

Entrance Antiphon Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Responsorial Psalm The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation 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 God.

ROSTERS - 2nd/3rd November 2024 Please arrange a swap if you are not available	
Bemboka Sat 6pm	
<i>Commentator</i>	G Berman
<i>Readers</i>	E Bevitt
<i>Cleaners</i>	
Candelo Sat 6pm	
<i>Commentator</i>	L Thompson
<i>Readers</i>	J Coman
<i>Cleaners - Nov</i>	Ann & Peter Haesy
Tathra Sun 7:45am	
<i>Commentator</i>	Paul Gardiner
<i>Readers</i>	Gerry Collins
<i>Cleaners</i>	T Sly, V Besant, M Roberts
<i>Audio-Visual</i>	Kate D'Arcy
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	C Maley, M Hergenhan
Bega Sun 9:30am	
<i>Commentator</i>	Volunteer
<i>Readers</i>	TBA
<i>Gifts</i>	Volunteer
<i>Counters</i>	Danni & Mary
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan
<i>Acolyte</i>	Sean McCambridge
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	B Burton, C Tarlinton
<i>Nursing Home</i>	D Koenigkamp, P Gardiner
Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation	
<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

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
Reconciliation—26th May 2024
First Communion - 25th August 2024
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

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)

30th Ordinary - Year B 27th October 2024

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
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Lumen Christi Catholic College, Pambula. Mr. Shane Giles 6495 8888

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We acknowledge the Yuin 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 and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of the Bega Valley.

Eyes on Salvation *30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

The story of the healing of Bartimaeus, the blind beggar, brings to a close the section of Mark that began in 8:27 (the twenty-fourth Sunday of the year). As we have seen the focus has been on the meaning and demands of discipleship. Just prior to this incident Jesus has spoken to James and John saying to them, 'What do you want me to do for you?' Now he uses the same words, not to one of his closest companions but to a blind beggar sitting by the road who is crying out to him in desperation. James and John were seeking glory, Bartimaeus just wants to see and to gain that he throws away the only thing he owns, his cloak, lest it impede him in his journey to Jesus. His prayer is granted, he receives perfect sight and his response is to follow Jesus along the way. Jesus is leaving Jericho and heading for Jerusalem and so Bartimaeus is presented to us not simply as a recipient of the healing ministry of Jesus but as the model disciple who begs for sight so that he can follow Jesus to the cross and beyond. In the gospel, sight is often used as a metaphor for faith, being able to see God at work and to follow in the steps of Jesus.



These readings are talking about salvation. It is one of those words much used in religious conversation but whose exact meaning is unsure for many. Probably most of us think of salvation as having to do with getting to heaven. However, the prophet Jeremiah only thought of God as saving his people in the here and now, offering them comfort, shade and fresh water. For him these are symbols of salvation. The author of Hebrews by contrast was very aware of heaven but for him salvation came about through the solidarity shown by Jesus who became the way we are so that we might become like him. What comes across strongly in the readings is that God never abandons us and that when we speak of salvation we are speaking of the ways in which God brings us to himself, a process which begins now. Lord, that we may see!

Sean Goan

November Masses. ✠ *Mass Intention Envelopes* can be placed in the collection.

✠ *All Souls Mass* Saturday 2nd November, Bega Cemetery 9:15am. BYO Chair.


Maintenance Works Update: The work on Bega Church is nearly complete. Thank you for following the directions when using the building.



Catholic Mission Appeal. This weekend we will take up a 3rd Collection after communion for the Catholic Mission Annual Appeal.

This year there is a particular focus on the work of the Church in Mongolia in providing health and education services. Envelopes are available for cash or credit card donations. Thank you for your generosity.

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

 **Vinnies News:** BBQ Wed 30th, 9:30am to 1pm at the Bega Store. All funds to the Christmas Appeal. Homemade slices for sale.

Now Available for collection God's Word 2025 and 'The Light' Advent booklet. There are some extra copies available - please contact the office.

Columban Calendars are now available for purchase. \$9. Please use envelope provided and place in the 2nd Collection.

Annual Mass Counts will take place at all services during October.

St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood 50th Anniversary 10th November. 10 am mass will be held at the church followed by celebratory BBQ. To register for catering purposes: www.stthomassquinascharnwood.com

Christ the King Parish of Taralga Celebrates 90 years of Worship in the Church built by Bishop Barry. 24th Nov. Please come and celebrate with them at 9.30 am Mass followed by morning tea, on the Feast of Christ the King, November 24.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER RETREAT. How prepared are you for marriage? Further info: www.engagedencounter.org.au. Choose : Nov 09-10, Feb 22-23, May 17-18, Aug 16-17

You're Invited

✠ *Tathra* - Breakfast every 2nd Sunday of the Month after Mass.

✠ *Bega* - Morning Tea last Sunday of the Month after Mass Bega.

All Welcome. Please bring a friend.

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: Tony Johnston, Brie Myers, John Bellamy, Marina Peric

ANNIVERSARIES Joan & Paul Finucane, Cec Berman, Colleen Rake, Jannette Munroe, Varghese Thomas

Feasts Days

28th Oct - St Simon & St Jude, Apostles. A tradition has Simon and Jude preaching and being martyred in Persia. Honoured among the twelve apostles, the first followers of Christ

1st Nov - All Saints. Honoured today are all holy men and women in glory with Christ: known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the great commandment of love

2nd - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Commonly known as All Souls, it expresses Christian faith in the communion of saints and our need to pray for one another in the Church, especially those souls in purgatory "who have been buried in their human imperfection".



Minute Meditations - *Beggar, Mystic, Man of God*

The Francis had noticed that when he went begging, few people looked into his eyes. They seemed to avoid eye contact, either from fear or contempt.

There were, of course, the few bright-eyed, open people whose eyes were surely the lamps of their whole selves radiating love and goodness and trust. It was marvellous how people became who they really were once you reached out your hand to them in the gesture of the beggar. Even the insight into people he had gained in his father's shop paled when compared to what he learned begging in the streets of Assisi. So often the veneer of respectability would be sloughed off and something like a monster would emerge, cursing and destroying you with the venom of words and gestures. It was an experience only beggars understood.

From these harrowing experiences Francis determined to be always on the outside what he was on the inside. He knew that some of the brothers felt he overdid this obsession with sincerity, but Francis feared duplicity and hypocrisy more than anything. It was against hypocrisy that Jesus had railed again and again in the Gospels, and Francis was sure Jesus would never speak harshly against anything unless it spoiled the human heart and made the Holy Spirit's entry there impossible. - from *Francis: The Journey and the Dream* by Murray Bodo, OFM

Wise Words:

Before you Pray	Believe
Before you speak	Listen
Before you spend	Earn
Before you write	Think
Before you Quit	Try
Before you Die	Live

