

**Entrance Antiphon** Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation.

**Responsorial Psalm** I Love you, Lord, my strength.

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon** You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

**ROSTERS - 6th/7th November 2021**  
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

**Bemboka Sat 6pm**  
*Commentator* G Bevitt  
*Readers* G Green  
*Gifts* on hold  
*Cleaners*

**Candelo Sat 6pm**  
*Commentator* L Thompson  
*Readers* Ann Hahey  
*Gifts* on hold  
*Cleaners - Oct* Anne & Peter Hahey

**Tathra Sun 7:45am**  
*Commentator* Chris Adams  
*Readers* Carleen Maley  
*Gifts* on hold  
*Cleaners* Megan Hergenhan  
*Audio-Visual* Pat Platts  
*Eucharistic Ministers* Trish Sly, Eileen Reckord

**Bega Sun 9:30am**  
*Commentator* Tomlinson Family  
*Readers* J Scott-Pegum, V al Sheehan  
*Gifts* On hold  
*Music*  
*Acolyte* Frank Farrell  
*Eucharistic Ministers* M Twyford, B Burton,  
J Taylor, C Tarlinton  
*Nursing Home* On Hold

**Wise Words:**  
The things that we love tell us what we are.  
- St Thomas Aquinas



**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 64921850 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 program 2021**  
*Baptisms*—During Mass, 1 month notice  
*Confirmation*—TBA  
*Weddings*—by appoint, 6 months notice req.  
Please contact the Parish Office.

**For Sale:** Bibles - \$16; 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





**31st Ordinary - Year B**

# St. Patrick's Parish

*St. Patrick's, Bega - St. Columba's, Bemboka - St. Joseph's Candelo*  
*Star of the Sea, Tathra.*

**31st October 2021**

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Fr. Luke Verrell. Parish Priest.  
Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.  
Hrs 9-3 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*  
St. Patrick's School, Bega. Mrs. Jo Scott-Pegum (Principal) 6492 5500  
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*31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

A difficulty with dividing each synoptic gospel into sequential pericopes for a year's reading from January through to November is that the feasts of the Lord's birth and death, along with their preparatory periods, are then always read out of sequence. Mark's account of blind Bartimaeus that was read last Sunday is the immediate prelude to Jesus entering Jerusalem that we read also on Palm Sunday. So from last Sunday the Lectionary leaps over the whole of chapter 11, which includes the account of the cleansing of the temple, itself framed by the story of the fig tree that portends the end. We take up again half way through chapter 12.

Mark's scene for the question about the first or greatest commandment of the Law differs in one significant way from Matthew's (30th Sunday, Year A) and Luke's (15th Sunday, Year C). While all three locate it in the midst of contentions with various Jewish parties, Matthew and Luke have it arise as challenge to test Jesus. Mark, in a detail unfortunately omitted from the opening verse in the Lectionary's pericope, has the scribe observe Jesus arguing with the Sadducees and he admires how well Jesus answers them. This context suggests simply that he appreciates what Jesus says, and his question lacks any sense of challenge; he is presented as one honestly seeking an opinion for its hoped for insight. Moreover, after Jesus answers the scribe approvingly repeats it and adds that this double commandment is more important than any holocaust or sacrifice – an observation that would put him at odds also with the Sadducees, a sect associated with the Temple and its priesthood and sacrifices. Jesus in turn notes that the scribe has spoken wisely. We have here in a context of contention a peaceful episode of mutual recognition and appreciation that is quite fitting for the nature of the commandment to love God and others; these two have found a common ground.

By coincidence that gospel episode is linked now in our Lectionary to the Christian rejection of the Temple and its worship as testified to in the second reading, Hebrews 7:23-28. Hebrews does not, however, completely reject priesthood and sacrifice, but rather makes the case for the temporary earthly forms now being replaced by the real thing, Christ the eternal and only sinless priest whose self-offering is therefore incomparably more effective than any of the former dispensation. This association allows us to read the two-fold first of the commandments in a new way: loving the neighbour as one's very self and offering one's whole self in love to God is the sacrifice par excellence and the fulfilment of the Law. This Christ does, and since we too easily fail in it ourselves, it is accomplished for us in him.

In the Eucharist the ordained priest and the people together offer the sacrifice of praise because they are the body of him who offers himself perfectly.



**STAY COVID-19 SAFE**

<b>Wear Mask</b>	Sanitise hands	Sign in: - QR code or sheet
No Singing	Do <b>not</b> return bulletin -take home	
Communion in the hand only		Keep social distance - 4m <sup>2</sup>



**Vinnies News:** ♦ *Fashion Parade* - 11th December. Bega Country Club. Doors open at 5pm. Tickets are \$20 are available at Vinnies Store Bega.

**November Masses.**

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

**Kickstart** for men continues on Monday evenings 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November from 7:30-8:30pm. 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](mailto:dgrainger59@gmail.com)

**Lumen Christi Year 7 2022 Orientation day:** Wednesday, 24 November, 2021 – 9:00am to 3:20pm. Students wear their primary sports uniform and runners. Bring pencil case, recess, lunch, drink & hat.



**Mission Sunday 23rd/24th October.** Thank you so much for your generous support of Church-run mission programs like the Mother and Babies Home in Thailand through last week's Catholic Mission Appeal. *Your gift helps to continue the work of Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters as they support vulnerable mothers and their babies, as well as many other mission programs around the world.*

**Walking Together** - Parishes and individuals can now register their interest for the family-themed Walking Together Advent program produced by the local Archdiocese at: [bit.ly/WalkingTogether\\_Advent](http://bit.ly/WalkingTogether_Advent) The short videos and discussion questions will be available for download week by week starting Sunday 21st November to be used in small discussion groups. Enquiries: [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au) 0429 192 869

**Aid to the Church in Need Australia:** Would you consider becoming an ACN parish representative and volunteering to help ACN tell more Australians about the suffering Church? If you are interested in representing ACN in your local parish, please call 1800 101 201 or email [cecilia@aidtochurch.org](mailto:cecilia@aidtochurch.org).

*Prayer Service for the repose of the soul of*



**Margaret Boller**  
 Wednesday 3rd  
 November  
 11am St Patrick's

**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

**Weekdays**

- Tuesday 5.30pm Bega Church
- 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** Margaret Boller, John Stafford, Marj Rheinberger

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

**PRAYERS** Anne Smith & her children Henry & Malory (Sue Gardiner's Daughter). Jenny Ryan and June O'Farrell - Ill health.

**Feasts Days**

**1<sup>st</sup> - All Saints.** This feast began in the East to commemorate all martyrs and was progressively adopted in the West. Celebrated on this day in the eighth century and soon widely observed.

**2<sup>nd</sup> - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed - All Souls.** This day of commemoration 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.

**2022 Columban Art Calendars**  
 \$9



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

**Blessed 2021 \$5**

Advent & Christmas Daily reflections. To Order:

**Last Day Tues 2nd Nov**

♦ Online: <https://forms.gle/8chdkVF5di4xHjvn7>

♦ Contact the office via phone or email



**Catechists and Children's Ministry Retreat:** Saturday 27 November, 9:45am – 1pm. Cobargo School of the Arts Hall. Concluding with Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish at 12pm. RSVP 22nd Nov <http://bit.ly/3mhvVgC>  
 In accordance with current NSW regulations attendees need to be double vaccinated, wear a mask and sign-in with the app. This is a free event, morning tea is provided.

