

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

Responsorial Psalm Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.
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.

ROSTERS - 11th/12th September 2021
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator J Guthrie
Readers M Guthrie
Gifts on hold
Cleaners Allen

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

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Paul Gardiner
Readers Eileen Reckord
Gifts on hold
Cleaners Marj Bower
Audio-Visual Carleen Maley
Eucharistic Ministers M Hergenhan, Mark Oakley

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator F & P Sorensen
Readers F & P Sorensen
Gifts On hold
Music
Acolyte Frank Farrell
Eucharistic Ministers D Koenigkamp, K Rix, F Farrell, B Tygh
Nursing Home On Hold

Wise Words:
There is nothing small in the service of God
- St Francis de Sales



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 64921850 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 program 2021
Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice
Confirmation—TBA
Weddings—by appoint, 6 months notice req.
Please contact the Parish Office.

For Sale: Bibles - \$16; 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

Be Open



23rd Ordinary - Year B

5th September 2021

St. Patrick's Parish

St. Patrick's, Bega - St. Columba's, Bemboka - St. Joseph's Candelo
Star of the Sea, Tathra.

Fr. Luke Verrell. Parish Priest.
Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.
Hrs 9-3 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*
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Mission to the Gentiles

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's gospel continues last week's theme of Jesus' outreach to the excluded - last week it was the unclean, now it is the Gentiles.



In this gospel Jesus travels through Gentile territories, specifically, into Lebanon (Tyre and Sidon) and afterwards into the district of the Decapolis (Greek for 'ten cities'). Though these areas are quite distant from one another - Sidon is twenty miles north of Tyre and almost fifty miles northwest of the Sea of Galilee, while the Decapolis is to the southeast of the Sea of Galilee - they are all Gentile districts.



Travel into Gentile territory is a technique Mark uses to include Gentiles in Jesus' mission. In 4:35-8:21 Jesus frequently crosses the Sea of Galilee. West and south of the sea is predominantly Jewish territory where he spends most of his time, while east and north is predominantly Gentile territory. The kinds of miracles Jesus performs on the west (Jewish) side of the sea are repeated on the east (Gentile) side. The most dramatic example is the two miraculous feedings. On the Jewish side, Jesus feeds 5000 people with five loaves (we read John's account this year) and on the east side Jesus feeds a crowd of 4000 with seven loaves (the Lectionary omits this story). It used to be thought that Mark simply included two different versions of the same event in his gospel; but scholars now suggest that Mark shows Jesus doing similar things on both sides of the Sea to indicate that the Kingdom of God includes both Jews and Gentiles. And, if this is the case, then the mission of the Church should continue Jesus' outreach to Gentiles.

This Gentile theme is continued in the reading from Isaiah. The reading is chosen primarily to correlate with the gospel because both readings describe the healing of the deaf and the mute. But there is more: the opening of Isaiah 35 makes reference to Lebanon, Sharon, and Carmel, all on the northwest coast where Tyre and Sidon of this Sunday's gospel are located. In both readings, expansive geography suggests far-reaching salvation.

STAY COVID-19 SAFE
Churches now closed for Public Worship
Parish Office closed to visitors - please phone or email - Fr Luke still available.
Stay Home, stay safe

Current COVID-19 Restrictions.

The lockdown has been extended till the 11th September.

- ✦ The Churches remained closed for public worship.
- ✦ Funerals limited to 10 persons; ✦ Weddings limited to 5 person;
- ✦ Holy communion to the sick allowed; ✦ Anointing of the sick allowed;
- ✦ Face mask are mandatory

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Stay up-to-date: Visit our Website <http://cg.org.au/bega/Home.aspx> or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stpatricksbega/> Bulletin will also be available at the church doors. If you are not receiving the Thursday bulletin email or Parish texts sign up here: <https://forms.gle/Prsi2sn64E7JBRzu9>

Vinnies News: ✦ Fashion show postponed to 23rd October.
✦ *Annual Ozanam Sunday appeal* for our Twinned Conference/s in **27th Sept.** 2021 Twinning is the program by which our members support our fellow Vincentians in developing .

