

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 hears the cry of the poor.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

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

ROSTERS - 1st/2nd November 2025
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator S Berman
Readers T Allen
Cleaners

Candelo Sat 6pm
Commentator L Thompson
Readers J Coman
Cleaners - Nov Ann & Peter Hahey

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Paul Gardiner
Readers Gerry Collins
Cleaners T Sly, V Besant, M Roberts
Audio-Visual Kate D'Arcy
Eucharistic Ministers Carleen Maley, M Hergenhan

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator M Dessmann
Readers J Scott-Pegum
Gifts Volunteer
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Leo Perez
Eucharistic Ministers C Tarlinton, 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 - 7:15am 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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30th Sunday - Year C

26th October 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.

Honest Prayer

Last week's parable on prayer emphasised the need for perseverance but now, with another wonderful parable, Jesus speaks about another aspect of prayer. The introduction to the parable explains its purpose because we are told it was addressed to people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. Two very different individuals are then described in the story: the Pharisee and the tax collector. The former is doubtless a person of virtue and he is probably telling the truth about all the good he does. Likewise the tax collector was no doubt a sinner as it was common practice for them to make money by means of extortion. So what are we to learn from them? The first man is so full of himself that there is no room for God. The other man humbly acknowledges his deep need and goes home changed. For our prayer to be real, we need to come before God with empty hands.



As we know, Paul paid the ultimate price for his fidelity to the gospel. He was beheaded in Rome during the persecution undertaken by the Emperor Nero. That he died in this way, surrounded by an outpouring of hate and fear stirred up by a mad ruler, makes his last writing all the more poignant. Paul is the embodiment of the humble man as defined by Sirach: 'The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted.' He was never distracted from his task, never concerned for his own well being or position. He simply wanted to be true to the good news that Jesus had revealed to him. That makes him a model Christian for all ages. But if we feel we cannot hope to be another Paul we could do worse than model ourselves on the tax collector in the parable.

Sean Goan.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time





Catholic Mission Appeal. We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Zambia and missionaries like Sr Jane and Kayula. Thanks to your kindness, women like Sharon will have the skills to provide for their families, and mothers like Grace can give birth with dignity. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world. To learn more visit: catholicmission.org.au/our-work
Donations can be made via the envelopes at the entrance, 1800 257 296 or catholicmission.org.au/mission Thank you!

Changes to parish office hours: For next week only - the office will be open on Wednesday 29th 9am-2pm and closed Thursday 30th. The bulletin deadline will be 12noon Wednesday. Thank you for your understanding.

November Masses for the Deceased: Mass Intention Envelopes are available at the entrance and can be placed in the collection.

Mass for the Feast of All Saints will be celebrated at St Patrick's Bega 9:15am.

Mass for the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed is the Sunday celebration this year. There will be NO mass at the cemetery this year only. For those using a Sunday Missal, the prayers for the 1st mass will be used in Candelo, the 2nd mass in Tathra & the 3rd mass in Bega.

Save the Date! *An Afternoon of Taizé* Sunday 16th November 2pm Star of the Sea Tathra. An Ecumenical contemplative prayer service.

Columban Calendars 2026 now available at the church entrance. Still \$9. To purchase please use the envelope provided and place into the 2nd collection.

October mass counts. A head count is taken at all Sunday masses in October.

Bulletin Email - due to IT issues the weekly bulletin email is currently not working. The bulletin is available on the parish website from 2pm Thursdays.

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

<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: Michael Caragher, Bishop Patrick Power, Elaine Sawtell

ANNIVERSARIES Cec Berman, Loretta McDonald, Paul Malone, Daniel McCambridge

Feasts

28th - 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" (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18). A tradition has Simon and Jude preaching and being martyred in Persia.



Behold & Resound Workshop: Sat 6th December Moruya Parish 10-3:30. A parish liturgy & music workshop. Come and experience a day of faith, beauty and renewal. Discover how the liturgy of the church and music can draw you closer to Christ and deepen your life of prayer. Free of charge, light lunch provided. Register: by 1st December at <https://www.cgevangalisation.org.au/bar> . For more information see the poster at the entrance.

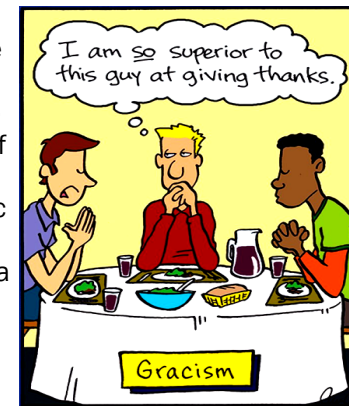


Minute Meditations - Christ Is Our Advocate

A counsellor can bring healing to a broken marriage. A program, a mentor, or a support group can lead to redemption from addiction. We do the redemptive work of peacemaking when we resolve conflicts without raised voices or harsh words. We help heal the open wound of racism when we learn to think and act in anti-racist ways. Our acts of charity and justice help to bring redemption to persons suffering from poverty and prejudice.

We believe God the Holy Spirit to be our advocate, the one who inspires and guides us on our journey of prayer and faith. But we don't have to be at Mass or deep in prayer to be moved by the Spirit. We can be inspired by the words of a great orator or homilist. We are enthralled by our favourite novelist. Our spirits soar when we hear the music of a great composer. We are moved by the selflessness of a fellow parishioner, or called to action by the example of a neighbour or friend.

- From St. Anthony Messenger's "Understanding the Trinity" by Mark Etling, PhD .



Spirituality of Synodality

Everyone Has Gifts.

The Holy Spirit gives different gifts to each of us. In a synodal Church we use these gifts with gratitude and humility, offering them for the service of Christ and the community.

Reflection: What gifts has God given me to share with my parish?

Prayer: Lord, teach me to use my gifts in service of others.

Wise Words:

The only real prayer is the one in which we are no longer aware that we are praying .

- St Anthony

Those who know their own weakness are greater than those who have seen the angels.

- Isaac of Nineveh
7th century Syrian monk.