

**Entrance Antiphon** My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**Responsorial Psalm** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Gospel Acclamation** Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Repent, says the Lord;  
The kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Communion Antiphon** The sparrow finds a home, and swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

**ROSTERS - 29th/30th March 2025**  
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

**Bemboka Sat 6pm**  
Commentator G Berman  
Readers H Woollett  
Cleaners

**Candelo Sat 6pm**  
Commentator R Heffernan  
Readers M Whitby  
Cleaners - Mar Roger & Nalda Heffernan

**Tathra Sun 7:45am**  
Commentator Trish Sly  
Readers Gerald Hergenhan  
Cleaners Trish Sly, Marg Roberts  
Audio-Visual Carleen Maley  
Eucharistic Ministers C Maley, Denise Miller

**Bega Sun 9:30am**  
Commentator M Desseman  
Readers A Woods  
Gifts Volunteer  
Counters K Rix & V Northcott  
Music Matt Heffernan  
Acolyte David Grainger  
Eucharistic Ministers Bev Larkin

**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 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  
**Confirmation 2025**— TBA  
**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  
**സീറോ-മലബാർ കുർബാന**  
മാസത്തിലെ 4 ബുധനാഴ്ച  
വൈകുന്നേരം 5 മണിക്ക് ബേഗ.  
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**3rd Lent - Year C**

# St. Patrick's Parish

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

**23rd March 2025**

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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 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.*

**True Repentance**

The scene presented here is one in which Jesus challenges the traditional view that if something bad happens to you then it must be some form of punishment from God. Jesus rejects this idea and instead tells his listeners that any experience of hardship should be a reminder to us of the need to repent. This idea is then put beside the

*The Third Sunday of Lent*






image of God as the gardener who wants to give his plants all the help they need to mature and bear fruit. This gospel also gets to the heart of what Lent is all about. True repentance is not about being obsessed with sin - it is about recognising where God is at work in our lives and responding to him.


What's in a name? When God refused to give Moses an answer to his question, he was breaking the mould for how human beings relate to God. She/He cannot be made in our image or likeness; rather we must learn to be like God, Moses was living the quiet life of the shepherd when he was called to lead a whole people to freedom, and in the unfolding story he came to know God in a way that he could never have imagined. So too with Paul, who thought he knew God until his experience of the risen Christ changed his life. Their experience did not make them arrogant or proud; rather it taught them that in all the circumstances of their lives God's grace would be sufficient for them.

*Sean Goan.*

**Wise Words:** In the face of so many wounds that hurt us & could lead to a hardness of heart, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of the boundless love of God, in order to experience his tenderness - *Pope Francis*


**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Candelo - Tues 5pm



**Parish Assembly** 18 May after Bega Mass. Conversation with the Holy Spirit. This is a continuation of the conversation with the Holy Spirit series we did last year. - Fr Adrian.

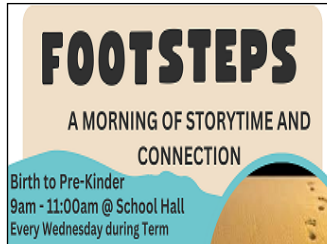
**RCIA:** if you are interested in becoming a Catholic please contact Father Adrian at [Adrian.chan@cg.org.au](mailto:Adrian.chan@cg.org.au)

 **Confirmation Enrolment.** Archbishop Christopher will celebrate the sacrament of confirmation on 6th June. Enrolments are now being taken. Please contact the parish office for an enrolment package.

**Holy Land Commissariat, Good Friday Collection.** From Friar Bernie Thomas ofm: Brothers and sisters, as is always the case, the Good Friday Holy Land Collection is extremely important, and a mission that we all can assist with. The hope is that our Australian parishioners, Parish Priests and Bishops will again be as generous as they have always been. Our donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great difficulty in recent years. On their behalf, I humbly and wholeheartedly thank you all.

Of the \$1,534,519.59 raised in Australia last Good Friday, our Archdiocese contributed \$43,809.55. Please consider helping us raise above last year's generous response. Fr Richard VG.

**People & Politics Discussion Forum.** Hosted by Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture. An opportunity to speak with experts in democracy, Indigenous matters, climate change and youth mental health. Livestreamed Monday 24th 5:30-7:30pm. More information: <https://about.csu.edu.au/community/accc/events/single/2025/people-and-politics>



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Kath Jennings, Barry Heffernan (Ballina)

**ANNIVERSARIES** John Roberts, Denise Mulligan,

**Feasts**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> - St Turibius de Mogrovejo,** Bishop 1538-1606. Remembered for his determined opposition to ecclesiastical abuses and to colonial exploitation, for his pastoral care and evangelisation of the indigenous peoples in their own languages, and for his visitation of the vast diocese.  
**25<sup>th</sup> - The Annunciation of the Lord.** Its occurrence close to Easter links the incarnation with the whole mystery of human redemption in Christ.



**Lam** is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a 6-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

**Unite Against Poverty this Lent.**

Donate via boxes, envelopes, 1800 024 413 or [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)



**Minute Meditations - One Family**

Within Franciscan spirituality is the kinship of creation, the theological insight that we (all of God's creation) are all fellow creatures, each uniquely loved and valued by God. This means, of course, that we cannot treat any of our fellow creatures as if they exist without value. In spite of all the distinctions between us, we are family. The heart of ecological conversion is the invitation to see, feel, and act in this kinship of creation.

- from *Care for Creation: A Franciscan Spirituality of the Earth* by Ilia Delio, OSF, Keith Douglass Warner, OFM, and Pamela Wood



**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**

*Bega* Saturday, 9.40 - 10am  
*Bemboka* before vigil Mass  
*Candelo* before vigil Mass  
*Tathra* before Sunday Mass

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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

**The Jubilee Prayer**

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

2025 JUBILEE YEAR  
 Pilgrims of Hope 