

Entrance Antiphon Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult & 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 - 2nd/3rd April 2022
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator E Bevitt
Readers G Bevitt
Gifts
Cleaners

Candelo Sat 6pm
Commentator L Thompson
Readers Merryl Whitby
Gifts
Cleaners - April Sharon & Michael Heffernan

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Trish Sly
Readers Peter D'Arcy
Gifts
Cleaners Margaret T & Lee R
Audio-Visual Margaret Taylor
Eucharistic Ministers Jacinta Battista, Les Carey

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator F & P Sorensen
Readers F & P Sorensen
Gifts
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Sean McCambridge
Eucharistic Ministers E Collins, K Rix,
D Koenigkamp, J Taylor

Wise Words:

We must trust in the mighty power of God's mercy. We are all sinners, but His grace transforms us and makes us new.
- Pope Benedict XVI



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

St. Pat's Choir practices Thurs 5.15—6pm
Contacts Mary 64921850 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
Tathra - 7:20am before Sunday Mass
Bega - 9am before Sunday Mass
all are welcome.

MENS' GROUP: 2nd & 4th Thursdays
St Patrick's Church.
Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997

St Patrick's Sacramental programme 2022
Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice
Reconciliation—30th March
First Communion - 14th September.
Weddings—by appoint, 6 months notice req.

For Sale: Bibles - \$16; 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

Returning



4th Lent - Year C

27th March 2022

St. Patrick's Parish

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

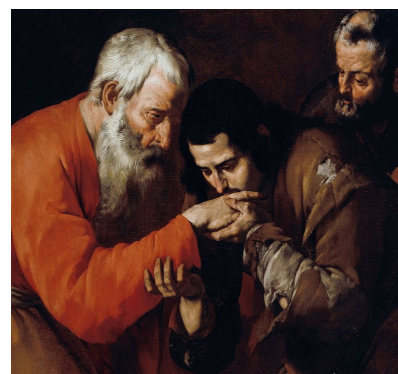
Fr. Luke Verrell. Parish Priest.
Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.
Hrs 9-3 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*
St. Patrick's School, Bega. Mrs. Jo Scott-Pegum (Principal) 6492 5500
Lumen Christi (LCCC), Pambula. Mr. Shane Giles 6495 8888

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Repentance

Repentance, announced so urgently in last Sunday's parable of the barren fig tree, is illustrated more tenderly in this Sunday's familiar story of the 'prodigal son'. Repentance is presented under a number of images. It is dramatised geographically: sin is going away from home to 'a distant country'; repentance is returning. It is presented metaphorically in two sets of images: sin is being lost and dead; repentance is being found and coming back to life. Repentance is also described psychologically: it is coming to one's senses.

This last expression, 'came to his senses' in Greek is 'he came to himself'. It implies that the son's disdain for his father's property, his departure from home, his foolish management of the funds, his life of dissipation, and his employment herding swine (according to the rabbis, a forbidden profession), result in alienation from himself. Today we might say that he'd lost his identity, his sense of self. Moreover, as he himself acknowledges, he no longer deserves to be called his father's son. Cut off from self, father, family, and homeland, his alienation is complete. This is a rather good existential description of sin. But Luke, the storyteller, uses visual images to convey the desperate lad's plight: the measure of how low he has sunk is that even pigs eat better than he!



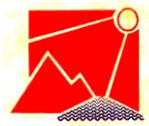
Thus, when the story informs us that 'he came to his senses (= himself)', we are at a dramatic turning point. Though he no longer has any financial, legal, or moral claim on his father, and though he has abandoned his ties of kinship, he realises that his father is the kind of man who might mercifully hire him as a servant. Sin has effects. It changes relationships. No longer worthy to be a son, 'he comes to himself' as a servant. Even in this reduced circumstance, 'coming to his senses' holds out the hope of change repentance and a return to self and home is possible. The measure of the Father's mercy is that he restores his identity as 'this son of mine'.

