

Entrance Antiphon O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia

Responsorial Psalm I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Let in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

ROSTERS - 4th/5th May 2024

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm

Commentator G Bevitt
Readers G Green
Cleaners

Candelo Sat 6pm

Commentator L Thompson
Readers J Coman
Cleaners - May R Hopkins, H Miller

Tathra Sun 7:45am

Commentator Paul Gardiner
Readers Gerry Collins
Cleaners T Sly, V Besant, M Roberts
Audio-Visual Carleen Maley
Eucharistic Ministers Trish Sly, Eileen Corcoran

Bega Sun 9:30am

Commentator T Tomlinson
Readers J Scott-Pegum; M O'Neill
Gifts Volunteer
Counters Tomlinson, Farrell
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Sean McCambridge
Eucharistic Ministers E Caragher, M Twyford, L Stewart, K Rix
Nursing Home A Tarlinton, F Farrell

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 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

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 encourage to communicate concerns by emailing Fr Adrian, the Parish Office, the Parish Safeguarding Officer or directly to IPSS (ipss@cg.org.au)



5th Easter - Year B

28th April 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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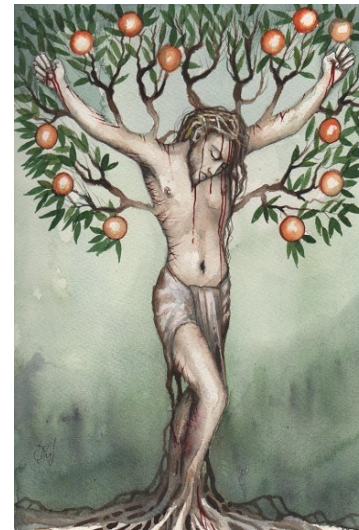
We acknowledge the Yuin People, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon & cared for this land for thousands of years. We pay our respect to Elders past, present & emerging. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of the Bega Valley.

Union.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



This Sunday in our reading from John there is a change in symbolism from shepherding to that of the vine. This too is an image that derives from the Old Testament where the prophets speak of the chosen people as God's vine that he tends with love in the hope of it producing choice fruit. The evangelist now takes that same idea and revolutionises it by showing us that Jesus is the true vine and the disciples are his branches, in other words they cannot and do not exist apart from him. Two important aspects of the believer's relationship with Jesus emerge from this: intimacy and fruitfulness. We are in complete union with him, that is, we remain or abide in him and draw life from him. Since we draw life from him then we will bear fruit and that means that we cannot claim to be his disciples and live only for ourselves.



Looking at the story of Paul in the first reading, we are reminded that we can never predict how and where God will speak to us. It is not difficult to imagine the fear of the Jerusalem church when they heard that Saul was back from Damascus. Some of them had probably witnessed his involvement in the death of Stephen, and now they were being asked to believe that he had become one of them. Surely it was a trick! It took Barnabas to show them the way. Just as God was to be found in a crucified Messiah, why couldn't he now be working through Saul the Pharisee? Sometimes faith demands that we take risks because God would have us look for him in the most unexpected places. If we are attached to Jesus the true vine, then our faith will be nourished and we will remain in him.

Sean Goan

Parish Office. Due to presbytery building works the office is closed at this stage till the 7th May. Tanya is working from home and can be contacted via email, notes in the mass bags or Sunday Mass in Bega. Thanks

Update on Essential Repairs to our Church buildings. The initial proposal was for all repairs to all the churches to be carried out but it was too costly to achieve in one go. After careful consideration by the Finance and maintenance committee, we have decided to initially carry out the essential repairs program for the church and presbytery in Bega. This part of the program will cost approximately \$530,000. The work will be funded by a loan and current funds. The work of the remaining churches in Tathra, Candelo and Bemboka will be carried out as funding becomes available.

CANBERRA'S GAZA CEASEFIRE PILGRIMAGE - 4 May. This will be a prayerful show of solidarity with cities around the world on Saturday, 4 May. Some will walk the length of the Gaza Strip (41 kms), commencing atop Mt Ainslie at 4am, with a 10am liturgy at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton and a 1.30pm gathering at Regatta Point before the last 6kms. All welcome. Further info: 0413 840 555 / adair.obrien@outlook.com

Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public and Political Life 2024 - 7 August 6PM
We are at the crossroads in Australia in particular, and in the Western World in general. Fundamental human values are under great strain, and so an overarching societal narrative is becoming opaque. The Tim Fischer Oration aims to enlighten and encourage us to seek out and promote a free and fair society. Do join us in our noble endeavour. Speaker: Professor Helen Alvare, Levy Endowed Chair in Law and Liberty at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University. Q&A: Chris Uhlmann, Political Journalist and TV Presenter
For more information & tickets visit www.tfo.org.au

Save the Date: Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev. Mark Ha. Thursday 17 October 2024 at 5.00pm at St Christopher's Cathedral Forrester, Canberra

Wise Words:
Fight all error, but do it with good humour, patience, kindness, & love. Harshness will damage your soul & spoil the best cause.
- St John of Kanty

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

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

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marie Docherty (Fr Mick Burkes Sister) Eva Richards,
ANNIVERSARIES Leanne Russell, Ron Russell, Noel James, Denise Mulligan,
PRAYERS Marina Peric

Feasts Days

- 28th - St Peter Chanel**, Priest & Martyr 1803-1841. Honoured as the first martyr of the Church in Oceania.
- 29th - St Catherine of Siena**, Virgin & Doctor of the Church 1347-1380. Remembered also as a mystic and a reformer of religious life.
- 30th - St Pius V**, Pope 1504-1572. Remembered chiefly for implementing the reforms of the Council of Trent, including the Breviary, Missal, and Catechism.
- 1st May - St Joseph the Worker** On this date many countries celebrate the dignity and cause of human labour.
- 2nd - St Athanasius**, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 295-373. Venerated as the "Father of Orthodoxy" for championing the true and equal divinity of the incarnate Son of God.
- 3rd - St Philip & St James**, Apostles

The Story of Saint Joseph the Worker

To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labour. Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph's carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: "the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society." Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, "The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Saviour of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work."

