

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

Responsorial Psalm Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

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


ROSTERS - 27th/28th September 2025
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm	
Commentator	H Allen
Readers	G Green
Cleaners	Allen

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

Tathra Sun 7:45am	
Commentator	Trish Sly
Readers	Gerard Hergenhan
Cleaners	Oakley Family
Audio-Visual	Paul Gardiner
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Platts, Denise Miller

Bega Sun 9:30am	
Commentator	Ayar Frantz
Readers	Ayesha Twyford
Gifts	Volunteer
Music	Matt Heffernan
Acolyte	Leo Perez
Eucharistic Ministers	Barbara Burton



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)



25th Sunday - Year C

21st 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
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 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.

God & Money

For those who think that the message of Jesus is altogether too other worldly today's parable will come as something of a surprise, and to others who like the idea of a pious Jesus not concerned with the things of this world it will come as a shock.



On the face of it Jesus appears to be encouraging some sharp practice when he tells of the man who, on being fired by his employer, tries to make sure that he will be able to call in a few favours when he leaves. We may take it for granted that the point of the story is not that Jesus wants to encourage dishonesty but rather he wants his followers to be aware that they live in the real world and that they should always seek to make the best of the situation in which they find themselves. The context for this parable is the right use of money and Jesus is unambiguous when it comes to this. Money, tainted as it is, still has a place in the life of believers: it should be used to help the poor.

Amos vs Paul


Today's readings show two sides of witnessing to the faith. On the one hand Amos is trenchant in his public criticism of the scandalous behaviour of his fellow citizens. His stand will get him into serious difficulties with the authorities and, according to some traditions, his death.

Paul, on the other hand, wants believers to witness to their faith by the good, quiet lives they lead. As a new movement he understands that more people will be attracted to it by the good example of its members. The same tension can and does exist for believers today.

There is a great need for the fearless prophetic witness which calls attention to the oppressive injustices of our time. Equally, Christians must also show by their lives that they are not simply political agitators but people committed to the values of the kingdom of God. When money becomes our master then God takes a poor second place and the consequences of that choice are everywhere to be seen.


Sean Goan.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time





Vinnies News: ♦ Vinnies BBQ - Thursday 25th 10am-1:30pm Vinnies Store Bega. ♦ There will be a leaving collection after Mass on Sunday 28th September for the Bega SVDP Conference. This collection is to support us in our Twinning program, an initiative called the Overseas Partnership Program. The Bega Conference is twinned with a conference in India, Tamil Nadu region. Funds raised from this collection will be sent to our Twin conference to assist them in their good works.

 **St Patrick's Primary News:** ♦ Enrolling now - All grades including kinder 2026. For further details and to book an appointment contact the school office 6492 5500. ♦ Dance Concert - 'This is Me' Wednesday 24th Sept. 12noon. Thursday 25th September 6pm. This vibrant performance will showcase the creativity, confidence, and joy of our students through dance. Tickets \$5. To purchase: <https://compasstix.com/e/xrs9o0i4r6>

Funeral for Bishop Pat. Vigil Mass Tues 23rd 7pm St Raphael Queanbeyan. Funeral Mass Wed 24th 11am St Christopher Cathedral. This mass will be livestreamed: - <https://www.youtube.com/live/FpXEdxIYLYA>

Catholic Voice: The print edition is now available at the church entrance.

Save the Date! *An Afternoon of Taizé* Sunday 16th November 2pm Star of the Sea Tathra. An Ecumenical contemplative prayer service.

Marian Procession 2025: 26th October, Goulburn, start 8am.

Discover Catholic Podcasts and events happening across Australia—retreats, pilgrimages, workshops, and more. Visit www.CathEvents.org.au to find opportunities to grow in faith and community.

Br Michael Herry Music workshop: Sunday 9th Nov 2pm St Matthews Page. Br Michael presents his music for advent and Christmas, Psalm settings and resources of Marist Music. All Welcome, Free Admission. Enquires: belconnensouth@cg.org.au

You're Invited - after mass

- ♦ *Tathra* - Breakfast 2nd Sunday of the Month
- ♦ *Bega* - Morning Tea last Sunday of the Month
- All Welcome. Please bring a friend.**

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation
Bega Saturday, 9.40 - 10am
Bemboka before vigil Mass
Candelo before vigil Mass
Tathra before Sunday Mass

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: Bishop Patrick Power, Elaine Sawtell

ANNIVERSARIES Paul Malone, Daniel McCambridge, Heather Pook, Bernard Collins

Feasts Days

21st - St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist. Matthew, also known as Levi, was a Jew who collected taxes for the Romans at Capernaum in Galilee. Here Jesus met him and called him to be an apostle. Venerated as the author of the gospel which highlights Jesus' role as Messiah and underlines the presence of the kingdom of God in the Church

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. 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, Martyrs. Later legend identified them as twin brothers who practiced medicine without charge to their patients.

27th - St Vincent de Paul, Priest 1581-1660. Committed above all to the oppressed and disadvantaged, he founded the Daughters of Charity with Louise de Marillac to work with the needy.

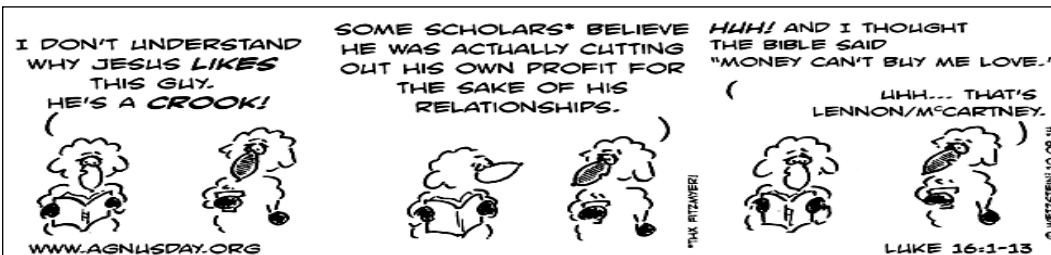


Minute Meditations - *Build Peace in the Spirit of Francis*

Francis promoted peace among his friars, among the Poor Clares, among the Secular Franciscans, among all people. Thomas of Celano writes that the immensely popular Francis "seemed to be a man of another world." Francis called people back into the peace and harmony of a world into which God had created the human family and which was as fragile in Francis's day as it is in our own.

Peace is a gift from God. Human actions that cooperate with God's grace activate peace in the world. On October 27, 1986, St. John Paul II invited leaders of world religions to Assisi to pray and fast there for the sake of world peace. At the concluding prayer service, the pope called those present and everyone who would hear or read his words to be "artisans of peace." Francis of Assisi was certainly an artisan of peace..

- from *Peace and Good: Through the Year with Francis of Assisi* by Pat McCloskey, OFM



Spirituality of Synodality

Everyday Faith, Everyday Synodality.

Synodality is not just for big Church events. It is something we live each day at home, at work, and in our parish when we pray, listen, and walk with others as disciples of Jesus.

Reflection: Where in my daily life can I live synodality more deeply?
Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me walk with You in the ordinary moments of life.

Wise Words:

If investments in banks drop a little: *It's a tragedy.*
 But if people are starving, if they have nothing to eat, if they are not healthy - *They die!*
 This is our crisis today.
 - Pope Francis