Entrance Antiphon	Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
Gospel Acclimation	Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon** We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

<b>ROSTERS - 30th/31st October 2021</b> <b>Please arrange a swap if you are not available</b> <b>Bemboka Sat 6pm</b> <i>Commentator</i> E Bevitt <i>Readers</i> R & H Allen		Sacrament of Penance/ReconciliationBegaSaturday, 9.40 - 10amBembokabefore vigil MassCandelobefore vigil MassTathrabefore Sunday Mass
Gifts Cleaners	R & H Allen on hold	St. Pat's Choir practices Thurs 5.15— 6pm Contacts Mary 64921850 or Matt 0429 338 348.
Commentator Readers Gifts Cleaners - Oct	R Heffernan P O'Callaghan <i>on hold</i> Julie Banks, Rosie Coman	Meditation & Contemplative Prayer     Meeting is held on Monday at 7.30pm in the annex of Star of the Sea Church at Tathra.
Tathra Sun 7:45ar Commentator Readers	n Paul Gardiner Chris Adams <i>on hold</i> D'Arcy Family Val Besant Denise Miller, Trish Sly	<b>Sunday Readings Reflection Group</b> Tuesday at 7pm Star of the Sea Tathra. All Welcome.
Gifts Cleaners Audio-Visual Eucharistic Ministers		ROSARY Tathra - 7:20am before Sunday Mass Bega - 9am before Sunday Mass all are welcome.
Bega Sun 9:30am Commentator Readers Gifts Music	F & P Sorensen F & P Sorensen <i>On hold</i>	MENS' GROUP: 2nd & 4th Thursdays St Patrick's Church. Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997
Nusic Acolyte Eucharistic Ministers Nursing Home	Sean McCambridge E Collins, K Rix, B Larkin, D Koenigkamp <i>On Hold</i>	<u>St Patrick's Sacramental</u> <u>programme 2021</u> Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice Confirmation—TBA
Wise Words: If we wish to lea a dignified and	d	Weddings—by appoint, 6 months notice req.   Please contact the Parish Office.   For Sale: Bibles - \$16; Sunday Missal -   For Sale: Bibles - \$16; Sunday Missal -

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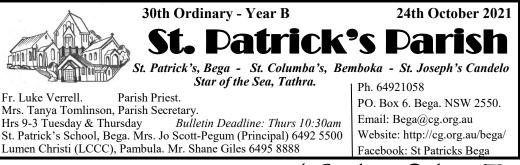
to others and

seek their good.

- Pope Francis

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# Blindness, Spiritual Sight & Discipleship 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Mark's gospel Jesus began his journey to Jerusalem in 8:22, and in this Sunday's

gospel he has just about arrived: this is the last event prior to his triumphal entrance on Palm Sunday. The journey began with the healing of a blind man (8:22-26) and now it ends with the healing of blind Bartimaeus (10:46-52). Between these two stories of blindness we find the three passion predictions, each one followed by a graphic and embarrassing presentation of the disciples' spiritual blindness as they fail to understand Jesus' identity and mission. This journey to Jerusalem is Jesus' last attempt to open the eyes of their understanding, to help them to see both who he is and what discipleship means.

The first story about a blind man (8:22-26) records a gradual healing: Jesus first put spittle on the blind man's eyes and, though the man's vision improves, he still cannot see clearly; only after Jesus lays hands on him does he see clearly. This is the situation of the disciples as a group: their blindness is only gradually removed. The end of the journey - not Jerusalem, but the cross - will result in clear vision (15:39).



In this Sunday's episode Bartimaeus appears 'by the roadside' - he is not yet on the road with Jesus, i.e., he is not a disciple. When he cries out, he uses the title 'Son of David' which rightly points to Jesus' ancestry and indicates that the rightful heir to the throne is now approaching his own city. Yet, it is not a title that Jesus will use of himself nor does it adequately disclose his true identity. But once approached by Jesus, Bartimaeus addresses him as 'master' [Greek = 'my teacher'], which accurately describes the relationship from a disciple's perspective. When his eyes are opened and he can see clearly, he follows Jesus on the way. This is the goal of all Jesus' laboured teaching: to open the eyes of the disciples so that they see him clearly and follow him on the road which leads to the cross.

