

**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 - 9th/10th November 2024**  
 Please arrange a swap if you are not available

**Bemboka Sat 6pm**  
*Commentator* E Bevitt  
*Readers* J Macinante  
*Cleaners* Gerry

**Candelo Sun 9:30am**  
*Commentator* Ann Haesy  
*Readers* R Coman  
*Cleaners - Nov* Ann & Peter Haesy

**Tathra Sun 7:45am**  
*Commentator* Jacinta Battista  
*Readers* Raewyn Galton  
*Cleaners* M Hergenhan  
*Audio-Visual* Carleen Maley  
*Eucharistic Ministers* M Hergenhan, Jacinta Battista

**Bega Sun 9:30am**  
*Commentator* Ayar Frantz  
*Readers* J Scott-Pegum, M O'Neill  
*Gifts* Volunteer  
*Counters* Col & Kath Murphy  
*Music* Matt Heffernan  
*Acolyte* David Grainger  
*Eucharistic Ministers* K Rix



**Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation**  
*Bega* Saturday, 9.40 - 10am  
*Bemboka* before vigil Mass  
*Candelo* before vigil Mass  
*Tathra* before Sunday Mass

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 encouraged 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* - 7:20am 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



**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.*

**3rd November 2024**

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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](mailto:Bega.Safeguarding@cg.org.au)  
 St. Patrick's School, Bega. Mrs. Jo Scott-Pegum (Principal) 6492 5500  
 Lumen Christi Catholic College, Pambula. Mr. Shane Giles 6495 8888

*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.*

**What is Religious?** *31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

We often ask people what is most important to them in life. Various words come to mind - family, faith, love, and peace of mind, money or others. Jesus is asked something like this in the conversation of today's gospel. His most important word is love – anything in the religious tradition of the time is secondary to love of God and love of the neighbour.



In August 2012 a survey indicated that the Irish are among the least religious people of Europe. This came out of a sample of 1,000 people and indicates something to do with religious understanding and practice. Maybe though we could challenge that we are most religious, not necessarily when we are in church or praying, but also when we are at our most loving and caring, or concerned for justice. True religion is that, and is especially true when it cares for the needy. Jesus' heart went out mostly to people like that in his own time, especially any group who were outcast like people suffering from leprosy.

This can be the same today. He is the one on the side of the needy, and most on our side when we are most needy. This is the meaning and the reason for the Christian community – to be bearers of love in our world. We are all being called to share our treasures, values, environments and even new discoveries like vaccines with those who need them as much or even more than we do.


So maybe in Ireland we are much more religious than the survey shows! When we love, in the smallest and biggest ways, among the family, neighbourhood and wider world, then we are religious in the name of Jesus.

*Recall moments when you thought you were most 'religious' and soon after were internally critical of other's efforts. Lord, may I find your love in everything I encounter this week.*

*Donal Neary SJ*

**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.** 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 in Mongolia. If you have yet to bring back your envelope please do so by next week, or you can contact Catholic Mission direct.

**RCIA:** if you are interested in becoming a Catholic please contact Father Adrian at [Adrian.chan@cg.org.au](mailto:Adrian.chan@cg.org.au)

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

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

**Remembering lives Lost to Suicide:** Wesley LifeForce Suicide Memorial Service Canberra Southern Cross Yacht Club Thursday 21 November 2024, 7.30-8.40am. For more details visit [www.wesleylifeforce.org.au](http://www.wesleylifeforce.org.au)

 **Caritas Australia's Lebanon Crisis Appeal.** Lebanon is currently facing a dire crisis, and the need for your support has never been greater. Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability, leaving countless families without access to basic needs like food, water, and medical care. Our Caritas Australia partners on the ground are doing everything they can, but they desperately need your help. Donate today to help supply essential items such as food, shelter, and medical aid, as well as long-term support to rebuild communities. [www.caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://www.caritas.org.au/lebanon) or 1800 024 413

### 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  
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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 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

**3<sup>rd</sup> - St Martin de Porres**, Religious 1579-1639 Peru. Trained as a barber and infirmarian, he was accepted as a Dominican brother. 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 Italy. Prominent in the final sessions of the Council of Trent during 1562—1563. Known for implementing the Council's reforms in liturgy, education, presbyteral formation, and diocesan organisation. Remembered as an exemplary and pastoral bishop and an ardent proponent of reform and renewal

**9<sup>th</sup> - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.** It honours the local Church of Rome as a link with earliest Christian tradition & as a sign of our communion in Christ

**Pambula Parish Jubilee of Families Pilgrimage** 9th May to 4th June 2025. Accompanied by Fr George. For more information contact the office for a copy of the information flyer or visit [www.harvestjourneys.com/pv2539](http://www.harvestjourneys.com/pv2539)



### Minute Meditations - *Simplicity Is Our Goal*

The When you agree to live simply, the ethics and economics of war reveal themselves in all their evil and stupidity. Some say security systems, weapons, and armies actually demand 80 percent of the world's resources, and everything else is made to fall into place behind that. How could that possibly be the will of God? Wars are initiated by imperial thinking. Only people intent on their own protection and their own material advantage need wars and war economies. A Christian can only tolerate clearly defensive attempts to protect the defenseless and the innocent. War must be the very last resort after all other means have truly been tried.

When you agree to live simply, people cease to be possessions and objects for your consumption or use. Your lust for relationships or for others to serve you, your need for other people's admiration, your desire to use other people as a kind of commodity for your personal pleasure, or any need to control and manipulate other people, slowly falls away.

- from *Eager to Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi* by Richard Rohr OFM

**Wise Words:**  
 Love is shown more in deeds than in words  
 - *St. Ignatius of Loyola.*

