

**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** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

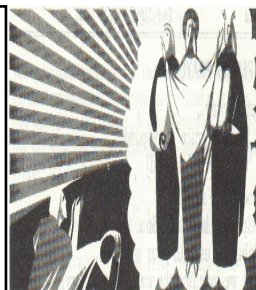
**Gospel Acclimation** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

**ROSTERS - 11th/12th March 2023**  
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

<b>Bemboka Sat 6pm</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	
<i>Readers</i>	
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	
<b>Candelo Sun 9am</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	J Coman
<i>Readers</i>	R Coman
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners - Mar</i>	Nalda & Roger Heffernan
<b>Tathra Sun 7:45am</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	Paul Gardiner
<i>Readers</i>	Eileen Reckord
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	B O'Brien, S & P Gardiner
<i>Audio-Visual</i>	Pat Platts
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Mark Oakley, Carleen Maley
<b>Bega Sun 9:30am</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	R Heffernan
<i>Readers</i>	M Russell, T Tomlinson
<i>Gifts</i>	Volunteer
<i>Counters</i>	K Rix & V Northcott
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan
<i>Acolyte</i>	
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	

**Wise Words:**  
We must trust in the mighty power of God's mercy, We are all sinners, but His grace transforms us and makes us new.  
- Pope Benedict XVI



**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**  
*Tathra* - 7:20am before Sunday Mass  
*Bega* - 9am before Sunday Mass  
**all are welcome.**

**MENS' GROUP:** 2nd & 4th Thursdays  
St Patrick's Church.  
Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997

**St Patrick's Sacramental programme 2023**  
*Baptisms*—During Mass, 1 month notice  
*Confirmation*—28th May  
*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

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2nd Lent - Year A

26th February 2023

# 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*  
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## Death & Glory



'Abram went as the Lord told him.'  
Abraham is the central figure from chapters 12 to 25 of Genesis and this one sentence, at the start of chapter 12 after God calls him, sums up everything we need to know about him: he did what God asked of him. Just as he was called to follow, God calls each of us. In our initiation we answer that call.

But where does that call take us? At the end of the fourth block of narrative material in Matthew's Gospel, we find the story of the transfiguration of Jesus. It is a moment of divine revelation about Jesus' identity—just as, at his baptism, the heavenly voice confirms Jesus as the beloved Son. To this is added the instruction that disciples are to listen to him.



Here they are up a high mountain alone, away from everyone and everything. It is easy to find God in the peace and quiet, it is easy to appreciate God surrounded by a majestic mountain-top view. St Augustine of Hippo, in one of his homilies in the fifth century, focused on this reaction from Peter: *Saint Peter was delighted with the*

*solitude; he had grown tired of the turbulent, troublesome human race. He saw the mountain, he saw the Lord, he saw Moses and Elijah ... He was delighted with this quiet, leisurely, blissful life, and said to the Lord: 'Lord, it is good for us to be here.' Why go down the mountain to be subjected to all that turbulence? Why not rather decide to enjoy ourselves here? It is good for us to be here. (Sermo 79A.)*

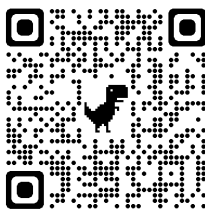
The story of the transfiguration of Jesus is one rich in symbolism. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, the summary of the Jewish faith. As Augustine said in that same homily: *'In Moses we have the law, in Elijah the prophets. When we put forward anything from the gospel, we back it up from the law and prophets'*. The transfiguration shows us a moment of glory, it shows us our destination. Like any kid in the back of a car, our question during this season of Lent is 'are we there yet?' The answer is that, although we can experience a part of that glory, although we get a taste of it every time we share in the Eucharist, we are not there yet.

In Matthew's account of the transfiguration, what we find before this story is the first prediction of the suffering and resurrection of Jesus, and the doctrine of the cross: 'If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and begin to follow in my footsteps'. Shortly after the transfiguration story we have the second prediction of the passion. The structure of the story is not accidental: the only way to glory is through the cross.

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## Stay Connected!