STAY COVID-19 SAFE - LATEST PROTOCOLS FOR MASS

- 👤 Masks are no longer Compulsory
- 👤 Social Distancing no longer required
- 👤 Choirs & Singing allowed
- 👤 Holy Communion: Sacred Host only; in hand or on the tongue
- 👤 Check-in terminated.
- 👤 Sanitise hands recommended
- 👤 Holy water fonts can be used

Weekday Mass Changes: There are no changes this week. Normal masses.

Emergency Contact - Fr Bill is available for any emergency - please phone 0497 088 007



Lumen Christi 2023 enrolment information.

College Open Day - Wednesday, 25 May 2022 - 9:00am to 5:00pm
Information Session at 11:45am & Tours from 9:00am All Welcome
Year 7 2023 Orientation day Wednesday 23 November, 2022 –

9:00am to 3:20pm. Students wear their primary sports uniform and runners.
Please bring a pencil case, recess, lunch, drink & hat. A sausage sizzle will be held at lunchtime. For further information please contact the Enrolments Officer on 6495 8888 or email lccc@cg.catholic.edu.au

Light of the Nations - a Easter Pilgrimage event held biannually for Catholics (singles and families) aged 16+. 14th - 17th April. Camp under the open skies with up to 1,000+ as we celebrate the Easter Triduum. Held in the grounds of Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Visit www.ltnn.org.au for more information

Disciples School of Mission. 20th April. Aged between 18-40 & searching for an adventure in 2022? Join us for the Disciples School of Mission. This 4-day live in course, at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville, calls people from across Australia & beyond to be equipped for youth ministry & evangelisation.

Caritas Ukraine Appeal. Caritas Ukraine is on the ground during the unfolding humanitarian crisis. Caritas' appeal for the Ukraine will help provide assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and support to people affected by this crisis. Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

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Chrism Mass - 11th April 5pm. Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese at St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is this Mass that the Holy Oils used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.

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

Weekdays

- Tuesday 5.30pm Bega Church
- Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.
- Thursday 9.15am Bega Church
- *Hillgrove House 3rd Thursday 11am*
- Friday 9.15am Bega Church
4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
- Saturday 9.15am Bega Church

RECENTLY DECEASED Matthew Thompson, Kim Aldridge, Gordon Buddle, Shirley Fletcher, Jeff Harris, Lorna Ringland

ANNIVERSARIES John Finucane, Denise Mary Mulligan, Denis Kelly

PRAYERS Anne Smith & her children Henry & Malory (Sue Gardiner's Daughter).
Jenny Ryan and June O'Farrell - Ill health.
Stephen Goward - Cancer
Noah Smith - still in hospital in Sydney
Hugo D'Arcy(3mth) - in hospital in Sydney

Feasts **2nd - St Francis of Paola**, Hermit, 1416-1507. Became a hermit while still a youth. Others were quickly attracted to his way of life and came to be renowned for their charity and austerity as well as for their commitment to Franciscan ideals. Francis lived to see them recognised as the Order of Minims. Remembered as a spiritual counsellor of kings and for his political peacemaking.

From her life as a child soldier in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rosalie is now a business owner, a community leader and a role model for other ex-combatants seeking to readjust to civilian life.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 & help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope For All Future Generations.

You can also donate on 1800 024 413 or lent.caritas.org.au

Stations of the Cross

Candelo - Tues 6pm in Lent
followed by a cuppa



Sacrament of Confession in Lent

Saturdays - Bega 9:40-10am
After any Mass Please see Fr Bill



Holy Week 11th to 17th April

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| Monday 11th | Mass of the Chrism
5pm St Christopher's |
| Thursday 14th | Mass of the Lords Supper
7pm Bega,
adoration until 10pm |
| Friday 15th | Stations of the Cross
10am - Tathra & Candelo
Passion of the Lord
3pm - Bega |
| Saturday 16th | Easter Vigil
7pm - Bega |
| Sunday 17th | Easter Sunday:
7:45am - Tathra ;
10am - Bemboka |

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

