

Entrance Antiphon Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

Responsorial Psalm The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.


ROSTERS - 22nd/23rd March 2025
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

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

Candelo Sun 9:30am
Commentator Ann Hahesy
Readers J Coman
Cleaners - Mar Roger & Nalda Heffernan

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Jacinta Battista
Readers Raewyn Galton
Cleaners Mary Plevey
Audio-Visual Trish Sly
Eucharistic Ministers Jacinta Battista, C Maley

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator Ayar Frantz
Readers V Northcott
Gifts Volunteer
Counters Col & Kath Murphy
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Noby Abraham
Eucharistic Ministers C Tarlinton


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 encouraged 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— TBA
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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2nd Lent - Year C

16th March 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 *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*
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.

A Closer Relationship

The Second Sunday of Lent

The story of the transfiguration is told each year on this Sunday. This is because in each of the gospels it comes after Jesus has warned his disciples for the first time that he will be rejected in Jerusalem and suffer the ultimate penalty. There are, therefore, two aspects to the story of the transfiguration.




One is that it affirms Jesus' identity as the beloved of God despite the shadow of the cross that now hangs over his ministry. The second is that it serves as a reminder to the disciples that their task as they accompany Jesus on the road to Jerusalem is to really listen to him. This puts our Lenten efforts into the right context as the sole purpose of the season is to bring us to a closer relationship with Jesus and to understand more fully the meaning of his passion, death and

resurrection. Abraham is often called the father of faith, and attention is paid to his unquestioning willingness to do as God asks him. However, the story from today's reading shows that he also had doubts. This incident takes place at night, which may be symbolic of his desire to know how and where God is at work in his life. His doubts do not put a distance between himself and God; rather they are the impetus for a new stage in the relationship. All of us who are on the journey of faith experience times of doubt and darkness, but often these can be the very times God will show himself to us in unexpected ways. The events of Holy Week will demonstrate this in the fullest way possible.

Sean Goan.


Parish Assembly 18 May after Bega Mass. Conversation with the Holy Spirit. This is a continuation of the conversation with the Holy Spirit series we did last year. - Fr Adrian.

RCIA: if you are interested in becoming a Catholic please contact Father Adrian at Adrian.chan@cg.org.au

 **Confirmation Enrolment.** Archbishop Christopher will celebrate the sacrament of confirmation on 6th June. Enrolments are now being taken. Please contact the parish office for an enrolment package.

Holy Land Commissariat, Good Friday Collection. From Friar Bernie Thomas ofm: Brothers and sisters, as is always the case, the Good Friday Holy Land Collection is extremely important, and a mission that we all can assist with. The hope is that our Australian parishioners, Parish Priests and Bishops will again be as generous as they have always been. Our donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great difficulty in recent years. On their behalf, I humbly and wholeheartedly thank you all.

Of the \$1,534,519.59 raised in Australia last Good Friday, our Archdiocese contributed \$43,809.55. Please consider helping us raise above last year's generous response. Fr Richard VG.

 **Global Mission: No age limit.** Ever thought volunteering overseas was beyond you? IT'S NOT. Palms always values our older participants for the wisdom and resourcefulness they share in communities! Palms is celebrating Seniors Week with a special online session showcasing older volunteers' experience and insights from the mission field. Explore our unique opportunities and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime! Online discovery session Thursday 27th March 11am-12pm. Register: palms.org.au/events More information: 02 9560 5333, palms@palms.org.au

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Candelo - Tues 5pm



Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

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

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Barry Heffernan (Ballina), Fr Kevin Flynn,

ANNIVERSARIES John Roberts, Denise Mulligan,

Feasts

- 17th - **St Patrick**, Bishop c.a. 4th/5th Century.
- 18th - **St Cyril of Jerusalem**, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 315-386. Remembered especially for the illuminating baptismal catechesis he gave in the new Constantinian basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.
- 19th - **St Joseph**, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. His cult flowered in the West during the fifteenth century, following the development of medieval nativity plays, the Christmas crib, and increased devotion to Mary.



Minute Meditations - *Desire the Will of God*

We Christians sometimes submit to the Lord's will begrudgingly, as if it were something burdensome—a sacrifice we must make for the kingdom of God. However, as we grow as God's children, we begin to realize that his plan for our lives always corresponds to our heart's deepest longings, to what will truly bring us fulfillment. Though at times very demanding and involving great sacrifices, God's will is not simply an ethical test we must pass or an external code of behavior to which we must submit. Ultimately, God's will is written on our hearts and is meant to lead us to a profound peace and happiness, even in the face of trials and sufferings. May we, like Mary, actively desire God's will to be fulfilled in our lives. May we joyfully embrace his plan for us, not simply as a religious rule to obey but ultimately as the divine pathway to our hearts' deepest and most noble desires.

- from *Praying the Rosary Like Never Before: Encounter the Wonder of Heaven and Earth* by Edward Sri



Wise Words:

Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves. What is it that stands between us & God? Between us & our brothers & sisters? Between us & life? - *Catherine Doherty*

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

2025 JUBILEE YEAR
 Pilgrims of Hope 