

Entrance Antiphon Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength

Responsorial Psalm The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

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

Communion Antiphon Has no one condemned you, woman? No One, Lord.
Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

5th Lent - Year C 3rd April 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.
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Hrs 9-3 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*
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ROSTERS - 9th/10th 2022
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator S Berman
Readers G Berman
Gifts
Cleaners Bevitt

Candelo Sun 9:30am
Commentator Ann Haesy
Readers K Dodds
Gifts
Cleaners - April Sharon & Michael Heffernan

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Kate D'Arcy
Readers David Grainger
Gifts
Cleaners Vicki Kennaugh & Family
Audio-Visual Trish Sly
Eucharistic Ministers Les Carey, Denise Miller

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator T Tomlinson
Readers J Scott-Pegum
Gifts
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Frank Farrell
Eucharistic Ministers M Twyford, B Burton, B Larkin, B Tygh

Wise Words: If we do not fill our mind with prayer, it will fill itself with anxieties, worries, temptations, resentments, & unwelcome memories.
- Scott Hahn



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 program 2022

Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice
Reconciliation—TBA
First Communion - 14th September-TBC
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

MERCY

Being Freed *The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

The story is told of a young French soldier who deserted Napoleon's army but who, within a matter of hours, was caught by his own troops. To discourage soldiers from abandoning their posts the penalty for desertion was death. The young soldier's mother heard what had happened and went to plead with Napoleon to spare the life of her son. Napoleon heard her plea but pointed out that because of the serious nature of the crime her son had committed he clearly did not deserve mercy. "I know, he doesn't deserve mercy," the mother answered. "It wouldn't be mercy if he deserved it."

That is the point about mercy: nobody deserves it. Everyone deserves true justice; mercy, on the other hand, is sheer gift. Mercy cancels out wrongs and transgressions - not because a sparkling defence has been found or excusing causes have been skilfully argued - but because that is the free response of the person who is grieved. Mercy does not suggest that the guilty are not guilty; it recognises the guilt but does not demand satisfaction for the wrong. In all this, mercy reflects the utter graciousness of the one who has been wronged.



In today's Gospel we have a magnificent story of the mercy of Jesus as he forgives the woman taken in adultery. It is interesting to note that the story is missing from the earliest manuscripts of John's Gospel. Some scholars argue that the delay in accepting the story as part of the Gospel reflects the difficulty many people had in the ease with which Jesus lets the woman off the hook, and easiness which was totally at odds with the strict penitential practices of the early Church.

If this is true, it reflects an old problem many people had with Jesus and many people have with God: really believing in what Graham Greene has called "the awful strangeness of God's mercy." Does God forgive as easily as that?

Weekday Mass Changes: No evening mass in Bega on Tuesday. Normal masses on the other days.

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

Changes to Giving. ☩ The Sunday collections from the congregation during mass will resume this weekend. The collection box will still be available in Bega. PG envelopes are available at the entrance.

☩ *TapNGo* device will still be available at all masses. It is set to \$10 - \$3 to the 1st collection & \$7 to the 2nd. You can tap more than once with a pause between taps.

☩ *Electronic Giving.* If you prefer an automatic withdrawal from your account or credit card, please see the forms at the Church entrance. Direct Debit available weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly or annually to both collections, a separate form is required for each. Credit card available monthly, quarterly or annually to both collections, one form required. Forms can be returned in the second collection in an envelope marked - Attn: secretary. Please call the office 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.

Explore www.ethicsfinder.com. Wish you could easily find Church teaching and the best articles, books and videos on **bioethics, business ethics, cancel culture, human rights, marriage, subsidiarity, and 100+ other topics?** Free from ACU

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

Sacrament of Confession in Lent

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



*Requiem Mass for
Gwen Ryan
Tue 5th April 11am
St Patrick's*

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

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

RECENTLY DECEASED Gwen Ryan, 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
Hugo D'Arcy(3mth) - in hospital in Sydney

Feasts
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
7th - St John Baptist de la Salle, Priest 1651-1719. Remembered for devoting his entire life and resources to education

Shaniella 23, from the Solomon Islands was determined to forge a path out of poverty, moving away to vocational school. With your support, Shaniella was able to overcome further challenges of natural disasters, and gain the skills she needs to create a brighter future for herself .
Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities 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



Holy Week 11th to 17th April

- 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.

