

Entrance Antiphon Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning: exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Responsorial Psalm Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon You must rejoice, my son,
for your brother was dead and has come to life;
he was lost and is found.

ROSTERS - 5th/6th April 2025
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator H Allen
Readers G Green
Cleaners

Candelo Sat 6pm
Commentator L Thompson
Readers J Coman
Cleaners - April Sharon & Michael Heffernan

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Kate D'Arcy
Readers Peter D'Arcy
Cleaners Marj Bower
Audio-Visual Paul Gardiner
Eucharistic Ministers Denise Miller, Denise Miller

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator TBA
Readers J Scott-Pegum
Gifts Volunteer
Counters A Woods
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Sean McCambridge
Eucharistic Ministers K Rix, B Burton
Nursing Home A Tarlinton, F Farrell

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— 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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4th Lent - Year C 30th March 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 *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 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.

The Journey to Forgiveness



It could be said that there are two important journeys in the great parable of the Prodigal Son.

One is that of the younger brother who realises the foolishness of his ways and turns towards home not sure what to expect and certainly not expecting what he finds there.



The other journey is, at least in distance, much shorter. It is that of the older brother who remains out in the fields unable to make the brief trip home because of his rage and anger. In Lent the focus is usually on the long return home but it might well be that for many of us the real challenge is to recognise in ourselves the desire to limit God's mercy to those we consider worthy. Such a mindset may still keep us away from our true home with the Father.

What Paul is saying about reconciliation is explained in the gospel for today not by concepts or ideas but in the story of the Prodigal Son.

If the season of Lent were to come and go without us giving time to thinking about reconciliation, then something would indeed be missing.


It would be tragic if we came to Easter without being moved by the overwhelming compassion of our God who seeks out the lost and celebrates our return to him.

It would also be tragic if we were to forget that if we welcome God's forgiveness for ourselves then we automatically become ambassadors of that forgiveness to others. We must be careful not to end up like the older brother who is resentful of God's generosity to the undeserving.

Sean Goan.

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

 **Confirmation Enrolment.** Archbishop Christopher will celebrate the sacrament of confirmation on 8th June. Enrolments are now being taken. Please contact the parish office for an enrolment package.

Lenten Boat Retreat: Tuesday 8th April 1:30-5:00PM. Join Fr Troy this lent on a unique experience on Lake Burley Griffin. Come away for a few hours and be transported to the very heart of Jesus' ministry of healing and teaching on a short and prayerful cruise. Cost \$65 per person. To register: <https://forms.gle/4zUH3GQuFvyGJSoY7> or contact Jovina on 62429622 or office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au.

Wise Words: We are not on earth as museum keepers, but to cultivate a flourishing garden of life, and to prepare a glorious future.
- Pope St John XXIII

HOLY WEEK 14TH - 20TH APRIL

Thursday 17th	Holy Thursday Syro Malabar Rite - 9am Bega വിശുദ്ധ വ്യാഴാഴ്ച സീറോ മലബാർ റീത്ത് - രാവിലെ 9 മണി ബേഗ Mass of the Lords Supper: 6pm - Bega , adoration until 9pm
Friday 18th	Stations of the Cross: 10am - Candelo, Bemboka, Tathra Passion of the Lord & Veneration: 3pm - Bega
Saturday 19th	Easter Vigil: 6pm - Bega
Sunday 20th	Easter Sunday: 7:45am - Tathra; 10am - Bemboka



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

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: Kath Jennings, Barry Heffernan (Ballina)

ANNIVERSARIES John Roberts, Denise Mulligan,

Feasts Days
2nd April - St Francis of Paola, Hermit 1416-1507. Remembered as a spiritual counsellor of kings and for his political peacemaking.
4th - St Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 560-636. Remembered for his prolific writings and as an influential educator, and noted too for the pastoral care of his diocese.
5th - St Vincent Ferrer, Priest 1350-1419. Remembered chiefly for preaching repentance on his missions throughout France, Spain and Italy, and also for his influence in ending the schism between the Avignon and Roman papal claimants.



Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

Donate via boxes, envelopes, 1800 024 413 or caritas.org.au/project-compassion



Minute Meditations - We Each Have Our Own Path

God loves us so much that, not only did he make us a creation unto ourselves, but in doing so, he gifted us with a particular way to return that love that is fit for no other person. In simply being our true selves, doing nothing more than becoming the unique person that God created us to be, we give glory to God and follow our own particular path of holiness. That's it! We are not to imitate the lives of the saints or do what others define for us; our path to holiness is not made by scrupulously following the path of a holy person who has gone before us. What is asked of me may not be asked of you. What you are capable of may not be what I am capable of. Each and every one of us has been created differently, for God's own glory, and we each have our own path to follow. - from *Let Go: Seven Stumbling Blocks to Christian Discipleship* by Casey Cole, OFM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Candelo - Tues 5pm



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

