

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 Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church
the gates of hell will not hold out against it. 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 - 2nd/3rd Oct 2023
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator
Readers
Gifts
Cleaners

Candelo Sat 6pm
Commentator L Thompson
Readers R Heffernan
Gifts
Cleaners - Sept Patricia O'Callaghan

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Gerry Collins
Readers Jacinta Battista
Gifts
Cleaners Teresa Taylor
Audio-Visual Paul Gardiner
Eucharistic Ministers M Hergenhan, Mark Oakley

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator V Northcott, A Woods
Readers V Northcott, A Woods
Gifts Volunteer
Counters Tomlinson & Farrell
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Frank Farrell
Eucharistic Ministers E Caragher, L Stewart,
A Tarlinton, K Rix
Nursing Home B Tygh, C Tarlinton r

Wise Words:

The door to
heaven is the heart
of Jesus. The key
to this door is
prayer & love.

- St. Andre Bessette



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 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

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 2023**

Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice
Confirmation—28th May
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

Who am I?



21st Sunday - Year A

27th August 2023

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*

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Our Inscrutable God

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

How do you make God laugh? Just
tell him your plans! The hymn of
praise that is today's Second Reading (Rom 11:33-36) soaring on a loftier
plane than that opening quip, nonetheless points to the shame reality: the
inscrutability of God.



Down from the heady heights of Paul's vision of God, what does it mean
for us in daily life that God is inscrutable? Well, let's say first what it
doesn't mean. It doesn't mean that we can't know anything about God, so
there's no point in trying to. It means that we can't know everything about
him. Coming to terms with God in our life is our number one priority, or
should be. Sadly, for many it isn't.

And when we try to come to terms with God we find, as Thomas Merton
points out in *Love and Living* (p.111): 'There is a disconcerting aura of
secularity about much of God's activity as recorded in the Bible, and
uneasiness with this has generally led certain types of philosophic
religiosity to improve on the concept of God, seeking to make it more
spiritual, more impressive to humans minds, in a word, more "divine". Not
only is that secularity found in the Bible, it's found in real life too.



Compare the number of times we're told
in the Bible to pray to the number of
times we're told to love our neighbour.
And showing that love is very down-to-
earth stuff indeed - the stuff of the Good
Samaritan. The sleeves up, hands on
approach.

God wants action not just intention.

Whatever position we find ourselves in, we are called by God to see a
divine purpose in it.

The Church is the living presence of Jesus in the world.



We Welcome into our Parish Family:
Violet Adele & Amaya Rae Hopkins
Tama, Brooklyn, Urijah & Hayes Henare
Baptised in the name of the Father, & the Son & the Holy Spirit



Vinnies News: The annual *Blessed Frederick Ozanam Appeal* for twined conferences will take place on the 17th September. More news to come.

Vocations Awareness Week. 24th to 31st August. More information can be found at www.facebook.com/cgvocations

Respect Life Sunday Celebration Mass 1st October, 11 AM. Mass at 11 AM on 1 October at St Christopher's Cathedral. All welcome, especially those who work at the coalface in caring and advocating for human life at its most vulnerable stages. A simple lunch will be provided afterwards. Enquiries: Lara Kirk lara.kirk@cg.org.au

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop Australian Pilgrimage. Commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. Organised by the Sisters of St Joseph. More information: 8912 4818 or national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

Marriage Enrichment Weekend. 27-29 Oct. Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Enquiries: Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au Book online: at www.wwme.org.au

You're Invited

- ✦ **Tathra** - Breakfast every 2nd Sunday of the Month after Mass. 10th September
 - ✦ **Bega** - Morning Tea 4th Sunday of the Month after Mass Bega. 27th August
- All Welcome. Please bring a friend.**

Fr Adrian Contact: Mobile: 0411 676 064
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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
 - 4th Sunday- 9:30am Family Mass

Weekdays

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Willburger, Carole Trimble, Fr Ronald Donoghue (brother of Peter Donoghue), Tony Dessmann, Marie Rheinberger, Ben Jennings (27)

ANNIVERSARIES Tyler Finucane, Therese Easdie, Noa Jessop, John Daly

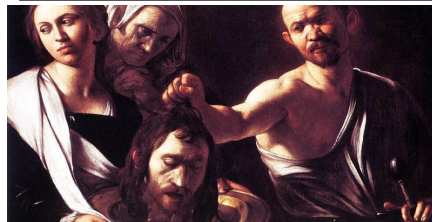
PRAYERS Hugo D'Arcy and his family
 Noah Smith - operation in Sydney

Feasts

27th - St Monica 331-387. Remembered for her parental devotion, her patience, and her persistence in prayer.

28th - St Augustine, Bishop & 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.

29th - The Passion of Saint John the Baptist



The Story of the Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist- *Franciscan Media*

The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honour, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old

Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The "voice crying in the desert" did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man that he would give up his very life?

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory.

He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: "The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus" (John 1:35-37).

It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John's life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God's grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation.

