

**Entrance Antiphon** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm** The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon** How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

**ROSTERS - 23rd/24th September 2023**  
Please arrange a swap if you are not available


<b>Bemboka Sat 6pm</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	
<i>Readers</i>	
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	
<b>Candelo Sun 9:30am</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	Ann Haesy
<i>Readers</i>	K Dodds
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners - Sept</i>	Patricia O'Callaghan
<b>Tathra Sun 7:45am</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	Trish Sly
<i>Readers</i>	Gerard Hergenhan
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	Oakley Family
<i>Audio-Visual</i>	Carleen Maley
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Pat Platts, Les/Denise Carey
<b>Bega Sun 9:30am</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	T Tomlinson
<i>Readers</i>	M Scott, A Twyford
<i>Gifts</i>	Volunteer
<i>Counters</i>	K Rix, V Northcott
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan
<i>Acolyte</i>	David Grainger
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Bev Larkin

**Wise Words:** He that  
cannot forgive others,  
breaks the bridge  
over which he himself  
must pass if he would  
ever reach heaven;  
for everyone has  
need to be forgiven.  
- George Herbert



<b>Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation</b>	
<u>Bega</u>	Saturday, 9.40 - 10am
<u>Bemboka</u>	before vigil Mass
<u>Candelo</u>	before vigil Mass
<u>Tathra</u>	before Sunday Mass
<b>St. Pat's Choir</b> practices Thurs 5.15—6pm Contacts Mary 0428 471 012 or Matt 0429 338 348.	
<b>Meditation &amp; Contemplative Prayer</b> Meeting is held on Monday at 7.30pm in the annex of Star of the Sea Church at Tathra.	
<b>Sunday Readings Reflection Group</b> Tuesday at 7pm Star of the Sea Tathra. All Welcome.	
<b>ROSARY</b>	
<i>Tathra</i> - 7:20am before Sunday Mass	
<i>Bega</i> - 9am before Sunday Mass	
<b>all are welcome.</b>	
<b>MENS' GROUP:</b> 2nd & 4th Thursdays St Patrick's Church. Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997	
<b><u>St Patrick's Sacramental Programme</u></b>	
<i>Baptisms</i> —During Mass, 1 month notice	
<i>Confirmation</i> —28th May 2023	
<i>Weddings</i> —by appoint, 6 months notice req.	
Please contact the Parish Office.	
<b>For Sale:</b> Sunday Missal - \$32; Children's Mass Book - \$10. Contact the office or place your order in a marked envelope in the 2nd collection. <b>Bulletin &amp; Forms</b> can be found on the website	

# Forgiveness



**24th Sunday - Year A**

## St. Patrick's Parish

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

**17th September 2023**

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**Quality not Quantity**  
*If Peter came and said to him,  
"Lord, how often should I forgive?  
As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell  
you, seventy—seven times."*

*24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Peter is obviously learning from Jesus. He presumes that he must forgive in a full and complete way ('seven times'). Jesus multiplies Peter's seven by seventy. We are to put no limits on our readiness to forgive. The goal of forgiveness is reconciliation. No one can bring this about on his own as both parties to the hurt have to be willing to be reconciled. But even when another is unwilling to forgive or to be forgiven and shies away from reconciliation for whatever reason, we are asked by Jesus to be ready to forgive and to be open to reconciliation. Any barriers that are there should not come from us.

To help a no doubt deflated Peter to understand more about the quality rather than the quantity of forgiveness, Jesus tells a "shocking" parable which, by its conclusion, is intended for all his followers and not only Peter.

We should note that the debt owed by the second slave to his fellow slave was not inconsiderable. A 'hundred denarii' was a hundred day's wages. It is only when we recognize that the first slave had just been let off 'ten thousand talents', and know that this is the equivalent of one hundred and sixty thousand years' wages, that the point of the parable is thrust home to us. However big another's debt to us may be, it is minuscule in comparison with the unpayable debt which God in his compassion has cancelled in our regard.

We are challenged to treat each other with the same mercy with which God treats us.

