

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 Lord, you have words of everlasting life.

Gospel Acclamation Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon The sparrow finds a home, and the 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 - 2nd/3rd March 2023
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm

Commentator
Readers
Cleaners

Candelo Sun 9:30am

Commentator M Whitby
Readers J Coman
Cleaners - Mar Nalda & Roger Heffernan

Tathra Sun 7:45am

Commentator Kate D'Arcy
Readers Peter D'Arcy
Cleaners Teresa Taylor
Audio-Visual Paul Gardiner
Eucharistic Ministers M Hergenhan, Mark Oakley

Bega Sun 9:30am

Commentator M Henare
Readers E Attram
Gifts Volunteer
Counters Danni & Mary
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Sean McCambridge
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



3rd Lent - Year B

3rd March 2024

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*
Safeguarding, Mrs. Emma Grant, 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

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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 and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of the Bega Valley.

The True Temple.

For the next three Sundays the gospel will be taken from John and will set before us the way in which the fourth evangelist understands the mystery of the cross and resurrection. Of all the evangelists, John relies most heavily on symbolism to communicate the meaning of Easter and what it reveals to us about God and the story for today is no exception. On the face of it what Jesus in cleansing the temple was a rejection of corrupt practices in the temple that distracted from true worship of God. But there is more at stake in his dramatic gesture and this becomes apparent as Jesus responds to the authorities who oppose him. The real issue here is the true worship of God and that will come about through the death and resurrection of Jesus, for as the Word made flesh he is the true temple or dwelling place of God and in him we will come to abide in God's love, which is what true worship is all about.



With the passage of time and the familiarity of the cross or crucifix as a religious symbol it may be that we have lost the sense of what Paul and John are saying. We almost seem comfortable with the idea of a crucified Lord. Perhaps the scandal it contains would be clearer to us if we used the symbol of a gallows or an electric chair. Ever since Good Friday our faith is not in God the miracle-worker but in the God who chose to be known through weakness and vulnerability. The love of the new and everlasting covenant is to be experienced not in the glorious parting of the Red Sea but in the love and forgiveness offered by Jesus on the cross.

The true temple of God is no longer to be found in some holy and far away place but is within, as Jesus has made us all temples of the Holy Spirit and in the process challenges us to know God not through mere ritual observance but 'in Spirit and in truth'.

Sean Goan



We Welcome into our Parish Family:

Josephine Merrie de Waard

Baptised in the name of the Father, & the Son & the Holy Spirit

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

Help Needed! Help us with our Easter Commemorations by volunteering to have your feet washed at the Holy Thursday Mass. If you think this is for you, please see Fr Adrian. Thank you!

2024 Sacramental Programme Information Night. Thursday March 7th 6pm St Patrick's Church. Enrolment Link: <https://forms.gle/BNbWYy1s4xEZ71VY7>

Online Lenten Resources.

✦ **ARCHBISHOP'S LENTEN LIGHTHOUSES.** Join Archbishop Christopher Prowse on a Lenten Retreat through his Sunday Homilies. "What have I done for Christ?", "What am I doing for Christ?", "What ought I do for Christ?" You can find the first and second lighthouse inputs on the Catholic Voice website or via the qr Code



✦ **New Pilgrim Path** is a not for profit website founded seven years ago in Ireland, inspired by Pope Francis' enthusiasm for the Internet as a force for good. We offer some rich online resources for Lent. <https://www.newpilgrimpath.ie/a-feast-for-lent.html>

A Current of Grace 20-22 May. Renewing Catholic Schools as Centres of Evangelisation Conference: a conference focused on renewing Catholic schools as centres of evangelisation, emphasising two high-impact strategies – Staff and Leader formation and student formation for peer-to-peer ministry More details at www.catholicvoice.org.au

Roundtables – Sacramental Initiation. 21st March. Join others from around the Archdiocese for a time of prayerful dialogue in the spirit of synodality on the realities and process of Sacramental Initiation in the life of our Church. REGISTER at cgevangelisation.org.au/roundtables. Online (Zoom) and In-Person (Haydon Hall)

Tribunal of the Catholic Church extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. For further information **6239 9813** or email tribunal@cg.org.au

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
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 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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Eva Richards, Mavis Wheeler, Mark Dodds, Suzanne Cole

ANNIVERSARIES Denise Mulligan, Kath Edwards, Angus Collins, John Roberts, Heather Pook, Edward Pook

PRAYERS Marina Peric

Feasts Days

4th - St Casimir 1458-1484. Remembered for his generous life of austerity & devotion.

7th - St Perpetua & St Felicity, Martyrs, died 203 Carthage. Remembered for the joyful courage of their final witness to Christ. Mentioned in Eucharistic Prayer I

8th - St John of God, Religious 1495-1550. Remembered for this ministry, which was continued by his followers, who became the Order of Brothers Hospitallers of Saint John of God.

9th - St Frances of Rome, Religious 1384-1440. Remembered as a dedicated laywoman who, in a time of plague and civil war, worked tirelessly for the poor and the sick yet without compromising her love for her husband and family.

Project Compassion 2024 Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

You can also donate on 1800 024 413 or caritas.org.au/project-compassion



Triduum Service Times 28th - 31st March

Thursday	28th	Mass of the Lords Supper	6pm	<i>Bega</i> , adoration until 9pm
Friday	29th	Stations of the Cross	10am	<i>Bemboka</i> and <i>Tathra</i>
		Passion of the Lord & Veneration	3pm	<i>Bega</i>
Saturday	30th	Easter Vigil	6pm	<i>Bega</i>
		Easter Liturgy	6pm	<i>Bemboka</i>
Sunday	31st	Easter Sunday	7:45am	<i>Tathra</i>
			10am	<i>Candelo</i>

Stations of the Cross Lent

Candelo - Tues 6:30pm
Tathra - Good Friday 10am
Bemboka - Good Friday 10am



Wise Words:

Lent is a time for discipline, for confession, for honesty, not because God is mean or fault finding or finger pointing but because he wants us to know the joy of being cleaned out, ready for all the good things he now had in store. - *N T Wright*

