

Entrance Antiphon Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there us none 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 May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

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

ROSTERS - 9th/10th October 2021
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator G Bevitt
Readers G Berman
Gifts on hold
Cleaners Gerrey

Candelo Sun 9:30am
Commentator Ann Hahey
Readers P O'Callaghan
Gifts on hold
Cleaners - Oct Julie Banks, Rosie Coman

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Kate D'Arcy
Readers David Grainger
Gifts on hold
Cleaners E Reckord, J Battista
Audio-Visual Trish Sly
Eucharistic Ministers Chris Adams, Les Carey

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator Volunteer
Readers K Jennings, M O'Neill
Gifts On hold
Music Frank Farrell
Acolyte M Twyford, B Burton
Eucharistic Ministers B Larkin, B Tygh
Nursing Home On Hold

Wise Words:
The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together.
- St John Chrysostom



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 64921850 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 2021
Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice
Confirmation—TBA
Weddings—by appoint, 6 months notice req.
Please contact the Parish Office.

For Sale: Bibles - \$16; 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





27th Ordinary - Year B

St. Patrick's Parish

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

3rd October 2021

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St. Patrick's School, Bega. Mrs. Jo Scott-Pegum (Principal) 6492 5500
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Hardness of Heart

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Bible the 'heart' is the centre of mental functions - knowing, understanding, comprehending. Thus, Solomon prays for 'an understanding heart' (1 Kings 3:9) to govern Israel justly; and the Psalmist asks God, 'keep the thoughts of my heart before you' (Ps 19:15). When God wants Israel to know the covenant, God will write it on their hearts (Jer 31:33-34). Because the heart is deep inside the body - hidden within - it is the place of secret desires (Gen 8:21), plans (Isa 32:6), and plotting (Zech 8:17). As the cognitive centre the heart governs all moral, spiritual, and volitional activities.



In short, the heart determines behaviour. The biblical expression 'to harden the heart' is somewhat like our expression, 'to close one's mind.' It signifies both the inability and the unwillingness to comprehend; it describes an arrogance that refuses to be persuaded by evidence or argumentation. It is similar to another biblical expression, 'to stiffen the neck' which refers to an ox that will not bend its neck under a yoke in order to be driven. It is the opposite of bowing one's head which is a sign of submission and respect. A stiff neck is arrogant and unyielding. In one of the Dead Sea Scrolls the sons of deceit are said to walk in 'stiffness of neck, hardness of heart' ('Rule of the Community,' 1QS 4:11), the two expressions being equivalent. The remedy for a hardened heart (a closed mind) is repentance, i.e., a change of mind.

In Mark's gospel when the disciples fail to understand the two miraculous feedings, Jesus accuses them of hardness of heart: 'Do you not yet understand or comprehend? Are your hearts hardened?' (Mark 8:17; see also 6:52). In this Sunday's gospel Jesus accuses the Pharisees of hardness of heart, i.e., they failed to understand and closed their minds against God's teaching about marriage as it was 'from the beginning.' The Law of Moses was a concession to their hardened hearts, i.e., their refusal to be instructed by God's word. Jesus now sets them right by teaching them about marriage.

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Communion in the hand only		

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☩ Contact the office via phone or email bega@cg.org.au



Annual Ozanam Sunday appeal for Vinnies Twinned Conference/s in 27th Sept. 2021 Twinning is the program by which our members support our fellow Vincentians in developing countries. Envelopes will be available in the churches or donations made by direct deposit to:

BSB 062-786 ACC: 14760 Ref: Bega

Fathers' Day Appeal - Collection for retired priests. You can make a gift today: ☩ By envelopes available at masses, ☩ By calling: (02) 6239 9801. ☩ By giving at: www.cgatholic.org.au/donate Thank you for taking care of our priests.

Season of Creation. Celebrated by Christian churches around the world. It runs from **1 September through to 4 October** - the feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. Pope Francis has invited all Catholics to take part: "to renew their faith in the God of creation and join in prayer and work for the care of our common home." Further information can be found at: <https://www.care4ourcommonhome.org/home> & <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

Virtual Catholic Women's Summit - 8-9 October. The Catholic Women's Summit, hosted by The Genius Project, with an amazing lineup of guest speakers will be available over two days. Register at <https://cf.geniusproject.co/2021-virtual-registration>. For more information contact Karen 0499877844

The First Assembly of the Plenary Council begins this week. During the first General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, key moments will be live-streamed between October 3 and 10, including: ☩ Daily Masses, ☩ Morning prayer for Plenary Council members, and ☩ Sharing the fruits of discernment. The Opening Mass will be live-streamed from 2.00 pm AEST 3 October. Visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/> for a calendar of live streams during the Assembly.

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 5.30pm Bega Church
- Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.
- Thursday 9.15am Bega Church
- *Hillgrove House 3rd Thursday 11am*
- Friday 9.15am Bega Church
4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
- Saturday 9.15am Bega Church

RECENTLY DECEASED Maria Wilson, Paul Bennett, Chris Deakin, Elvie Gossan

ANNIVERSARIES Johnnie Roberts, Therese Eadie, Harold Tarlinton, Gerald Rheinberger, Deslie Howard, Danny MacCambridge, Andrew Mitchell

Feasts Days this

- 4th - **St Francis of Assisi** 1181-1226. Remembered for preaching the poor and crucified Christ in both word and humble action.
- 6th - **St Bruno**, Priest, 1032-1101. Remembered especially for the poverty, solitude, and austerity of his way of life.
- 7th - **Our Lady of the Rosary**. This commemoration was established in 1573 in thanks-giving for a Christian victory over the Ottoman forces at Lepanto. Originally the rosary was the laity's "psalter," the Hail Marys replacing the 150 psalms.
- 9th - **St Denis**, Bishop, Martyr & **Companions**, Martyrs, ca.3rd Century. Remembered as founder of the local Church of Paris.
- 9th - **St John Leonardi**, Priest, 1541-1609. Remembered for his vigorous encouragement of the reforms of the Council of Trent.

Dear Parishioners,

Updated Archdiocesan protocols have been given by the Archdiocese. Available at Catholicvoice.org.au

Current Situation in open LGA areas (this includes Bega)

Masks are mandatory, except children under 12.

Gatherings are to observe the 4sqm rule. No singing.

Service NSW app to be used for COVID Safe Check-in. Parish Offices Open.

For one week, beginning Monday 11th & ending Monday 18th Mass attendees in NSW must be fully vaccinated. Beginning Monday the 18th all vaccinated and unvaccinated are able to attend Mass.

Please be careful of fake emails purporting to be from Fr Luke, or from other religious. Any fundraising needs to have the knowledge and support of an Archdiocesan Bishop, of which all priests and religious belong. Peace. Fr. Luke

