

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 The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
That we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!

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

ROSTERS - 7th/8th September 2024
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm

Commentator S Berman
Readers H Woollett
Cleaners Woollett

Candelo Sun 9:30am

Commentator M Whitby
Readers J Coman
Cleaners - Sept Rosie Coman

Tathra Sun 7:45am

Commentator Kate D'Arcy
Readers Peter D'Arcy
Cleaners Teresa Taylor
Audio-Visual Paul Gardiner
Eucharistic Ministers C Maley, Jacinta Battista

Bega Sun 9:30am

Commentator M Henare
Readers M Scott, A Twyford
Gifts Volunteer
Counters S & W Giles
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Sean McCambridge
Eucharistic Ministers D Koenigkamp

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



22nd Ordinary - Year B

1st September 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.

With Lips or Heart?

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



As we return to Mark we find ourselves in yet another story of conflict between Jesus and his opponents. Here the Pharisees are reprimanding the followers of Jesus for not engaging in ritual washing before they eat. This is an example of a tradition handed down in Pharisee circles which had come to have the full force of the written Law. Jesus has little time for their legalism and quotes from Isaiah to make his point. This is only lip service to God who does not care about their external observances but who desires a true worship of the heart. A person cannot be made unclean by external factors, eg the failure to observe purely religious ritual; rather we are made unclean by that which comes from within, from our hearts, the source of our moral action.



If a survey were to be conducted among churchgoers in which they were asked for a definition of religion it is unlikely that many would come up with the simple answer provided by James. Coming to the help of orphans and widows would be for many a kind of agreeable by-product of religion whereas James places it right at the centre of who we are and what we do. This is surely a message for today when so many people go to such great lengths in their search for wisdom and the knowledge of God. A religion that can be observed at a purely external level has a certain appeal. It is easy to feel we are making progress and that we are better than those who do not measure up. We imagine that by our own efforts we can come close to God. However, Jesus wants no part in such a sham. He is concerned with the heart and a faith that does justice.

Sean Goan



*Happy Father's Day
to all our father's and those who father*



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.*

Father's Day Appeal – Collection for our retired priests: There are 25 priests in our Archdiocese. We should remember our retired priests with the theme for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly “*In old age they will still bear fruit*” (Psalm 92:15). Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today via the 3rd collection after communion or online: www.cgatholic.org.au/donate or call: 6239 9801. *Thank you for taking care of our priests in their retirement.*

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

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

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

Living in the Divine Will Retreat. 13-15 September, St Clement's Conference Centre Galong NSW. Lead by Frs Hugh Thomas CSSR and Emil Milat. Friday 5pm 13 September to after lunch Sunday 15 September. The talks focus on how various saints and mystics draw us to live in the Holiness of God. For more info. contact Fr Emil on emil.milat@cg.org.au

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 - 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 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: Terry Smith, Nellie, Dixon, Les De La Mere

ANNIVERSARIES Bernard J Collins, Patsy Hart, Tyler Finucane, Clare Finucane, Margaret Willburger

PRAYERS Marina Peric,

Feasts **3rd - St Gregory the Great,** Pope & Doctor of the Church 540-604. Elected pope in 590. Reorganised Church life and administration in a time of crisis, sponsored liturgical reform, and initiated the evangelisation of the English. Remembered also for his extensive writings on pastoral care, spirituality, and morals, and for his self-designation as "servant of the servants of God."

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

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 - St. Clare, Teacher

We live in a hurting world. Suffering overwhelms people. We are not removed from that reality. We see it on the daily news. We hear it in the pleas for prayer contained in the emails, letters and phone calls that we receive. We touch it in our neighbours, our families and our own lives. We cannot remove or take away all the pain that we witness. Life is messy; even Jesus did not clean up all the messiness in the lives of the people he encountered.

St. Clare has taught us to bring our messiness to God. God teaches us what we need to know. We are always looking for solutions. Our contemplative life teaches us that answers are not always clearly visible or even available. Yet, our contemplative stance also teaches a way of living peacefully with the questions.

Our way of life is not a way of ignorance or avoidance of reality. It is a way of faith. It is a way of knowing that God is bigger than we are! It is a way of believing that God always comes through.

- from "*Loving St. Clare*" by Sr Claire André Gagliardi, OSC

Wise Words:

Every family needs a father - a father who shares in his family's joy & pain, hands down wisdom to his children & offers them firm guidance & love.
- Pope Francis

