

Entrance Antiphon The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep and they know me.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon The Good shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia

ROSTERS - 17th/18th May 2025
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator H Allen
Readers S Berman
Cleaners

Candelo Sat 6pm
Commentator R Heffernan
Readers K Dodds
Cleaners - May Helma Miller

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Jacinta Battista
Readers Carleen Maley
Cleaners B O'Brien, S & P Gardiner
Audio-Visual Paul Gardiner
Eucharistic Ministers M Hergenhan, J Battista

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator M Dessmann
Readers M Russell
Gifts Volunteer
Counters A Woods
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte David Grainger
Eucharistic Ministers B Burton, D Koenigkamp

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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St. Patrick's Parish

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

11th May 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
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.

**Community of
Shepherds**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



In the tenth chapter of John's Gospel the focus is on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. This language is to be understood in the light of Old Testament ideas that God was the shepherd of Israel and that their kings were meant to follow his example. Often they failed in this duty and the people were abandoned. This explains the importance of Jesus describing himself as the shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. In the text for today, the emphasis is on the relationship that must exist between Jesus and the members of his flock. They are known by Jesus (this is the intimate knowledge of friendship) and they listen to him and follow him on the path that leads to life. All of this is possible because Jesus is completely united with God his Father.



A superficial reading of the Acts of the Apostles might lead one to imagine that the early days of the church were so blessed by: the presence of the Spirit that it was easy for the disciples to remain faithful and for the church to grow. However, this was clearly not the case. The first generations of believers were setting out on a journey into unchartered territory and they faced huge problems, including marginalisation and even death. The New Testament, both in the Acts and the Book of Revelation, is witnessing not to the ease with which they undertook their task but rather to their courage and openness in facing

whatever came their way. It is also a witness to their utter conviction that Jesus was with them through all their experiences.

Sean Goan.

Wise Words:

If you find it hard to pray, don't give up.
Be still; make space for God to come in;
Let Him look at you, and He will fill you
with His peace.
- Pope Francis

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

Good Shepherd Appeal Sunday 18th May. Our Archdiocese is blessed to have six dedicated seminarians progressing towards the Priesthood. This year, we welcomed three new first-year seminarians – Dylan House, Jeremy Cains, and Isaac de Roadt – who have already begun their journeys. They join Nicholas Barry in his second year, Cinnil Thomas in his third, and Bran Grgic, who is now in his fourth year of formation. Together, they represent the bright future of our faith community. A special collection for their support will be taken up NEXT Sunday. Credit card donation slips are available at the entrance or use the QR code:



Change to Parish Office Hours: The office will close at 12pm on Tuesday 13th

Laudato Si 10th Anniversary Celebration. 17th – 24th May is a global celebration of Laudato Si Week. In Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si, he urges us to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. This year, the universal church, celebrates 10 years of inspiration and action since Laudato Si' was promulgated. The Archdiocesan Caring for Creation movement invites everyone to join us for a celebratory Mass at the Cathedral, 12 noon, Saturday 17 May (and live-streamed), followed by light refreshments in Haydon Hall.

Marriage & Family Sunday EVENT at the Cathedral For the celebration of the Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents & the Elderly. 1st June, 11am Mass at St Christopher's followed by *EVENT at 12pm* in the Haydon Hall, Manuka. The Archbishop will be available to bless your family. Light refreshments provided – but you must register online here <http://www.bit.ly/MFR2025>.

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
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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: *POPE FRANCIS* Geoff Heffernan, Phillip Quarmby, Una Lehman, Graeme Elliott, Melanie Nast
ANNIVERSARIES Paul Coman, John Platts, Noel James, John Roberts,

Feasts Days
 12th - **St Pancras**, Martyr. Died in Rome, probably in 304, martyred under the emperor Diocletian. By tradition a teenager.
 12th - **St Nereus & St Achilleus**, Martyrs. Died in Rome, probably under the emperor Diocletian in 304. Known as the martyrs of the Ardeatine Way. Remembered as soldiers who became Christians and then out of conscience refused further military service
 13th - **Our Lady of Fatima**. This cult of the Virgin Mary is significant for its call to conversion, the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the recitation of the rosary, and prayer for world peace
 14th - **St Matthias**, Apostle. A companion of Jesus and a witness to the resurrection. Chosen by lot to take the place of Judas and so to share the apostolic ministry of the twelve.



Minute Meditations - Prayer for the Election of A New Pope
 God Our Father, You who guide Your Church with Your fatherly care and watch over her with Your great love. We ask You to pour out upon the Cardinals gathered in Rome the spirit of wisdom, discernment, and peace.

Enlighten their hearts with the light of the Holy Spirit that they may understand Your will and act for the good of the universal Church. Unite them in love, that they may choose the Pope whom You desire for Your Church at this time. May the successor of St. Peter continue the mission of the Good Shepherd, which Your Son Jesus Christ entrusted to the head of the Apostles. May He preserve the unity of faith and the ecclesial communion. We lift up our prayers to You through the intercession of Our Mother Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and all the Saints who faithfully served Your Holy Church. We pray to You, O Lord. Amen.



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