Fathers' Day Appeal - Collection for retired priests. 5th September. There are 28 retired priests in the Archdiocese and this Appeal helps meet their needs of provide security in their retirement years. Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today: ✦ By envelopes available at church doors, presbytery veranda & when mass resumes, ✦ By giving at: www.cgatholic.org.au/donate ✦ By calling: (02) 6239 9801. Thank you for taking care of our priests.

The Parenting Children Course - 21st September, 7:30-8:30pm via zoom. The Diocese of Broken Bay is offering a ten week 'Parenting Children Course' for parents of young children, seeking connection and support during lockdown while learning new skills. It's fun, hopeful and designed to inspire confidence in your abilities as a parent. Register at bit.ly/101_Parents or contact Emma.Baker@bbcatholic.org.au

A Church for All: a Guide to the Australian Plenary Council ...and Beyond 9th Sept 7pm virtual book launch. Join Plenary Council Members: Francis Sullivan, Claire Victory, and John Warhurst in discussion. Register at accr.com.au . Enq: Kevin.liston1@gmail.com



Please Pray for the repose of the soul of
Elvie Gossan
Entered Eternal Life 26th August

Weekdays

- Tuesday 5.30pm Bega Church
- Wednesday 9.00am Tathra
- Thursday 9.15am Bega Church
- *Hillgrove House 3rd Thursday 11am*
- Friday 9.15am Bega Church
4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
- Saturday 9.15am Bega Church

Sunday Mass Times

- *Bemboka - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil*
- *Camden - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil 1st, 3rd, 5th*
- *Sundays - 9:30am liturgy 2nd, 4th*
- *Tathra - Sundays - 7.45am Mass*
- *Bega - Sundays - 9.30am Mass*

RECENTLY DECEASED Chris Deakin, Elvie Gossan, John Tapper, Sr Marie Jeanne Graham rsj, Tracy (Hay) Cannon, Jean Sheedy, Yvonne Sixsmith

ANNIVERSARIES Bernard J Collins, Patsy Hart, Noa Jessop, Tyler Finucane, Barney Heffernan, Anne Farrell, John Daly, Barney & Nora Sheehan

Feasts Days

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. A Jesuit who felt called to mission work in the New World. He spent 34 years, in the face of opposition from slave owners, ministering to the needs of thousands of slaves. Died after suffering four years of debilitating illness. Peter called himself "the slave of the slaves" and is remembered for his total devotion to their needs and dignity.

Of your charity pray for the soul of Chris Deakin. Chris worked for John Whymans Funeral home. I worked closely with Chris during funerals and admired his good humour, calmness, politeness and care. He was diagnosed suddenly with a brain tumour and died this week. RIP

Haiti Emergency Aid - Run by ACN Australia. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/haiti

The Marriage Course. This Course offers practical support and ideas to strengthen your marriage, in a fun, impactful format. Hosted by the Archdiocese, explore 7 topics together in the comfort of your own home (via ZOOM). It is for all ages and stages of marriage. Starting Tuesday 19th October. Cost is \$70. Contact the Parish office or Fr Luke for more information.

Mass Resources: Sunday Chanel 80 6am 'Mass for you at home'
Monday to Saturday 12:15pm; Sunday 11am *St Christopher Live Stream* <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

Zoom Rosary: 4pm every Wed & Fri with Archbishop Christopher. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022458332?pwd=MDZ4ODFhNjIvdnpFd2IaVDQzWnAydz09>

Preparing for Spiritual Communion.

1 - Prepare your heart for and encounter with Jesus

Create a space where you will be able to pray quietly. Focus on an image of Jesus and light a candle before Him. Make the Sign of the Cross.

2 - Read or listen the Mass Readings

3 - Recite the Prayer

4 - Silence

Remain in silence for some moments, with Jesus in your heart. Allow him to love you and to nourish your soul.

Spiritual Communion Prayer.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I Embrace You as if You were already here, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.