

**Entrance Antiphon** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!  
For all things give thanks to God,  
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon** The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

**ROSTERS - 18th/19th October 2025**  
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

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

**Candelo Sat 6pm**  
Commentator L Thompson  
Readers M Whitby  
Cleaners - Oct Julie Banks

**Tathra Sun 7:45am**  
Commentator Gerry Collins  
Readers Betty O'Brien  
Cleaners Megan Hergenhan  
Audio-Visual Pat Platts  
Eucharistic Ministers Trish Sly, Eileen Corcoran

**Bega Sun 9:30am**  
Commentator T Tomlinson  
Readers V Northcott  
Gifts Volunteer  
Music Matt Heffernan  
Acolyte Sean McCambridge  
Eucharistic Ministers B Burton, D Koenigkamp



**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 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)

**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  
**സീറോ-മലബാർ കുർബാന**  
മാസത്തിലെ 4 ബുധനാഴ്ച  
വൈകുന്നേരം 5 മണിക്ക് ബേഗ.  
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28th Sunday - Year C

12th October 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.  
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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.*

## A Grateful Heart


We have already seen that Samaritans can, despite the fact that their neighbours consider them inferior, often be role models for Jesus. In today's gospel we see Jesus performing an act of healing. As with all of Jesus' miracles this was not performed simply to show he had the power but to allow the sick back into their community. In this case, a group of lepers who are excluded because of their illness can only stand far off and call to Jesus to heal them. This he readily does but the point made in the story is not that Jesus could do this but that people could still be so ungrateful. Blessed as we are in so many ways, it is easy to take things for granted. The Samaritan in the gospel is there to remind us that learning to say thanks is a simple way to nourish our relationship with God.



A useful image to take from these readings is that of the need for the soil to be right if we want God to take root in our lives. Namaan not only goes home cured but also aware of the need to change the way he looks at the world, in other words how he worships. Bringing home a couple of sacks of the soil of Israel is not to be understood as a superstitious act, but as an indication of his desire to take on the ways of Yahweh who had restored him to health.

So too Paul advises Timothy that to be a good leader of a Christian community the essential first step is to ensure that he is firmly rooted in his relationship with Jesus.

Sean Goan.



**You're Invited** - the Men's Group invite all to a morning tea on Sunday 19th after 9:30am mass in Bega.

**Australia Needs Fatima:** Australia-wide Rosary day. Saturday 11th October,  
 ✦ 10.am at grotto St. Patricks Bega. Bring a fold up chair.  
 ✦ 11am Quota Park, Riverside Dr Narooma



**Spring Serenade** - Saturday 18th October 7pm, St Patrick's Church. Brought to you by the Bega District Band, with special guests: Canberra Brass; The Shoo Shoo Trio and the Bega All Ages Development Band (BAAD). Tickets \$15 Adults, \$10 Concession, children/ students free. To book <http://trybooking.com/DFLMH> Poster at church entrance for more details.

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

**Columban Calendars 2026** now available at the church entrance. Still \$9. To purchase please use the envelope provided and place into the 2nd collection.

**October mass counts.** A head count is taken at all Sunday masses in October



**Catholic Mission Appeal 19th October.** *This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.* For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.



### 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](mailto: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 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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Michael Caragher, Bishop Patrick Power, Elaine Sawtell

**ANNIVERSARIES** Loretta McDonald, Paul Malone, Daniel McCambridge

### Feasts Days this Week

**14<sup>th</sup> - St Callistus I**, Pope & Martyr, died 222. Born a slave & served a sentence as a convict. Afterwards ordained a deacon & eventually elected bishop of Rome.  
**15<sup>th</sup> - St Teresa of Jesus**, Virgin and Doctor of the Church 1515-1582. Honoured as a spiritual writer and mystic who experienced and comprehensively described the life of prayer.  
**16<sup>th</sup> - St Margaret Mary Alacoque**, Virgin 1647-1690. After an unhappy childhood, entered a Visitation convent where she experienced several visions of Christ's love.  
**16<sup>th</sup> - St Hedwig**, Religious. 1174-1243. Remembered for founding religious houses & hospitals, for her charity to the poor, & for her efforts at peacemaking.  
**17<sup>th</sup> - St Ignatius of Antioch**, Bishop & Martyr. Died 107. Remembered for seven letters written on his way to execution.  
**18<sup>th</sup> - St Luke**, Evangelist. By early Christian tradition, Luke is named as author of the Third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Almost certainly a Gentile and perhaps a companion of Saint Paul, he wrote to reassure those who had grown uncertain toward the end of the first century.



### Minute Meditations - Divine Creativity

One In my own day-to-day living that I feel most alone and disjointed when I neglect the relational nature of my own life and reality. Non-relational thinking for me leads to days that feel lifeless and dry, lacking mystery and beauty. Non-relational thinking can lead to life becoming linear or transactional or regimented.

What this means is fountain fullness. And it's where at the very foundation of all things is the relationship of the Father, Spirit and Son, the Word, which forms this self-diffusive fountain of love and goodness that is perpetually flowing forth into creation, into our lives, into our world. And it's constantly inviting us to enter into an awareness of this flow of divine creativity.

- From Franciscan Media's *Off the Page* with host Stephen Copeland, featuring Wm. Paul Young

### LITTLE KNOWN GOSPEL STORIES :

JESUS HEALS A MAN BORN WITHOUT FASHION SENSE .



### Spirituality of Synodality

#### Conversion of Heart.

Synodality calls us to change. We ask God to turn our hearts away from our preconceptions & agendas make us more open to His voice & to one another.  
**Reflection:** What part of my heart is God asking me to change?  
**Prayer:** Jesus, soften my heart and draw me closer to You.

### Wise Words:

The important events in history are the thousands of humble actions that heal & reconcile.  
 - **Cardinal Arns.**

There are things that can only be seen by eyes that have cried.  
 - **Archbishop Christopher Munzihirwa**  
 (Jesuit killed in Rwandan civil war)