- ✦ Subscribe to the Parish bulletin email: Complete the Parishioner details eform - QR code or Link <https://forms.gle/dp9xKH7E3V5gE5KJ8>
- ✦ Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/stpatricksbega](http://www.facebook.com/stpatricksbega)
- ✦ check out our website - <http://cg.org.au/bega>



**First Collection Update.** Thank you for your generosity. As of the end of February the parish contribution to the 1st Collection is \$6 300 an increase of \$2 700 for the same period in 2022. *Fr Adrian.*

**Marriage Enrichment Weekend.** An opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! 14-16 April Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Book online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or contact Christine & Terry Mahony 0490 774 419, [nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au)

**HELP SYRIA.** Aid to the Church in Need has launched an emergency appeal for the people in northern Syria desperate for help following the devastating earthquakes. Your help will support our long-time local project partners on the ground in Syria. To read more about what ACN is doing and to make an offering please visit [www.aidtochurch.org/syriearthquake](http://www.aidtochurch.org/syriearthquake) or QR code.



**Palms Australia.** Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

**Vocations Dinner for single men.** 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of the Month - Holy Hour and dinner for single men who are open to the calling to the priesthood and want to explore this further. Contact Father Trenton van Reesch: [cathedral@cg.org.au](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au)

### Stations of the Cross

*Candelo* - Tues 7pm in lent, with reflection, followed by a cuppa



## You're Invited

- ✦ *Tathra* - Breakfast every 2nd Sunday of the Month after Mass. 12 March
  - ✦ *Bega* - Morning Tea 4th Sunday of the Month after Mass Bega. 26th March
- All Welcome. Please bring a friend.**

**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 Church
- Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.
- Thursday 9.15am Bega Church
- *Hillgrove House* 3rd Thursday 3pm
- Friday 9.15am Bega Church  
4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
- Saturday 9.15am Bega Church

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Angus Collins (Eddie Collins Grandson), Janette Collins

**ANNIVERSARIES** Denise Mary Mulligan, John Roberts Senior

**PRAYERS** Anne Smith & her children Henry & Malory (Sue Gardiner's Daughter).

Jenny Ryan and June O'Farrell - Ill health.

Hugo D'Arcy and his family

## Feasts Days

**7<sup>th</sup> - St Perpetua & St Felicity**, Martyrs, died 203 in Cathage. Refused to renounce their faith. Thrown to wild beasts and then put to the sword, they died in the embrace of the sign of peace. Remembered for the joyful courage of their final witness to Christ. Mentioned in Eucharistic Prayer I.

**8<sup>th</sup> - St John of God**, Religious, 1495-1550. Remembered for this ministry, which was continued by his followers, who became the Order of Brothers Hospitallers of Saint John of God

**9<sup>th</sup> - St Frances of Rome**, Religious, 1384-1440. Remembered as a dedicated laywoman who, in a time of plague and civil war, worked tirelessly for the poor and the sick yet without compromising her love for her husband and family.

## Project Compassion 2023

Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**

You can also donate on 1800 024 413 or [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

## Front page Cont.

The author of the 2nd letter to Timothy captures this reality: 'bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy'. Abraham's call led him to hardship, but he trusted in that call, even in dark and difficult days. Yes, Jesus has abolished death; yes, Jesus has proclaimed life and immortality; yes, the Lord will rescue our souls from death. However, the only way to life is through death. In the unintentionally profound words of the 1970s' musical, Jesus Christ Superstar, 'to conquer death you only have to die'.

Lent is our season of death. We must die to sin. We die to selfishness every time we tell the truth; we die to selfishness every time we forgive someone who hurts us; we die to selfishness every time we refuse to join in and spread gossip about someone; we die to selfishness every time we say a kind word to a stranger; we die to selfishness every time we offer a helping hand to anyone in need; we die to selfishness every time we reach out in love. Lent is our season of dying to sin so that we can rise to the new life of Easter.

We are thankful today for the faithfulness of Abraham, who went as the Lord told him. We are thankful today for Moses and Elijah pointing the way to Jesus. We are thankful today for Jesus, who showed us the way to life through overcoming sin and death. We are thankful today for our sisters and brothers who die to sin by listening and trusting in the faithfulness of God's Word.

*Geoff Dunn*

