

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 a 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 - 14th/15th September 2024
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator G Berman
Readers J Macinante
Cleaners

Candelo Sat 6pm
Commentator L Thompson
Readers K Dodds
Cleaners - Sept Rosie Coman

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Paul Gardiner
Readers Eileen Corcoran
Cleaners B O'Brien, P & S Gardiner
Audio-Visual Pat Platts
Eucharistic Ministers Jacinta Battista, Trish Sly

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator Mal Ferris
Readers M Russell, T Tomlinson
Gifts Volunteer
Counters Tomlinson & Farrell
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Frank Farrell
Eucharistic Ministers Barbara Burton



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



23rd Ordinary - Year B 8th 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
Lumen Christi Catholic College, Pambula. Mr. Shane Giles 6495 8888
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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.

Being Open.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



This week stories of conflict are left behind as we are treated to further evidence of what Jesus' ministry of proclaiming the kingdom of God is all about. The story begins with a rather flawed geography lesson. The sequence mentioned by Mark makes no sense but it may be that he is making a theological point because the places he mentions are the gentile surroundings of Galilee where the kingdom has been first proclaimed. The man brought to Jesus cannot hear or speak and is therefore cut off from the good news, but through Jesus' healing touch he is restored and the response to this action is one of unrestrained praise and wonder. The people realise that in Jesus all that the prophets had spoken of so long ago is being fulfilled and Mark is also making the point that this ministry embraces Jew and Gentile alike.



By the time of Jesus many religious traditions were in place which served to differentiate between those who were on the inside and those who were outsiders. This led to divisions, inequality and oppression — the very things that the covenant was supposed to eradicate. So when Jesus reached out to the poor, to sinners and those on the margins he was bringing into focus once again the kind of world God wanted. His was a love that included everyone and which could not be bought. In commanding that the ears of the deaf man be opened there is a message to us all, especially those who think that their hearing is perfect. Our ability to really hear the good news can be limited by many things, especially closed minds and hearts. Perhaps as individuals and as a community our prayer during this Sunday Eucharist might be that we would be opened to all the transformation that God wants to work in us. *Sean Goan*

Safeguarding Sunday
'Every conversation matters'

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: Thank you to all who donated last weekend to the care of the 25 retired priests in our Archdiocese. You can still make a gift: marked enveloped in the 2nd collection; online: www.cgatholic.org.au/donate or call: 6239 9801. *Thank you!*

RCIA: if you are interested in becoming a Catholic please contact Father Adrian at Adrian.chan@cg.org.au

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

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

Vinnies News: Blessed Frederick Ozanam Appeal 6th October. Supporting the twined conference in India

Holy Spirit Retreat 27-29 September. Join us for a prayerful, camping weekend in the Goobarragandra Valley. There will be Mass, Adoration, Divine Office, praise, Confessions, swimming and sport, for the whole family. This retreat is for all families and adults who want to deepen their relationship with God. For more information, or to book in please contact Felicity McCabe 0427227890.

Marriage Preparation Courses: FOCCUS - Tues 8th October 5-9 pm plus a private follow up session at Marymead CatholicCare.

SmartLoving – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information or to register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au
Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on 0405 440 463

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: Marina Peric, Terry Smith, Nellie, Dixon, Les De La Mere

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

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 St John the Baptist.

9th - St Peter Claver, Priest 1580-1654. Sent to Colombia where, in the face of opposition from slave owners, he met the slave ships with a band of helpers and interpreters and ministered to the physical and spiritual needs of the slaves. Remembered for his total devotion to their needs and dignity

12th - The Most Holy Name of Mary

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

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

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 - *Breathe Out Peace*

What the cross of Christ reveals is that when we are so paralyzed by fear and overcome by darkness that we can no longer help ourselves, when we have reached the stage where we can no longer open the door to let light and life in, God can still come through our locked doors, stand inside our fear and paralysis, and breathe out peace. The love that is revealed in Jesus's suffering and death, a love that is so other-centered that it can fully forgive and embrace its executioners, can pass through locked doors, melt frozen hearts, penetrate the walls of fear, and descend into our private hells and, precisely there, breathe out peace.

- from *The Passion and the Cross*, by Ronald Rolheiser

Wise Words: Karl Rahner SJ was once asked whether he believed in miracles. His answer: "I don't 'believe in them', I rely on them to get through each day!" - *Donal Neary SJ*

