

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

ROSTERS - 7th/8th October 2023

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator
Readers
Gifts
Cleaners

Candelo Sun 9:30am
Commentator A Hahesy
Readers K Dodds
Gifts
Cleaners - Oct Julie Banks, Rosie Coman

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Pat Platts
Readers David Grainger
Gifts
Cleaners Marj Besant
Audio-Visual Kate D'Arcy
Eucharistic Ministers Denise Miller, Mark Oakley

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator V Northcott, A Woods
Readers V Northcott, A Woods
Gifts
Counters K Johnson, N Bateman
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte Frank Farrell
Eucharistic Ministers B Larkin

ROSTERS - 14th/15th October 2023

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator
Readers
Gifts
Cleaners

Candelo Sat 6pm
Commentator J Coman
Readers Roxanne Hopkins
Gifts
Cleaners - Oct Julie Banks, Rosie Coman

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Gerry Collins
Readers Betty O'Brien
Gifts
Cleaners Val Besant, Marg Roberts
Audio-Visual Pat Platts
Eucharistic Ministers Mark Oakley, Jacinta Battista

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator M Henare
Readers E Attram, TBA
Gifts
Counters S & W Giles
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte David Grainger
Eucharistic Ministers B Tygh

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

Weekdays

- Tuesday 4pm 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

Wise Words: Living for
 others is a rule of nature.
 We are all born to help
 each other. No matter how
 difficult it is ... Life is good
 when you are happy, but
 much better when others
 are happy because of you.
 - Pope Francis



Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

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

ROSARY

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



26th & 27th Ordinary - Year A

1st & 8th October 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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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.

National Public Rosary Chain. Saturday 14th October, Outside St Patrick's Church, 10:30am. Join with Catholics all across the country praying the rosary. Followed by a cuppa. Please bring your own chair if required. More Information - Australia Needs Fatima: <https://publicrosary.wixsite.com/australia1/home>

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.

Parish Office Closures. The Office will be closed in the School Holidays 25th Sept to 5th 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

Respect Life Sunday Celebration Mass 1st October, 11 AM. Mass at 11 AM on 1 October at St Christopher's Cathedral. All welcome. A simple lunch will be provided afterwards. Enquiries: Lara Kirk lara.kirk@cg.org.au

Marian Procession 2023. Sunday October 22, activities from 10am. St Peter and St Paul Old Cathedra; Goulburn.

Fr Adrian Contact: Mobile: 0411 676 064
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You're Invited

- ✦ Tathra - Breakfast every 2nd Sunday of the Month after Mass. All Welcome
- ✦ Bega - Morning Tea last Sunday of the Month after Mass Bega. All Welcome



The Sign: Daily Advent & Christmas Reflections
 a captivating 80-page book containing spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent to the Baptism of the Lord. \$7. Order by 12th October via eform <https://forms.gle/dsUeTXKhVdUbSe88> or contact the parish office.

The Fast Lane.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

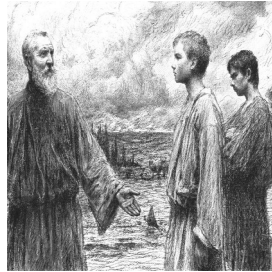
'If my doctor told me I had six minutes to live, I wouldn't brood. I'd type a little faster.' So said science fiction writer Isaac Asimov. Today's Gospel reading put me in mind of that because it touches on an important point: the need to live authentically.

Each of the two sons in today's reading says one thing and does another. The first son, the rebellious one, who says no, represents those despised in Jewish society: tax collectors because they take money from Jews for Roman authorities, and prostitutes because they sell their services, often to Roman soldiers. The second son, the yes-man, represents the religious leaders who publicly appear faithful to the Father but aren't.

Yet, when compared to the chief priests and elders - also, in fact, collaborators with the Romans to maintain the status quo - the despised ones fare better before God. You can't say, 'read my lips' to God. Action is what counts, action according to one's principles.

Nobody gets that action right from the word go. You have to work at it. Two steps forward, one step back is the shuffle for most of us. It's better than two steps forward in the wrong direction.

Mark Twain once wrote: "Let us so live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry." If my doctor ever tells me I've only six minutes to live I won't brood either. I'll chuckle at that advice, hope for the best - and write a little faster. How about you?



Respect Life Sunday.

Feast Days this Week
1st - St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church 1873-1897.
2nd - The Holy Guardian Angels
4th - St Francis of Assisi 1181-1226.
5th - St Faustina Kowalska, religious 1905-1938
6th - St Bruno, Priest 1032-1101.
7th - Our Lady of the Rosary. Established in 1573

Entrance Antiphon All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm Remember your mercies, O Lord

Gospel Acclimation Alleluia, alleluia!
My Sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Fruits of the Kingdom.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The people of Israel had been treated in a privileged manner by God. But privilege brings responsibility. They failed God. Yet God is not disappointed for his own sake. Rather he is disappointed because his people have squandered the blessings he wanted them to enjoy. Sadly, the vineyard is destined to become a wilderness.

What sort of fruits did God expect from his people? God looked for peace from his people, and got war; for true worship, and got idolatry; for justice in their dealings with one another, and got injustice, corruption and exploitation of the poor and the weak; for goodness, and got evil; for caring and sharing, and got greed and acquisitiveness; for temperance, and got excessive eating and drinking; for community, and to exclusiveness and snobbery; for humility, and got pride; for wise and godly living, and got a pagan lifestyle.



This to some extent is our story too. God wants us to make use of the gifts and opportunities he has given us to that we can grow as his children. But often we fail to respond to his love. And yet, God doesn't write us off, but gives us chance after chance.

We fail not just as individuals but as Church. The Christian community is the vineyard Christ planted and tended with such care that he gave his life for it. He looks to us his followers, the tenants of his vineyard, to produce the fruits of justice, love and peace. It's a great privilege and a great challenge too.

Feast Days this Week
9th - St Denis, Bishop, Martyr & **Companions**, Martyrs - 3rd Century. Remembered as founder of the local Church of Paris.
9th - St John Leonardi, Priest 1541-1609.
11th - St John XXIII, Pope 1958-1963. Called the Second Vatican Council. Promoted ecumenical movements in cooperation with other Christian traditions.
14th - St Callistus I, Pope & Martyred 222.

Entrance Antiphon Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is n one that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Gospel Acclimation Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made know to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.