

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

Responsorial Psalm In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.
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 - 13th/14th September 2025
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm	
Commentator	G Bevitt
Readers	G Berman
Cleaners	Woollett

Candelo Sun 9:30am	
Commentator	M Whitby
Readers	J Coman
Cleaners - Sept	Rosie & John Coman

Tathra Sun 7:45am	
Commentator	Kate D'Arcy
Readers	Peter D'Arcy
Cleaners	Betty O'Brien, Paul Gardiner
Audio-Visual	Pat Platts
Eucharistic Ministers	Jacinta Battista, Trish Sly

Bega Sun 9:30am	
Commentator	T Tomlinson
Readers	M Scott
Gifts	Volunteer
Music	Matt Heffernan
Acolyte	Sean McCambridge
Eucharistic Ministers	Kathy Rix



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. 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
Confirmation 2025— 8th June 2025
Weddings—by appoint, 6 months notice req. Please contact the Parish Office.

Syro-Malabar Mass 4th Wed of the Month 5pm Bega. Contact Lijoy 0469 341 965
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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)



23rd Ordinary - Year C **7th September 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.
Hrs 9-2 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*
Safeguarding, Mrs. Emma Grant, Bega.Safeguarding@cg.org.au
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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.

Invitation

This is one of those gospel passages that makes us stop in our tracks. The idea of hating anybody is far removed from the message of Jesus, so how come today he tells us that we cannot be his followers if we do not first hate our parents and other family members?


It might be helpful to remember that in the ancient world hyperbole or exaggerated speech was an accepted way of making a point and that clearly Jesus is using hyperbole when he says this. Still it seems like a counter productive way to present your case. The parables that follow this hard saying help to explain exactly what Jesus meant. He wants everyone to know that being his follower cannot be viewed as some kind of optional extra and so, before we decide for him, we should sit down and think about what it entails and then ask ourselves, 'Am I prepared to commit myself to that extent?'

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our following of Christ can easily become an unreflective adherence to a faith into which we were born. We may continue going to Mass merely out of habit or even fear. However, today it is as though Jesus turns around to us and says:
'This is not for the fainthearted. Following me is not about having things easy with God on your side. It is all about forgetting yourself and that, my friend, is a hard road.' From time to time we need to be shocked out of our complacency and today's invitation to make our own the wisdom of Jesus aims to do just that.

Sean Goan.



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