**Your Invited!** To a morning tea after mass, Sunday 8th October, approx. 10:30am, St Patrick's Bega. Join Annette and Michell Scott in an informal conversation on what the 'Voice to Parliament' means to them. They are happy to answer any questions in a safe, non-political environment.



**Vinnies News:** The annual *Blessed Frederick Ozanam Appeal* for twined conferences will take place this weekend. Envelopes are available at the entrance to the church. Thank you for your generosity for our twined conference in India.

**Father's Day Appeal for retired priests.** Please give generously to the Father's Day Appeal. Special envelopes are provided in the church and donors will be issued with a tax deductible receipt. Donations can also be made at [www.cgcatholic.org.au/donate](http://www.cgcatholic.org.au/donate)

**Parish Office Closures.** The Office will be closed 19<sup>th</sup> Sept & School Holidays 25<sup>th</sup> Sept to 5<sup>th</sup> October. Thanks



**Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals – Morocco / Libya**

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals.

Donate at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)



**Thank You to the Mens' Group** for all their help at the annual 'Mother's and Father's Day' Breakfast at St Pats's School.



### You're Invited

- ✦ *Tathra* - Breakfast every 2nd Sunday of the Month after Mass. 10th September
  - ✦ *Bega* - Morning Tea 4th Sunday of the Month after Mass Bega. 27th August
- All Welcome. Please bring a friend.**

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Clare Finucane, Margaret Willburger, Carole Trimble,

**ANNIVERSARIES** Patsy Hart, Bernard Collins, Maura Wesley-Collins, Colin & Peg Hergenhan, Tyler Finucane, Therese Eadie

**PRAYERS** Hugo D'Arcy and his family  
Noah Smith - operation in Sydney

- Feasts Days**
- 17<sup>th</sup> - **St Robert Bellarmine**, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 1542-1621. Remembered for his dedication to the truth, his charity in disputation, and his austerity of life
  - 17<sup>th</sup> - **St Hildegard of Bingen**, virgin, doctor 1098-1179.
  - 19<sup>th</sup> - **St Januarius**, Bishop & Martyr. 4th Century
  - 20<sup>th</sup> - **St Andrew Kim Tae-gon**, Priest, Martyr, **St Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions**, Martyrs. This feast commemorates 103 of the numerous Korean martyrs, representatives from all walks of life. Remembered for their fearless witness in the face of torture and death.
  - 21<sup>st</sup> - **St Matthew**, Apostle & Evangelist
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> - **St Pius of Pietrelcina**, Priest 1887-1968. Remembered as an extraordinary confessor and spiritual director

### The Story of Hildegard of Bingen- *Franciscan Media*

Abbess, artist, author, composer, mystic, pharmacist, poet, preacher, theologian—where to begin in describing this remarkable woman? Born into a noble family, she was instructed for ten years by the holy woman Blessed Jutta. When Hildegard was 18, she became a Benedictine nun at the Monastery of St Disibodenberg. Ordered by her confessor to write down the visions that she had received since the age of three, Hildegard took ten years to write her *Scivias* (Know the Ways). Pope Eugene III read it, encouraged her to continue writing. *Book of the Merits of Life* and *Book of Divine Works* followed. She wrote over 300 letters to people who sought her advice; and she also composed short works on medicine and physiology.

Hildegard's visions caused her to see humans as "living sparks" of God's love, coming from God as daylight comes from the sun. Sin destroyed the original harmony of creation; Christ's redeeming death and resurrection opened up new possibilities. Virtuous living reduces the estrangement from God and others that sin causes.



Like all mystics, Hildegard saw the harmony of God's creation and the place of women and men in that. This unity was not apparent to many of her contemporaries. Hildegard was no stranger to controversy. The monks near her original foundation protested vigorously when she moved her monastery to Bingen. She confronted Emperor Frederick Barbarossa for supporting at least three antipopes. Hildegard challenged the Cathars, who rejected the Catholic Church claiming to follow a more pure Christianity.

Her monastery was placed under interdict because she had permitted the burial of a young man who had been excommunicated. She insisted that he had been reconciled with the Church and had received its sacraments before dying. Hildegard protested bitterly when the local bishop forbade the celebration of or reception of the Eucharist at the Bingen monastery, a sanction that was lifted only a few months before her death.