

RECENTLY DECEASED: Clare Finucane, Margaret Willburger, Carole Trimble,
ANNIVERSARIES Patsy Hart, Bernard Collins, Maura Wesley-Collins, Colin & Peg Hergenhan, Tyler Finucane, Therese Eadie
PRAYERS Hugo D'Arcy and his family; Noah Smith - operation in Sydney

ROSTERS - 9th/10th September 2023

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator
Readers
Gifts
Cleaners

Candelo Sun 9:30am
Commentator J Coman
Readers R Coman
Gifts
Cleaners - Sept Patricia O'Callaghan

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Paul Gardiner
Readers Eileen Reckord
Gifts
Cleaners Betty O'Brien, Gardiner
Audio-Visual Pat Platts
Eucharistic Ministers Mark Oakley, Carleen Maley

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator Rachel Heffernan
Readers E Attram
Gifts
Counters Vinnies
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte Sean McCambridge
Eucharistic Ministers D Koenigkamp

ROSTERS - 16th/17th September 2023

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator
Readers
Gifts
Cleaners

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

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Jacinta Battista
Readers Pat Platts
Gifts
Cleaners Raewyn Galton
Audio-Visual Trish Sly
Eucharistic Ministers Carleen Maley, Pat Platts

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator M Henare
Readers J Scott-Pegum, M O'Neill
Gifts
Counters Col & Kath Murphy
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte Frank Farrell
Eucharistic Ministers B Burton

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 4pm 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

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

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

ROSARY

Tathra - 7:20am before Sunday Mass
Bega - 9am before Sunday Mass
all are welcome.



Wise Words: The reason why God is such a great lover of humility is that He is a great Lover of truth. Humility is in fact truth, while pride is nothing but lying. - St Vincent de Paul



22nd & 23rd Ordinary - Year A

3rd & 10th September 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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Your Invited! To a morning tea after mass, Sunday 8th October, approx. 10:30am, St Patrick's Bega. Join Annette and Michell Scott in an informal conversation on what the 'Voice to Parliament' means to them. They are happy to answer any questions in a safe, non-political environment.

Father's Day Appeal for retired priests. Please give generously to the Father's Day Appeal conducted at all Masses this weekend. Special envelopes are provided in the church and donors will be issued with a tax deductible receipt. Donations can also be made at www.cgatholic.org.au/donate



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

Parish Office Closures. The Office will be closed 7th, 19th Sept & School Holidays 25th Sept to 5th October. Thanks

Respect Life Sunday Celebration Mass 1st October, 11 AM. Mass at 11 AM on 1 October at St Christopher's Cathedral. All welcome. 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 Oct, to North Sydney on 28 Oct 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

Integral ecology pilgrimage. 31Aug-5 Oct, 6:30-8:30pm. A series of online dialogues on Care for Our Common Home teaching as first steps in our synodal journey for the year of the Holy Spirit. Six Thursday evenings. Information - <https://cgatholic.org.au/services-directory/caring-for-creation/> Register at <http://bit.ly/3rTicKp>.

Fr Adrian Contact: Mobile: 0411 676 064
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You're Invited

- ✦ Tathra - Breakfast every 2nd Sunday of the Month after Mass. All Welcome
- ✦ Bega - Morning Tea last Sunday of the Month after Mass Bega. All Welcome



Please pray for
Clare Finucane
 St Patrick's
 Fri 8th Sept
 11am

Relationship with God.

Faith is not an easy thing to have. More accurately, faith is not an easy thing to 'do'. Faith is not something that just happens. It has to be worked at. It involves action. It is a process. It is a response. Jeremiah, in the First Reading, begins by expressing how easy it was for him to have faith. He inactive, it was something that just happened to him. Then we hear about how difficult for him it is to live that faith and he tried to walk away. His faith required work and action importantly, his faith and his relationship with God required a decision.

We are created in the image and likeness of God. What this means for us is that we are, by our very creation, spiritual beings. There is part within us, within our souls that is reserved only for God. When that part of us is left underdeveloped or undernourished, we are inclined, like the psalmist, to cry out, 'For you my soul is thirsting O lord my God'. He says that we will be rewarded according to our behaviour, our decisions in each moment in time to act as He would act. These are difficult choices, difficult decisions. Sometimes they leave us unpopular in the eyes of those around us. But our faith is a commitment to a way of life, not just an hourly commitment once a week. It is a way of being so that we become the people of God has loved us to be. St. Augustine explains this well when he wrote, 'you have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you'.



*We Welcome into our Parish Family:
Ashton Christopher Moreing*

Baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**Feast
Days
this
Week**

3rd - St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church 540-604.

Remembered also for his extensive writings on pastoral care, spirituality, and morals, and for his self-designation as "servant of the servants of God."

5th - St Teresa of Calcutta, virgin, 1910-1997

8th - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Because of her importance in salvation history, Mary's birthday is celebrated as well as those of her son Jesus the Lord, and of Saint John the Baptist.

9th - St Peter Claver, Priest 1580-1654. Peter called himself "the slave of the slaves" and is remembered for his total devotion to their needs and dignity.

Entrance Antiphon Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

Responsorial Psalm My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the ears of our heart
That we might see how great is the hope to which we are called
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



I am My Brother's Keeper

The word of God can be confusing. And thank God for that! Otherwise, we might become intolerable, especially when it comes to doing what today's First Reading (Ezek 33:7-9) tells us to do: to warn the wicked when God instructs us to. The confusing bit here is how to know that we have been so instructed. As Thomas Merton once wrote in *Contemplation in a World of Action*: 'The prophetic charism is a gift of God, not a duty of man.' Becoming the moral mouthpiece for God is a tricky path to tread. That said, however, someone has to do it.

For those so called, a question to ask before giving the warning: why does God warn the wicked? No confusion here. God wants them to change for their good, not God's. Concerned, God meets them half way through a 'sentinel' (v.7).

That concern should set the tone of our warning. It should be positive not negative, gentle not harsh, life affirming not condemnatory. When approaching



the wicked to convince them of the folly of their ways it's good to recall that one of the most important trips we can make in life is to meet someone halfway.

Perhaps Charles Davis should have the last word: 'Human pride has led to a notion of freedom and equality as meaning, 'you're on your own'. But we cannot be human on our own'. (*A Spirituality For the Vulnerable*, p. 66).

12th - The Most Holy Name of Mary.

13th - St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 347-407.

Feast Days this Week Remembered for his simplicity of life, his care of the poor, the courage of his witness, and his effective preaching of the Scriptures.

14th - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

15th - Our Lady of Sorrows.

16th - St Cornelius Pope, Martyr & **St Cyprian**, Bishop, Martyr died ca 250. Both remembered as compassionate pastors who developed the Church's teaching and practice of reconciliation.

Entrance Antiphon You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
And the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul
is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.