

<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	I love you, Lord, my strength.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	We will ring out our joy at your saving help And exult in the name of our God

**ROSTERS - 4th/5th November 2023**  
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

<b>Bemboka Sat 6pm</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	S Berman
<i>Readers</i>	G Berman
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	Berman
<b>Candelo Sat 6pm</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	L Thompson
<i>Readers</i>	Ann Haahes
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners - Nov</i>	Anne & Peter Haahes
<b>Tathra Sun 7:45am</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	Peter D'Arcy
<i>Readers</i>	Kate D'Arcy
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	Megan Hergenhan
<i>Audio-Visual</i>	Carleen Maley
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Eileen Reckord, M Hergenhan
<b>Bega Sun 9:30am</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	M Henare
<i>Readers</i>	M Russell, T Tomlinson
<i>Gifts</i>	Volunteer
<i>Counters</i>	Col & Kath Murphy
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan
<i>Acolyte</i>	Sean McCambridge
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	E Caragher, M Twyford L Stewart, K Rix
<i>Nursing Home</i>	A Tarlinton, F Farrell

**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**

*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**

*Baptisms*—During Mass, 1 month notice  
*Confirmation*—28th May 2023  
*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

**LOVE & LAW**

**Wise Words:**  
To love someone  
means to see  
them as God  
intended them  
  
- Fyodor  
Dostoyevsky.



30th Sunday - Year A

29th October 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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*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 & respect their continuing culture & the contribution they make to the life of the Bega Valley.*

## The Law of Love

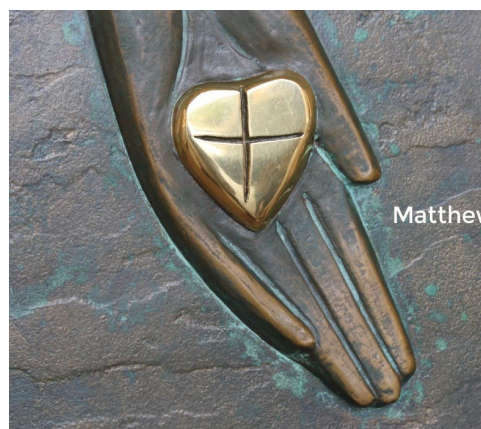
## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

The year grows short and the questions more direct. Once again they going at Jesus. He has just silenced the stupid arguments of the Sadducees who did not believe in resurrection or judgement. Now the Pharisees will have another go at Jesus and one approaches with the age-old Jewish question: "Which is the most important commandment in the Law?"

Jesus answers with the Shema - which is both a prayer to the holiness of God and the foundational call to the covenant and basis of all the law - to love God with all your mind, heart, soul and resources.



But Jesus adds in, the second (like both sides of your hand) to love your neighbour with the same passion and wholeheartedness.

Everything in the law, the prophets, the history of faithfulness in the Jewish covenant is abased on putting these words into practice and obeying the intent of God that all who are made in his image, live in his image as truthfully as we can. And there is no getting around it - no hedging, no rationalizing.

And we - who are we like: the Sadducees playing games with theology; the Pharisees and those using the law to test, trick and make others stumble - or are we with Jesus, intent on the worship of God and the care of human beings?


**Mass Counts:** October is the month that Sunday Mass headcount takes place


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

✠ *All Souls Mass* Thursday 2nd November, Bega Cemetery 8am. BYO Chair.

**Institute of professional standards training** for Eucharist ministers, acolytes, choir, committees etc. 23 November 6.30 pm Bega church.

**Note for readers** please pause 20 seconds in between readings for respectful silence - thank you.

 **MISSION SUNDAY - THANK YOU.** Catholic Mission thanks the parish and all who contributed to the Mission Sunday Appeal last week. Your donations will provide much needed support to missionaries, particularly the Salesian sisters in Timor-Leste. If you have yet to bring back your envelope please do so by 12th November, or you can contact Catholic Mission direct.

 **Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.** An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413

**Calling Catholic Mental Health Professionals.** Join the Raphael Network, founded in 2023 for Australian Catholic mental health professionals. We blend psychology with Christian anthropology—body, mind, spirit—and Catholic teachings. Enjoy online talks, an annual retreat, and peer support. We're a hub for holistic well-being, referrals, and resources. Apply at [www.raphaelnetwork.org.au](http://www.raphaelnetwork.org.au)

**The Christmas Park:** 15 - 17 December 6-11:30pm St Augustine's Croatian Catholic Church, 262 Beasley St, Farrer. This a St Anthony Bread Charity Event. Further information <https://www.christmaspark.com.au/>

### You're Invited

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

✠ *Bega* - Morning Tea 4th Sunday of the Month after Mass Bega.

**All Welcome. Please bring a friend.**

**Fr Adrian Contact:** Mobile: 0411 676 064  
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### 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

**ANNIVERSARIES** Cec Berman, Johnnie Roberts, Joan Heffernan, Colleen Rake, Phil Purdie

**PRAYERS** Hugo D'Arcy and his family  
Noah Smith - operation in Sydney

### Feasts Days this

**1<sup>st</sup> 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.** This day began early in the Middle Ages with annual prayers for the dead in monastic communities. Fixed on this day, it spread more widely after the tenth century and now ranks with the principal feast days in the liturgical calendar.

**3<sup>rd</sup> - St Martin de Porres,** Religious 1579-1639. Remembered for his humility and holiness, his ministry to African slaves, and his dedicated service of the poor and the sick of all races.

**4<sup>th</sup> - St Charles Borromeo,** Bishop 1538-1584. Remembered as an exemplary and pastoral bishop and an ardent proponent of reform and renewal.

### 2023 Columban Calendars \$9

To Purchase:

- ✠ From the church entrance: Please use the envelope provided & place in 2nd collection.
- ✠ Contact the office via phone or email.

### Gods Word 2023 \$20

Daily readings & reflections. To Order:

- ✠ Online: <https://forms.gle/ij6FLTa1ERp6HnXn9>
- ✠ Contact the office



The Synod of Bishops concludes this Sunday 29 October. But prior to that will be some important work done.

**The final week** After three weeks of discussions, the final week will be focussing on synthesising the conversations and producing a report. This "Letter to the People of God" is intended to be a "a transitional text, based on the experience of the Assembly, which will contain the points where there is consensus and those where there is a lack of agreement, as well as open questions that will need to be studied in depth

from a canonical, theological, and pastoral point of view, to be verified together with the people of God" (Cardinal Hollerich).

While the first assembly concludes this Sunday, we are reminded that the Synod itself is ongoing, with the second assembly occurring in October 2024. What will take place in the upcoming year, the role of the report, and the ongoing role of the people of God in participating in that process, is yet to be addressed.

News direct from the Vatican are available here: <https://www.synod.va/en.html>

Br Mark O'Connor, the Vicar for Communications for the Diocese of Parramatta, is reporting on the Synod of Bishops from Rome during October 2023. He is intending to provide weekly reflections on the Synod available here: <https://catholicoutlook.org/trust-the-god-of-surprises-letters-from-a-listening-and-global-synod/>

Australian Synodal Church webpage: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>