from a drinking problem and later helped bring her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity.

28th - St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 354-430

29th - The Passion of Saint John the Baptist As early as the fifth century, a commemoration of John the Baptist was kept on this day at Jerusalem.



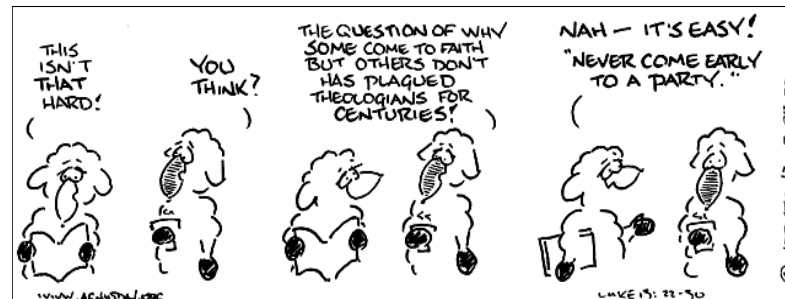
Minute Meditations - 'Doorway to Awakening'

The last line of St. Francis' prayer presents us with one of the paradoxes of the spiritual journey. There are certain inner themes to which we must die if we are to grow. We must die to our self-judgment. We must die to our perfectionism. We must die to our need for control. We must even die to our need to have all the spiritual answers.

Many of us seek what is called a "spiritual awakening." Perhaps we can embrace the Prayer of St.

Francis as a doorway to that awakening.

- from St. Anthony Messenger's "A New Understanding of the Prayer of St. Francis" by Richard B. Patterson, PhD



1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea 2025.

The Council of Nicaea, also known as the First Ecumenical Council, was held in the city of Nicaea in 325AD (the present-day Turkish city of Iznik). Convened by the emperor Constantine, it brought together more than 250 bishops (tradition claims 318) to address several issues facing the early Church.

There were two main issues addressed at the council: the teachings of the Alexandrian priest Arius regarding the divinity of Jesus and the date on which Christians should commemorate Jesus' resurrection, that is, the date of Easter.

The council deemed Arianism a heresy and enshrined the divinity of Christ by invoking the term *homoousios* (Greek: of one substance) in a statement of faith known as the Creed of Nicaea.

The Council of Nicaea, the First Ecumenical Council, is the best-known council among Christians of all denominations. It was the largest gathering of bishops in the history of the Church up to that time and its Creed, the Nicene Creed, become a statement of Christian faith not only for the Orthodox Church but for nearly all of Christianity.