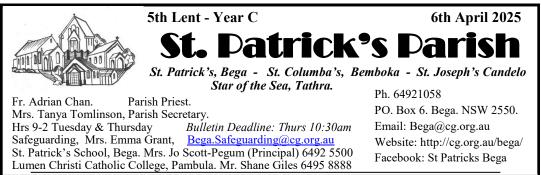
•		God, and plead my cause against a ss. From the deceitful and cunning rescue are my strength.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	The Lord has done g	great things for us; we are filled with joy.
Sospel Acclimation	Praise you, Lord Jes With all your heart t For I am tender and	sus Christ, king of endless glory! Surn to me,
		nned you, woman? No one Lord. emn you. From now on, sin no more
ROSTERS - 12th/13th April 2025 Please arrange a swap if you are not available Bemboka Sat 6pm		St. Pat's Choir practices Thurs 5.15— 6pm Contacts Mary 0428 471 012 or Matt 0429 338 348.
Readers G Bev Cleaners	vitt	Meditation & Contemplative Prayer Meeting is held on Monday at 7.30pm in the annex of Star of the Sea Church at Tathra.
Readers K Do	Hahesy dds on & Michael Heffernan	Sunday Readings Reflection Group Tuesday at 7pm Star of the Sea Tathra. All Welcome.
Cleaners Pat Pl	l Grainger	ROSARY - all are welcome Tathra - 7:20am before Sunday Mass Bega - 9am before Sunday Mass
Eucharistic Ministers Mark Bega Sun 9:30am		MENS' GROUP: 2nd & 4th Thursdays St Patrick's Church. Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997
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		Syro-Malabar Mass 4th Wed of the Month 5pm Bega. Contact Lijoy 0469 341 965
For Sale: Sunday Missa Mass Book - \$10. Contac your order in a marked ex collection.	ct the office or place	<b>സ്ീറോ-മലബാര് കുർബാന</b> മാസത്തിലെ 4 ബുധനാഴ്ച വൈകുന്നേരം 5 മണിക്ക് ബേഗ. ബന്ധപ്പെടുക: ലിജോയ് 0469 341 965

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)



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.

### Leaving the Past Behind

This Sunday we break with the gospel of Luke and take a story from the gospel of John. It has been



selected because it deals with the theme of forgiveness. As with last Sunday's gospel, so too here we see two different attitudes to the mercy of God. This time, however, it is not in a parable but in a real incident in which those with a narrow view of the mercy of God wish to use the misery of this woman as an opportunity for point scoring against Jesus.



For the Pharisees, the scriptures are being read with a view to making them powerful as judges and experts in the Law. For Jesus, the scriptures are to be read as a way to understand the overwhelming mercy of God. In highlighting their hypocrisy, Jesus calls them to repentance. In highlighting God's love for her, he calls the woman to a new life.

'No need to recall the past' is the jubilant cry from the prophet in the first reading as he tells the people to look around them and discover that God is as

concerned with saving them as he was with saving their ancestors in Egypt.

Paul too, from his prison cell, is able to speak words that resound with hope and this is because through Jesus he has become aware of the presence of God with him in all the circumstances of his life. He can also say, 'I forget the past because he knows that each new day offers an opportunity to come to know the love of God, a love which always triumphs over suffering and death. The woman is the gospel also discovers that she can leave the past behind because the encounter with Christ has brought her to a new day.

As we draw close to Holy Week, we are invited to recognise that in the saving mystery of Easter God is always doing a new thing.

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. M Please contact the parish office for an enrolment package.

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illness and highlight the Jubilee Year celebrations. Don't miss out on the latest edition of the Catholic Voice.



Saturday, 9.40 - 10am

before vigil Mass

before vigil Mass

before Sunday Mass

# HOLY WEEK 14TH - 20TH APRIL

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

### You're Invited - after mass Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation *Tathra* - Breakfast 2nd Sunday of the Month Bega Bemboka *Bega* - Morning Tea last Sunday of the Month Candelo All Welcome. Please bring a friend. Tathra 1997

Fr Adrian Contact: Mobile: 0411 676 064 Email: Adrian.Chan@cg.org.au	Weekdays				
Sunday Mass Times	►Tuesday 5.00pm Bega Chapel				
<i>▶Bemboka</i> - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil	►Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.				
► <u>Candelo</u> - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil 1st, 3rd, 5th	Thursday 9.15am Bega Chapel				
- Sundays - 9:30am liturgy 2nd, 4th	Hillgrove House 3rd Thursday 3pm				
► <u><i>Tathra</i></u> - Sundays - 7.45am Mass	Friday 9.15am Bega Chapel				
▶ <u>Bega</u> - Sundays - 9.30am Mass	4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy				
- 4th Sunday- 9:30am Family Mass	Saturday 9.15am Bega Church				

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Kath Jennings, Barry Heffernan (Ballina)

ANNIVERSARIES John Roberts, Denise Mulligan,

- 7<sup>th</sup> St John Baptist de la Salle, Priest 1651-1719. Pioneered schools for poor sts
- boys and the working classes, the training of teachers, and the care of disturbed children. Remembered for devoting his entire life and resources to education
- ά 11<sup>th</sup> - St Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr 1030-1079. Remembered for his Φ LL\_
  - reforms, his preaching, and his pastoral concern .

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Minute Meditations - 'Most High Glorious God!' If you look closely at Christ on the San Damiano Cross, as painted on this cross, you will see that it

is neither a bloody body nor one twisted in anguish. Rather his body is guite luminous, as if it were already his risen body, radiating the fullness of God. Instead of



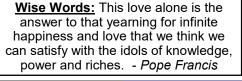
a crown of thorns, moreover, Christ's head is surrounded by a glorious halo. And his body with outstretched arms appears to be ascending to heaven. In short, the image clearly suggests that it represents Jesus rising into glory.

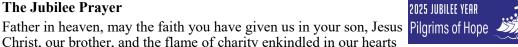
If, indeed, this was the image of Christ which St. Francis was pondering as this prayer arose in his heart, it makes perfectly good sense that Francis would address

Jesus as "Most high glorious God!" For all signs of glory are there.

- from "Notes from a Friar: St. Francis" Prayer before the Crucifix" by Roch Niemier, OFM

**The Jubilee Prayer** 





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 vanguished, 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