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Vinnies News: *Fashion Parade* - 11th December. Bega Country Club. Doors open at 5pm. Tickets are \$20 are available at Vinnies Store Bega. **+** *Frederic Ozanam Appeal* - thank you for your generous support.

## November Masses.

*Amass Intention Envelopes* can be placed with the collection box. #All Souls Mass Tuesday 2nd November, Bega Cemetery 8am. BYO Chair.

Kickstart for men will run on Monday evenings 25 October and 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> November from 7:30-8:30pm. Sessions are short and sharp and a great way for men to emerge from lockdown and to come together to engage with the theme 'Brothers, what must we do?' developed by the ACBC, hosted by Robert Falzon and Jude Hennesy of Wollongong with some excellent keynotes. Join the men's group who will watch as a group. Back of Bega Church 25<sup>th</sup> October 7:30pm. Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997 or dgrainger59@gmail.com

**Catholic** Mission Sunday 23rd/24th October. This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai, who having experienced *MISSION* much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when her partner cast she experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant. Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most. Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

Aid to the Church in Need Australia: For over fifty years, ACN has passed on the Mass offerings of the Catholic people, to poor priests, who have no other

means of material support. In return, these priests offer Masses for the intentions of the donor. Each year, over 400,000 priests, ten per cent of the world's priests, are supported by 1.5 million Mass offerings. One hundred percent of every Mass offering is sent directly to the priest in need. Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/Masses

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Mass Times</u>
▶ <u>Bemboka</u>	- Saturdays - 6pm Vigil
► <u>Candelo</u>	- Saturdays - 6pm Vigil 1st, 3rd, 5th - Sundays - 9:30am liturgy 2nd, 4th
► <u>Tathra</u>	- Sundays - 7.45am Mass
▶ <u>Bega</u>	- Sundays - 9.30am Mass



Please Pray for the repose of the soul of Marí Rheinberger **Entered Eternal** 

*Life* 5th October

#### Weekdays 5.30pm Bega Church ≻Tuesdav

► Wednesday 9.00am Tathra. ► Thursday 9.15am Bega Church Hillgrove House 3rd Thursday 11am **≻**Friday 9.15am Bega Church 4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy' Saturday 9.15am Bega Church

RECENTLY DECEASED John Stafford, Marj Rheinberger, Maria Wilson

ANNIVERSARIES Col & Peg Hergenhan, Maura Wesley-Collins, Colleen Rake, Joan Heffernan, Paul Malone, Loretta McDonald, Johnnie Roberts, Therese Eadie

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

24<sup>th</sup> - St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop, 1807-1870. Remembered for his work of religious renewal through the spoken and printed word.

- sts 28<sup>th</sup> - St Simon & St Jude, Apostles. Simon "the Less" is also called "the
- Canaanite" and "the Zealot". Jude "(son) of James" was traditionally thought to be
- the same person as Jude, brother of James and author of the letter of Jude, but
- may also be the one called "Thaddeus". A tradition has Simon and Jude Ш preaching and being martyred in Persia. Honoured among the twelve apostles, the first followers of Christ.

### 2022 Columban Art Calendars **\$9**

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Synod of Bishops. On Sunday, October 17, dioceses around the world will launch local preparations for the Synod of Bishops, which has the theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The Catholic Church in Australia will invite the People of God to make submissions via an online portal that will open on October 17. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at: http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch

Blackfriars Lecture: How does social capital enhance health and wellbeing?. 2nd Nov 6pm. Dr Ursula Stephens, CEO, Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd. (former CEO of Catholic Social Services Aust.) ACU Canberra, Room 301.1.20, Veritas Building, ACU Campus, 223 Antill Street, Watson. RSVP to ocd.canberra@acu.edu.au by 29 October. This is a free public lecture.

