

Entrance Antiphon To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

ROSTERS - 25th/26th October 2025
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm	
Commentator	G Berman
Readers	H Woollett
Cleaners	Green

Candelo Sun 9:30am	
Commentator	R Heffernan
Readers	K Dodds
Cleaners - Oct	Julie Banks

Tathra Sun 7:45am	
Commentator	Marie Oakley
Readers	Michael Hergenhan
Cleaners	Marg T & Lee R
Audio-Visual	Trish Sly
Eucharistic Ministers	Eileen Corcoran, C Maley

Bega Sun 9:30am	
Commentator	A Frantz
Readers	A Woods
Gifts	Volunteer
Music	Matt Heffernan
Acolyte	Noby Abraham
Eucharistic Ministers	B Larkin



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 - 7:15am 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
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29th Sunday - Year C

19th 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.
Hrs 9-2 Tuesday & Thursday
Safeguarding, Mrs. Emma Grant, Bega.Safeguarding@cg.org.au
St. Patrick's School, Bega. Mrs. Jo Scott-Pegum (Principal) 6492 5500
Lumen Christi Catholic College, Pambula. Mr. Shane Giles 6495 8888

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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.

Faith & Prayer

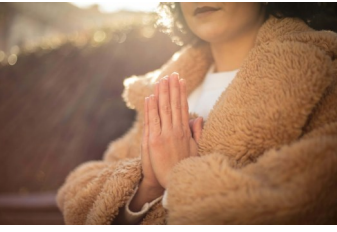
In this gospel we return to themes of faith and prayer. The parable told by Jesus here is similar to the one told in 11:1-13 about the friend who comes at midnight looking for bread. This time, however, the character is even more contrary because he is an unjust or corrupt judge. In the face of such a person a poor widow would have had little chance of having her case dealt with fairly. Yet she is put before us as an example of perseverance — she simply won't be put off and finally he gives in. Clearly Jesus is not saying God is like the unjust judge, a point he makes in the conclusion, but he is asking how many people would be willing to persevere as the woman did.



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Gospel of Luke as we have seen returns often to the theme of prayer. Not only does Jesus teach about prayer but he is depicted as a man of prayer. When he speaks about it he does so in terms that may surprise us. His focus is on the attitude of the one praying rather than on God. For Jesus, it goes without saying that he trusts deeply that God hears our prayer. Jesus' concern is that we might not believe this and so give up. Therefore in Luke we see people praising and thanking God, giving out to God, turning to him in their need. The message is simple: keep on praying and remember that its purpose is not to change God but to change us.

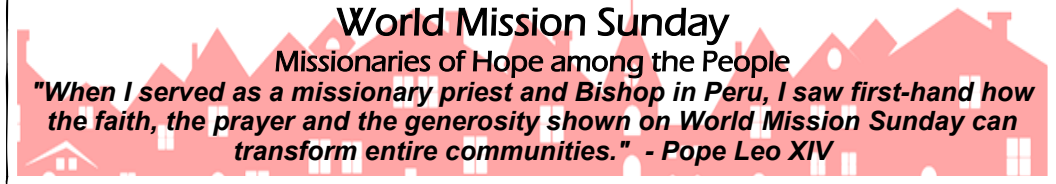


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World Mission Sunday

Missionaries of Hope among the People

"When I served as a missionary priest and Bishop in Peru, I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities." - Pope Leo XIV





Catholic Mission Appeal 19th October. *This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.* The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission

Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life. Donations can be made via the envelopes in the pews, 1800 257 296 or catholicmission.org.au/mission Thank you!



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.

November Masses for the Deceased: Mass Intention Envelopes are available at the entrance and can be placed in the collection.

Bulletin Email - due to IT issues the weekly bulletin email is currently not working. The bulletin is available on the parish website from 2pm Thursdays.

Archbishop's Day of Teaching for the Renewal - 8th November 8:30-4. A day of teaching for Charismatic Renewal at St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla. Archbishop Christopher & Brother Lalith Perera (CRL, Sri Lanka) will speak on the Jubilee theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Talks, praise and worship, Holy Mass, Healing prayer ministry, morning tea and Sausage Sizzle lunch - all free! A collection will be taken. To register: <https://shorturl.at/6WK7C> or call 0423 658 326.

Planning to marry in the Catholic Church? Go to the Archdiocesan marriage and family webpage for information and to choose a marriage preparation program that suits at www.marriagefamily.org.au. For enquiries email marriage.preparation@cg.org.au or text Helena on 0405 440 463.

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

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| <i>Bega</i> | Saturday, 9.40 - 10am |
| <i>Bemboka</i> | before vigil Mass |
| <i>Candelo</i> | before vigil Mass |
| <i>Tathra</i> | before Sunday Mass |

Fr Adrian Contact: Mobile: 0411 676 064
Email: 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 Cec Berman, Loretta McDonald, Paul Malone, Daniel McCambridge

Feasts Days this Week

- 19th - St Paul of the Cross**, Priest 1694-1775. Founder of the Passionists, remembered for his prophetic preaching in parish missions, for calling sinners to repentance, and for his special gifts of healing.
- 19th - St John de Brebeuf** (1593-1649) & **St Isaac Jogues** (1607-1646), Priests, & **Companions**, Martyrs. Remembered for the hardship they suffered for the sake of the gospel, eventually embracing even torture and death.
- 22nd - St John Paul II**, Pope 1978-2005. Significantly improved the Catholic Church's relations with Judaism, Islam, the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Anglican Communion. Emphasised the universal call to holiness.
- 23rd - St John of Capistrano**, Priest 1386-1456. A successful preacher, committed Franciscan reformer, zealous inquisitor in Vienna, and spiritual leader of a victorious crusade against the Ottoman forces.
- 24th - St Anthony Mary Claret**, Bishop 1807-1870. Was appointed archbishop of Santiago (Cuba) where he aroused opposition for his spiritual and social reforms and for championing the rights of the indigenous peoples.



Minute Meditations -

Embrace the Rhythm of Prayer

We build a rhythm of daily solitude into life in order to clarify and reaffirm the primacy of God. God alone is God and no other. Daily life tends to turn us away from such awareness with its concerns and chaotic busyness. The rhythm of regular prayer in solitude turns us back to it. It gives us the opportunity to reaffirm again that God is, and only God. As time passes, that truth deepens within one's heart. It keeps a sustained focus on God and slowly develops a rhythm of interior continuity that solidifies that perspective with deeper and deeper conviction.

- From the book *In the Footsteps of Francis and Clare* by Roch Niemier, OFM.



Spirituality of Synodality

Guided by the Spirit.

Pope Francis reminds us that the Holy Spirit is our guide. Our first task is to learn to recognise His voice, which speaks in Scripture, prayer, daily life, and through each other.

Reflection: How do I recognise the voice of the Holy Spirit

Prayer: Holy Spirit, help me to know and follow Your voice

Wise Words:

If you want Peace, Work for Justice.

- *St Pope Paul VI.*

Christianity sees in the refusal to love other people nothing less than sin: the ultimate root of poverty and dehumanisation .

- *Gustavo Gutierrez*