

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 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 - 31st Aug/ 1st Sept 2024
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 5pm

Commentator H Allen
Readers G Berman
Cleaners

Candelo Sat 6pm

Commentator L Thompson
Readers R Heffernan
Cleaners - Sept Rosie Coman

Tathra Sun 7:45am

Commentator Betty O'Brien
Readers Raewyn Galton
Cleaners Raewyn Galton
Audio-Visual Kate D'Arcy
Eucharistic Ministers M Hergenhan, Carleen Maley

Bega Sun 9:30am

Commentator Ayar Frantz
Readers J Scott-Pegum, M O'Neill
Gifts Volunteer
Counters A Woods
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte
Eucharistic Ministers
Nursing Home

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

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

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 encouraged to communicate concerns by emailing Fr Adrian, the Parish Office, the Parish Safeguarding Officer or directly to IPSS (ipss@cg.org.au)

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

Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice
Reconciliation—26th May 2024
First Communion - 25th August 2024
Weddings—by appoint, 6 months notice req.
Please contact the Parish Office.

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. **Bulletin & Forms** can
be found on the website



21st Ordinary - Year B

25th August 2024

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 *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*

Safeguarding, Mrs. Emma Grant, Bega.Safeguarding@cg.org.au

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

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We acknowledge the Yuin 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 and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of the Bega Valley.

Big Choices

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

We come now to the last extract from John's gospel and the end of the discourse on the Bread of Life. It highlights a theme that began in chapter 5 of John and that is a growing opposition to and refusal to believe in Jesus. While earlier in the discourse it was the crowds who were having difficulty with Jesus' presentation of himself as the bread of life, now it is his own disciples who are complaining that it is too much to expect them to accept what Jesus has said about himself.

Jesus replies that what he is speaking about can only be understood through the work of the spirit, i.e. through the eyes of faith. Some find the challenge too much and cease to follow him and in response Jesus asks the twelve do they also wish to go away. Peter replies with a confession of faith that demonstrates that he (and they!) are beginning to grasp something of the revelation that Jesus brings. Because they believe then they know that he is indeed the Holy One of God.



'What about you, do you also want to go away? No-one can be press-ganged into discipleship and Jesus yet again puts the choice before us as we gather for our Sunday Eucharist. Why is there a crisis here? Is it because they cannot believe that Jesus can truly give of himself in the way he has described? Is faith in the Eucharist too much to ask for? Perhaps it is not so much an intellectual difficulty about how this can happen but rather an intuition about the far

reaching implications of what he is saying. For in giving us himself he is asking us to forget about ourselves and maybe that is just too much. Yet Peter speaks for us all when he says: 'Lord to whom shall we go? Nothing in the world with all its possibilities and attractions can nourish our hunger to love and be loved as completely as Jesus, our Bread of Life.


Sean Goan



Congratulations to our First Communicants



Maintenance Works Update: The Presbytery works are nearly complete. Work has commenced on the nave of Bega Church. Access on weekends only. Thank you for following the directions when using the building. *Please note - parking in the school playground is for those with limited mobility only. Thank you for using the church carpark or street on Sundays.*


 **St Patrick's Primary News *Footsteps*:** A free morning of storytime and connection for little ones birth to Pre-kinder. Every Wednesdays during term. 9-11am. More information 6492 5500 or office.bega@cg.catholic.edu.au

Accommodation required: 72 y.o. woman seeks a house-sharing situation. She has no pets but is not averse to living with someone who does. For further information please call 0448 267 956.

Vinnies News: Blessed Frederick Ozanam Appeal 6th October. Supporting the twined conference in India

Candelo & Bemboka Mass Times: From the 1st Sept the vigil mass will be at 6pm.

Order Now! God's Word 2025, \$20. Sheet at church entrance or contact the office.

 **Father's Day Appeal – Collection for our retired priests:** There are 25 priests in our Archdiocese. We should remember our retired priests as we celebrate the theme for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly *"In old age they will still bear fruit"* (Psalm 92:15). A third collection will be taken up at masses on Sunday 1st September.

PREPARED: CatholicPsych Institute Mental Health Crisis Response Training 21st Sept. 9AM. Canberra. Join Dr Greg Bottaro from New York for exclusive training event. Tailored for educators, campus ministers, parish & diocesan staff, parents, and priests, addressing the urgent need to respond to the growing mental health crisis. Learn to identify and address mental distress through a Catholic lens. Register at: www.trybooking.com/CULHL

Save the Date: Thur 17th October ordination of Mark Ha at 5pm at St Christopher's

You're Invited

✦ *Tathra* - Breakfast every 2nd Sunday of the Month after Mass.

✦ *Bega* - Morning Tea last Sunday of the Month after Mass Bega.

All Welcome. Please bring a friend.

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: Nellie, Dixon, Les De La Mere, Harmony Morrow

ANNIVERSARIES Patsy Hart, Tyler Finucane, Clare Finucane, Margaret Willburger, Noa Jessop, Barney & Nora Sheehan, Liz Coman

PRAYERS Marina Peric,

Feasts Days

25th - St Louis (Louis IX) 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.

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

27th - St Monica 331-387. Undertook many years of penance and prayer for her brilliant but wayward son Saint Augustine. Remembered for her parental devotion, her patience, and her persistence in prayer.

28th - St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 354-430. Baptised in 387, Bishop of Hippo for thirty-four years. Lived a communal life with his clergy and served the many needs of his people at a time of political and cultural collapse.

Come, Holy Spirit - Archdiocesan Assembly 18-20 October. All are invited to take part in the Archdiocesan Assembly that will explore the theme 'Come Holy Spirit.' This will focus on celebrating the Year of the Holy Spirit and explore new opportunities for evangelisation & synodality in the life and mission of our local Church going forward. Canberra + Narooma + Cooma + Young + Goulburn. More information and registration: via the QR code, or website cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly



Minute Meditations - *The Face of Heaven*

When St. Francis sang his "Canticle of the Creatures," he was singing a way of seeing. He was not asking creatures to praise God; by their very creation, their existing, they were already praising God. Rather, Francis was praising God with and through all of creation which, in his canticle, he sums up in the four elements of the created world: Earth, Water, Air, and Fire. He embraces them first of all as his brothers and sisters, male and female: Brother Sun and Sister Moon, Brother Wind and Sister Water, Brother Fire and Sister, Mother Earth.

Because of a vision St. Francis received two years before his death, he sees all of creation for what it already is, the face of the kingdom of heaven. His vision is that of contemplation. And God lets Francis see what he is already a part of because of his profound identification with the suffering and love of the crucified Christ.
- from the book *God's Love Song: The Vision of Francis and Clare* by Murray Bodo, OFM,

Wise Words: The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak - *Pope Francis*

