



# St. Patrick's Parish

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

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Hrs 9-2 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*

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*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.*

## Complementarily Love.

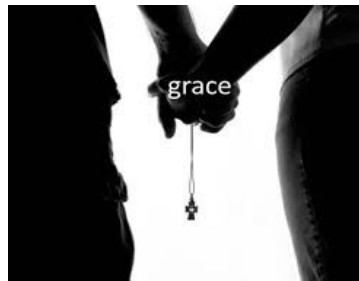
## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The gospels agree that Jesus, unlike his contemporaries in the Pharisee

movement, takes a very strong line on divorce. He argues from God's plan in Genesis (see first reading) that the original intention for marriage was that it should be a covenant of love willed by God and that it should not be set aside by any human agency. This answer no doubt shocked his disciples who would have, like their contemporaries, taken divorce for granted.

However, when questioned, Jesus drives the point home forcefully by speaking of adultery and divorce in the same breath and then also of women divorcing. This was not allowed among the Jews but did occur among the Gentiles.



So Jesus is calling for a radical rethink on the nature of married love, one that rejects the dominant view based on a husband's power over his wife and instead emphasises the relationship of equals intended by God. This challenging teaching is followed by another exhortation on the appropriate way to receive the kingdom. It is worth remembering that it is not so long since Jesus advised his disciples that anyone who welcomes a child welcomes him. Now we find them

preventing the children from coming to him and not surprisingly he is angry with them. This is not just because of the incident but because of their repeated failure to really listen to what he is telling them.

The message from the Bible in relation to the sexes is that this relationship is not built on superiority but on complementarily. It is a message that with the passage of time and the rise of patriarchal societies has become blurred. Genesis insists that both are equally made in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:26-27) and share fully in the destiny which is theirs as children of God.

Unfortunately Jesus does not offer specific pastoral advice for people who find themselves in broken marriages but we do know that we are always called to be compassionate as our heavenly Father is compassionate.

*Sean Goan*

**Entrance Antiphon** Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is 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 - 12th/13th October 2024

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

#### Bemboka Sat 6pm

Commentator H Woollett  
Readers G Berman  
Cleaners Allen

#### Candelo Sun 9:30am

Commentator Ann Haesy  
Readers K Dodds  
Cleaners - Oct Julie Banks

#### Tathra Sun 7:45am

Commentator Pat Platts  
Readers David Grainger  
Cleaners Marj Bower  
Audio-Visual Kate D'Arcy  
Eucharistic Ministers Mark Oakley, Trish Sly

#### Bega Sun 9:30am

Commentator M Henare  
Readers M Scott, A Twyford  
Gifts Volunteer  
Counters A Woods  
Music Matt Heffernan  
Acolyte David Grainger  
Eucharistic Ministers D Koenigkamp



#### 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 - 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 encourage to communicate concerns by emailing Fr Adrian, the Parish Office, the Parish Safeguarding Officer or directly to IPSS ([ipss@cg.org.au](mailto:ipss@cg.org.au))

**Maintenance Works Update:** The Presbytery works are complete. Work has commenced on the school side of the 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.*



**Blessed Frederick Ozanam Appeal THIS SUNDAY.** Supporting our twin the 'Little Flower Conference' in Tamil Nadu, India. A 3rd collection will be taken up after communion. Thank you for your generosity.

**Parish Office Hours.** The office will be closed on 8th, 10th & 17th October. Open as normal on 15th and from the 22nd October. Thank you

**RCIA:** if you are interested in becoming a Catholic please contact Father Adrian at [Adrian.chan@cg.org.au](mailto:Adrian.chan@cg.org.au)

**National Public Rosary Chain.** Saturday 12th 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>

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

**Annual Mass Counts** will take place at all services during October.

**The Marian Procession** 27th October, 10am, Goulburn. An Ecumenical Rosary Procession, with Mass Celebrated at St Peter's & Paul's by Archbishop Prowse.

**Mission Sunday** is the 20th October and is when the Church commemorates the work of missionaries around the world. Catholic Mission will be holding its Annual Parish Appeal (26th-27th) to help support its work. This year there is a particular focus on the work of the Church in Mongolia in providing health and education services. Envelopes will be available for cash or credit card donations

**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.**

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**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

**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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** John Bellamy, Marina Peric, Terry Smith

**ANNIVERSARIES** Colleen Rake, Jannette Munroe, Varghese Thomas, Paul Malone, Johnnie Roberts, Daniel McCambridge, Bernard J Collins, Patsy Hart

**Feasts Days**

- 6<sup>th</sup> - **St Bruno**, Priest 1032-1101. Remembered especially for the poverty, solitude, and austerity of his way of life
- 7<sup>th</sup> - **Our Lady of the Rosary.**
- 9<sup>th</sup> - **St Denis**, Bishop, Martyr & **Companions**, Martyrs. Died 3rd Century. Remembered as founder of the local Church of Paris
- 9<sup>th</sup> - **St John Leonardi**, Priest 1541-1609. Remembered for his vigorous encouragement of the reforms of the Council
- 11<sup>th</sup> - **St John XXIII**, Pope from 1958 to his death in 1963. Called the historic Second Vatican Council although did not live to see the Vatican Council to completion. Overall goal was to modernise the Church by emphasizing its pastoral role. Promoted ecumenical movements in cooperation with other Christian traditions.

**Archdiocesan Assembly** Archbishop Christopher invites you to join in prayer this weekend for the Holy Spirit's Blessing and guidance upon the Archdiocesan Assembly next weekend. Beginning on the evening of Thursday October 17 with the Priestly ordination of Deacon Mark Ha, over the following days the Assembly, held in four hubs around the diocese, will focus on celebrating the Year of the Holy Spirit, exploring new opportunities for evangelisation and synodality in the life and mission of our local Church. As the disciples gathered in discernment around Mary, our journey will culminate the following Sunday October 27 as we too gather with Our Mother for the Annual Marian Procession in Goulburn. Join us for this historic, Spirit and Hope filled occasion in our continuing Story. Let us evoke the Holy Spirit's powerful Comfort and Wisdom, Courage and Assurance, as we renew our discipleship & mission of evangelisation through the instrument of the Assembly. May we too declare with confident and joy: "It seemed good to us and the Holy Spirit". More information and registration: via the QR code, or website [cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly](http://cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly)



**Minute Meditations - God's Work Within**

The moment we surrender to the truth that God is not present to us in the way we would like God to be—namely, at our beck and call—we begin to rise; we start to resemble the Risen Christ. And if we persevere in letting Christ live in and through us, we die a death that is really new life, whose secret password is "Into Your hands, O God, I commend my spirit" (see Luke 23:46).

It may be that the seeming barrenness of God's abandonment comes and goes for the rest of our lives, but the slowly transforming self sees those varieties of feelings and emotions not as signs of God's presence or absence, but rather as manifestations of God's work within, forming the unique face of Christ that each one of us is becoming..

**Wise Words:**

A person's rightful due is to be treated as an object of love, not as an object for use. - *St John Paul II*

- from *God's Love Song: The Vision of Francis and Clare* by Murray Bodo, OFM, and Susan Saint Sing