

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 God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

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


ROSTERS - 6th/7th September 2025
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm	
Commentator	S Berman
Readers	H Woollett
Cleaners	

Candelo Sat 6pm	
Commentator	L Thompson
Readers	R Heffernan
Cleaners - Sept	Rosie & John Coman


Tathra Sun 7:45am	
Commentator	Betty O'Brien
Readers	Raewyn Galton
Cleaners	Teresa Taylor
Audio-Visual	Paul Gardiner
Eucharistic Ministers	Carleen Maley, J Battista

Bega Sun 9:30am	
Commentator	M Dessmann
Readers	M O'Neill
Gifts	Volunteer
Music	Matt Heffernan
Acolyte	David Grainger
Eucharistic Ministers	A Tarlinton, B Larkin
Nursing Home	D Koenigkamp, P Gardiner



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 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)



22nd Ordinary - Year C **31st 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.
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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.

Humility

Once again in Luke's gospel a meal forms the backdrop to some important teaching of Jesus about the values of the kingdom of God. In ordinary society the normal practice is to be self promoting, always seeking to be one step ahead or to find ways to have one's reputation enhanced. Jesus sees this as evidence of shallow behaviour, guided by a mistaken notion of a person's true worth. The value of humility as taught by Jesus is that our understanding of our worth is not dependant on being better than or more important than somebody else. It is not about comparison at all. Our true sense of self worth comes from within. Hence the significance of Jesus' command to the man who had invited him to the meal. The next time he has a dinner, instead of using it as an occasion to further himself, why doesn't he invite all those people who can't repay him? No doubt that suggestion ensured that Jesus was not invited back, but it gently exposes the often shallow ways in which people deal with each other.



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Humility is a virtue not much spoken about today. This is the era in which self esteem is promoted, sometimes to the detriment of all other aspects of a person's development. Of course there is no conflict between true self esteem and the value of humility as taught by Jesus. The problem may be that nowadays humility might be seen as weakness, the humble person might be regarded as a pushover. That would be a mistake and we only have to look to Jesus to see how big a mistake. The philosophy that might is right is capable of unleashing dreadful violence and of inflicting untold damage on human society. It represents the opposite worldview to that preached by Jesus and brings about no real change. However, to live as gently and humbly as Jesus did is to commit oneself to a better world, armed only with a deep conviction that God is love.

Sean Goan.


Father's Day Appeal for retired clergy. A 3rd collection for the support of our retired priests will take place on Sunday 7th September. Envelopes will be available on the pews. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible



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: ✦ From 6th September the Saturday Vigil Masses at Candelo & Bemboka returns to **6pm**.

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

 **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. Thursday 25th September 6pm. This vibrant performance will showcase the creativity, confidence, and joy of our students through dance. Tickets \$5. To purchase: <https://compasstix.com/e/xrs9o0i4r6>

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

Magnificat Voices of Springtime. 20th September: 1 – 4pm Chambers Pavilion, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall St, Barton ACT . Guest presenter Michael Green is a Marist brother with an interest in the Church's ongoing renewal and recontextualising. Jeni Miller is passionate about empowering people to protect God's beautiful creation. A time of shared ecumenical, spiritual conversations and prayer fuelled by Magnificat wisdom. Why don't you join us? Registration fee \$20 brendanbergin@mcc.act.edu.au

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

<i>Bega</i>	Saturday, 9.40 - 10am
<i>Bemboka</i>	before vigil Mass
<i>Candelo</i>	before vigil Mass
<i>Tathra</i>	before Sunday Mass

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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 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

3rd Sept - 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.
5th - St Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin 1910-1997. Originally joined the Sisters of Loreta, in 1948 she founded the Missionaries of Charity to serve the poorest of the poor after receiving the call to 'radiate God's love on souls'



Minute Meditations - Love the Unlovable

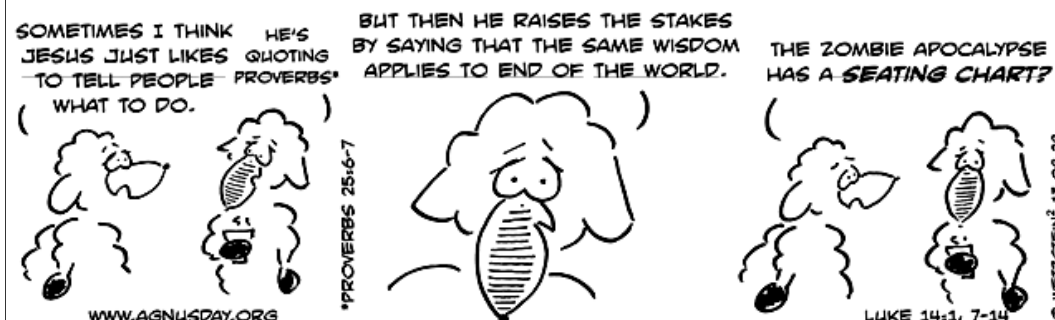
As Jesus noted, loving our neighbour is easy when our neighbour is lovable. The challenge is to love the unlovable. So it is with loving oneself. It is easy to love yourself when all is well. The challenge is to love yourself when you are down or grumpy, when you are angry or disappointed with yourself, when you sin.

Can you obey his command?

- from St. Anthony Messenger's '*Jesus' Forgotten Commandment: Forgive Yourself*' by Richard Patterson, PhD

Wise Words:

As salt is needed for all kinds of food, so humility is needed for all kinds of virtues.
- St Isaac the Syrian.



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.