


Entrance Antiphon I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm The Lord upholds my life.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

ROSTERS - 28th/29th September 2024
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm	
<i>Commentator</i>	G Green
<i>Readers</i>	H Allen
<i>Cleaners</i>	
Candelo Sat 6pm	
<i>Commentator</i>	R Heffernan
<i>Readers</i>	L Thompson
<i>Cleaners - Sept</i>	Rosie Coman
Tathra Sun 7:45am	
<i>Commentator</i>	Trish Sly
<i>Readers</i>	Gerard Hergenhan
<i>Cleaners</i>	Oakley Family
<i>Audio-Visual</i>	Paul Gardiner
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Pat Platts, Denise Miller
Bega Sun 9:30am	
<i>Commentator</i>	Volunteer
<i>Readers</i>	TBA
<i>Gifts</i>	Volunteer
<i>Counters</i>	Col & Kath Murphy
<i>Music</i>	
<i>Acolyte</i>	Sean McCambridge
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	D Koenigkamp
	
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

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

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)



25th Ordinary - Year B

St. Patrick's Parish

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

22nd September 2024

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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


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.

Wisdom of the Cross.

Following from last Sunday and the first passion prediction we come now to the second time in Mark when Jesus speaks about what awaits him in Jerusalem. However, the reader of the gospel is invited to see in these not some kind of proof that Jesus can tell the future but rather an attempt by Jesus to persuade his disciples that they need to change their attitude towards him and his ministry.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time





It is clear that the disciples are happy to be with Jesus as their long awaited and triumphant Messiah but they are failing completely in that Jesus is not interested in such discipleship. He wants them to learn the way of the kingdom which is the way of the cross. This is not the path to glory as human beings understand it but to humble service and love. In taking the child as an example, he is saying to his followers: *'Be concerned for those who can offer you nothing in return, the powerless and the vulnerable. When you welcome them you welcome the true Messiah and the God who sent him.'*

Today's readings are dealing with 'wisdom' but from different perspectives. In the first, people who are caught up in themselves want to be rid of the wise person because his life points up the emptiness of their own.

In the second, we see the consequences of choosing to live by the wisdom of God. The wise person is not necessarily rich, popular or successful and while these maybe the values which are esteemed in our modern culture they do not compare with being at peace with ourselves. This is the fruit of wisdom and is a gift to be prayed for with all our hearts. In the gospel, Jesus offers us the wisdom of the cross which focuses on our call to become like Jesus, the last of all and the servant of all.

Sean Goan

Maintenance Works Update: The Presbytery works are 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.*

Parish Office Hours. School Holidays hours - closed 1st October; open 10-1 3rd, 8th and 10th October. Thank you

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



Vinnies News: ☩ BBQ Thursday 26th 9:30am-1pm, Vinnies Bega. All funds go to the Frederick Ozanam Appeal & homeless.
☩ Blessed Frederick Ozanam Appeal 6th October. Supporting the twined conference in India

'The Light' Advent Daily Reflection Books. Produced by the Diocese of Wollongong. \$7. Order now via the sheet at the church entrance

Catholic Women's Taskforce Fundraising Dinner Friday, 1 Nov 2024, Southern Cross Club in Woden. Guest speaker is Ms Sonia de Mezza, CEO of the Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services (MARSS) in Canberra. Tickets are \$75.

For further information: Monica Phelan monphel@icloud.com. Tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/2024-annual-dinner-m6ujpbtb>

Pilgrimage of the First-Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis the young "Cyber Apostle of the Eucharist." Blessed Carlo Acutis, beatified in 2020, was an Italian teenager who combined his profound faith with a passion for technology. Known for his Eucharistic devotion, Carlo created a website cataloguing Eucharistic miracles around the world. His life stands as a testament to how modern tools can be used to glorify God. September 28-29, 2024, St. Joseph's Parish Centre O'Connor, Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/pilgrimage-of-the-first-class-relic-of-blessed-carlo-acutis-tickets-1014183479087>

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
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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 5.00pm 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 Johnnie Roberts, Daniel McCambridge, Bernard J Collins, Patsy Hart, Tyler Finucane, Clare Finucane, Margaret Willburger

Feasts Days

- 23rd - St Pius of Pietrelcina**, Priest 1887-1968. A mystic who received the marks of the stigmata in 1918, a renowned holy man, and a charity worker who founded a hospital (the House for the Relief of Suffering). His ascetic life of pain led to special compassion for the suffering. Remembered as an extraordinary confessor and spiritual director
- 26th - St Cosmas & St Damian**, Early Martyrs.
- 27th - St Vincent de Paul**, Priest 1581-1660.
- 28th - Sts Lawrence & Companions**, Martyrs. This commemoration marks the witness of sixteen among the many martyred in Nagasaki (Japan) between 1633 and 1637. Remembered as courageous missionaries who sowed abundant seeds of the Christian faith in the Philippines, Taiwan and Japan and who remained fearless in the face of death
- 28th - St Wenceslaus**, Martyr 907-929.

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 - St. Francis Encounters the Crucified Christ

The Franciscan path to God is an inversion of monastic values. Rather than fleeing the world to find God, God is to be found in the world. The idea that "the world is our cloister" finds its root in Francis of Assisi. Disillusioned as a valiant knight after being wounded in battle, Francis had a profound experience of God in the broken-down church of San Damiano where he wandered in one day. Face to face with the wounded and glorified Christ on the cross, Francis met the God of compassionate love, a God "bent over" in love in the wounds of the crucified Christ. Bonaventure describes this encounter in his Major Legend where he writes, "While he was praying and all of his fervor was totally absorbed in God, Christ Jesus appeared to him as fastened to a cross."

Bonaventure indicates that "[Francis'] soul melted at the light, and the memory of Christ's passion was impressed on the innermost recesses of his heart." This encounter with the other, crucified God, changed Francis in the very core of his being. As Bonaventure states, "From then on he clothed himself with a spirit of poverty, a sense of humility, an eagerness for intimate piety." The expression of God's love in the cross impressed Francis in such a way that he changed. This event marked the beginning of Francis' spiritual journey.

- from *Franciscan Prayer: Awakening to Oneness with God* by Ilia Delio, OSF

Wise Words:

Our life spreads light when it is given in service. The secret of joy is living to serve. - *Pope Francis*

