

**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 is near to all who call him.

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

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

**ROSTERS - 30th Sept/1st October 2023**  
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

**Bemboka Sat 6pm**

Commentator  
Readers  
Gifts  
Cleaners

**Candelo Sat 6pm**

Commentator L Thompson  
Readers Merryl Whitby  
Gifts  
Cleaners - Oct Julie Banks, Rosie Coman

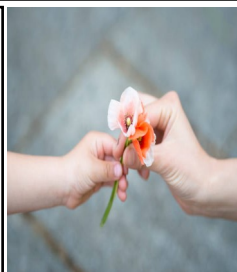
**Tathra Sun 7:45am**

Commentator Kate D'Arcy  
Readers Peter D'Arcy  
Gifts  
Cleaners Mary Plevey  
Audio-Visual Paul Gardiner  
Eucharistic Ministers L/ D Carey, Denise Miller

**Bega Sun 9:30am**

Commentator M Henare  
Readers M Russell, T Tomlinson  
Gifts Volunteer  
Counters A Woods,  
Music Matt Heffernan  
Acolyte Sean McCambridge  
Eucharistic Ministers E Caragher, C Tarlinton  
L Stewart, K Rix  
Nursing Home D Koenigkamp, P Gardiner

**Wise Words:** If we  
do not share what we  
have been given, then  
the gift was never truly  
received. Every gift  
given is meant to be  
passed along.  
- Carrie Gress



**Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation**

Bega Saturday, 9.40 - 10am  
Bemboka before vigil Mass  
Candelo before vigil Mass  
Tathra 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**

**Tathra** - 7:20am before Sunday Mass  
**Bega** - 9am before Sunday Mass  
**all are welcome.**



**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**—28th May 2023  
**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

**Generosity**



25th Sunday - Year A

24th September 2023

**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*  
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**Justice vs Generosity**

*25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



The insight of Jesus in describing the  
kingdom of God may be described as  
'turnaround wisdom'. Commonly held expectations are turned on their head,  
turned upside-down or turned inside out.

This is particularly true of this Gospel. Quite simply, it goes against our sense of  
justice. Aquinas defined justice as that which is due to another in fairness. In  
fact, in unpacking the definition, Aquinas uses the example of paying wages (ST  
IIa IIae, q.57). A just act is an action that responds to another proportion in this  
Parable. The payment made by the owner of the Vineyard does not seem to  
relate fairly to the work done.



So what is at the heart the 'turnaround wisdom' of  
Jesus? In the parable, the apparently mistreated workers  
did confront their employer with their grievances. They  
articulate what you and I would spontaneously think on  
hearing the first part of the story. The twist or turn of  
the parable is explained in the response of the employer.  
Generosity moves beyond justice. Justice is  
proportionate, while generosity is boundless. Justice  
may be demanded and obliged but generosity is  
spontaneous and free. Although we do it all the time,

we cannot make demands of God, insisting that he respond proportionately to all  
that we have done for him. The kingdom of God is governed by generosity - not  
in arbitrary manner but abundantly given. The gift of God so generously given is  
ultimately the gift of God's self. It cannot but be richly given.

The question of the Employer remains: 'why be envious because I am  
generous?' Can we, who first sympathised with the workers, be envious? To  
answer, think of those who are not here in this Church? Will God give to them  
exactly the same as to us? How does that make you feel?



**109th World Day of Migrants & Refugees.**

Free to Choose Whether to Migrate or to Stay.

**You're 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. Envelopes are still 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.** The Clergy Retirement Foundation thanks everyone who contributed so generously. For those still wishing to make a donation, envelopes are available in the church foyer and can be left on the collection plate. 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 in the School Holidays 25<sup>th</sup> Sept to 5<sup>th</sup> October. Reopening as normal 10th 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)

**Vincentian Refugee Network** - On Sun 24 Sep, the Catholic World Day of Migrants and Refugees, please acknowledge Pope Francis' call to welcome refugees and pray for justice for refugees held in PNG for 10 years and those in our community made destitute, with no financial safety net when they can't work.

**Marian Procession 2023.** Sunday October 22, activates from 10am. St Peter and St Paul Old Cathedral; Goulburn.

**Respect Life Sunday Mass & Luncheon** - 1st Oct, mass 11am St Christopher's Canberra. All Welcome. RSVP for luncheon @ [www.cgcatholic.org.au/respect-life/](http://www.cgcatholic.org.au/respect-life/)

### You're Invited

✦ *Tathra* - Breakfast every 2nd Sunday of the Month after Mass.

✦ *Bega* - Morning Tea 4th Sunday of the Month after Mass Bega.

**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** Harold Tarlinton, Daniel McCambridge, Paul Malone, Johnnie Roberts, Patsy Hart, Bernard Collins, Maura Wesley-Collins

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

**Feasts Days**

26<sup>th</sup> - **St Cosmas & St Damian**, Martyrs  
27<sup>th</sup> - **St Vincent de Paul**, Priest 1581-1660. Remembered especially for his practical concern for the poor and the sick.  
28<sup>th</sup> - **St Wenceslaus**, Martyr 907-929. Remembered as the earliest Slav saint for his selflessness in promoting the Christian faith.  
28<sup>th</sup> - **Sts Lawrence Ruiz and Companions**, Martyrs. 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.  
29<sup>th</sup> - **Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**, Archangels. Each of the 3 angels is named as a messenger of God, entrusted with special divine missions on earth.  
30<sup>th</sup> - **St Jerome**, Priest & Doctor of the Church 340-420. Often irascible and intolerant, he is remembered for his asceticism and scholarship and, above all, for his incomparable service to the word of God.

### The Story of St Wenceslaus - *Franciscan Media*

If saints have been falsely characterized as "other worldly," the life of Wenceslaus stands as an example to the contrary: He stood for Christian values in the midst of the political intrigues which characterized 10th-century Bohemia.

Wenceslaus was born in 907 near Prague, son of the Duke of Bohemia. His saintly grandmother, Ludmilla, raised him and sought to promote him as ruler of Bohemia in place of his mother, who favoured the anti-Christian factions. Ludmilla was eventually murdered, but rival Christian forces enabled Wenceslaus to assume leadership of the government.

His rule was marked by efforts toward unification within Bohemia, support of the Church, and peace-making negotiations with Germany, a policy which caused him trouble with the anti-Christian opposition. His brother Boleslav joined in the plotting, and in September of 929 invited Wenceslaus to Alt Bunglout for the celebration of the feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian. On the way to Mass, Boleslav attacked his brother, and in the struggle, Wenceslaus was killed by supporters of Boleslav. Although his death resulted primarily from political upheaval, Wenceslaus was hailed as a martyr for the faith, and his tomb became a pilgrimage shrine. He is hailed as the patron of the Bohemian people and of the former Czechoslovakia.

