

Entrance Antiphon Like newborn infants, you must long for pure, spiritual milk that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, His love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me Thomas, because you have seen me; Happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Bring your hand and fell the place of the nails, And do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia

ROSTERS - 3rd/4th May 2025
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm	
Commentator	G Bevitt
Readers	R Allen
Cleaners	

Candelo Sat 6pm	
Commentator	L Thompson
Readers	J Coman
Cleaners - May	Helma Miller

Tathra Sun 7:45am	
Commentator	Paul Gardiner
Readers	Gerry Collins
Cleaners	Trish Sly & Marg Roberts
Audio-Visual	Trish Sly
Eucharistic Ministers	Carleen Maley, C Maley

Bega Sat 6pm	
Commentator	Enrolment Mass
Readers	Enrolment Mass
Gifts	Volunteer
Counters	Col & Kath.
Music	Matt Heffernan
Acolyte	Noby Abraham
Eucharistic Ministers	Bev Larkin, K Rix
Nursing Home	D Koenigkamp, P Gardiner

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
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2nd Easter - Year C **27th April 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,
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.

Community

In this very packed gospel many different facets of the Easter mystery are presented. Firstly, we note that Jesus appears to the community gathered on a Sunday, they rejoice at his presence and experience through him the gift of the Holy Spirit and are given a mission, sent just as Jesus himself was. That is as good a summary of what Sunday Eucharist is all about as you will ever find.


Joy in the presence of the risen Lord who gives us his peace so that we can continue his task of revealing God to the world. Thankfully Thomas is missing, because his refusal to believe means that the following Sunday we need to gather again, and once again as a community of faith encounter Christ among us. Now, by a wonderful irony it is Thomas who leads us in our appropriate response as we acknowledge Jesus as Our Lord and Our God.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Our readings for today, while they differ greatly in style, both reflect the extent to which the early church understood itself as totally dependent on the presence of the risen Christ within it. The first believers in Jerusalem were Jewish yet they stood out among their own people because of the witness that they offered. They impressed people with their care for one another and their prayerfulness. So too among the churches of the book of Revelation the faithful stood out from their contemporaries because, even when faced with persecution, their lives were characterised by hope and love. These are the fruits of Easter and remind us that we must celebrate as a community, and not only as individual the abiding presence of Jesus as our Lord and God.

Sean Goan.



We Welcome into our Parish Family:
Alistair & Duncan Doyle
Baptised in the name of the Father, & the Son & the Holy Spirit

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday. St Joseph's Merimbula is holding a Divine Mercy Service on Sunday 27th April at 3pm. Confessions from 2:30. All are welcome

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. If you would still like to contribute envelopes marked 'Good Friday' can be placed into the 2nd collection until 27th April. Thank you for your generosity.

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes can still be returned to the Parish office. Or you can donate via 1800 024 413 or caritas.org.au/project-compassion



Choose Love: A Message from Pope Francis. Long before Jorge Bergoglio was elected to the papacy, he was an ordinary person trying to live a Christian life in a complex world. He was the eldest of five children, born to first-generation Italian immigrants in Argentina. He played soccer and basketball, liked to dance, cook, and play the piano, and had a lively sense of humor. Before joining the Jesuits, he worked as a janitor at a stocking factory and studied chemistry. Early in his seminary days, he was lovestruck by a young woman he met at a family wedding. Her beauty and intellectual radiance dazzled him and left him sleepless for a week.

In the end, as we know, Jorge chose religious life over marriage. But his rich and varied life experience has served him well as pope. When he speaks about the universal human desire "to love and be loved," listeners sense a genuine understanding of human nature. His voice rises with excitement. He becomes animated, and a world of emotions plays across his face. Joy. Tenderness. Hope. Rage against hatred and injustice. Delight in kindness and goodness. Confidence that "all will be well," because God's love will triumph in the end. *Alicia von Stammwitz 2019*

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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| <u>Bega</u> | Saturday, 9.40 - 10am |
| <u>Bemboka</u> | before vigil Mass |
| <u>Candelo</u> | before vigil Mass |
| <u>Tathra</u> | 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: POPE FRANCIS - Jorge Mario Bergoglio 1936-2025

Una Lehman, Graeme Elliott, Melanie Nast, Kath Jennings

ANNIVERSARIES Noel James, John Roberts, Denise Mulligan

Feasts Days

- 27th - **St Louis Grignon de Montfort**, Priest 1673-1716. Wrote a number of well-known books which influenced several popes and founded the Company of Mary.
- 28th - **St Peter Chanel**, Priest & Martyr 1803-1841. Honoured as the first martyr of the Church in Oceania
- 29th - **St Catherine of Siena**, Virgin & Doctor of the Church 1347-1380. Remembered for her holiness, determination &, though she never learned to write, for the quality of her teachings. Also as a mystic & a reformer of religious life.
- 30th - **St Pius V**, Pope 1504-1572. Remembered chiefly for implementing the reforms of the Council of Trent, including the Breviary, Missal, and Catechism
- 1st May - **St Joseph the Worker** Celebrate the dignity & cause of human labour.
- 2nd - **St Athanasius**, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 295-373. Venerated as the "Father of Orthodoxy" for championing the true and equal divinity of the incarnate Son of God
- 3rd - **St Philip & St James**, Apostles. Philip was the first to preach the gospel to non-Jews. While James was the leader of the Church in Jerusalem.



Minute Meditations - God's Peace

St. Francis of Assisi was medieval to his core, yet his problems were not dissimilar to what we face today: ongoing health crises, civil instability, emotional desolation, and deep anguish. But once he stripped himself of all things worldly, Francis understood that no wound was beyond God's ability to heal. In a letter Francis wrote to Brother Leo, an early friar, his salutation should be on the lips of everyone who loves those suffering in mind or spirit: "May God smile on you and be merciful to you. May God turn his regard toward you and give you peace." - from "Erasing the Stigma of Mental Illness" by Christopher Heffron .



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

