

**Entrance Antiphon** O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**Responsorial Psalm** Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

**Gospel Acclimation** Alleluia, alleluia!  
He bore our sickness,  
and endured our suffering.  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon** Let them thanks the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

**ROSTERS - 10th/11th February 2023**  
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

**Bemboka Sat 6pm**

Commentator  
Readers  
Cleaners

**Candelo Sun 9:30am**

Commentator Ann Haesy  
Readers Nikki Wagner  
Cleaners - Dec Sharon & David Heffernan

**Tathra Sun 7:45am**

Commentator Carleen Maley  
Readers Bob Weston  
Cleaners Margaret T & Lee R  
Audio-Visual Pat Platts  
Eucharistic Ministers Trish Sly, Jacinta Battista

**Bega Sun 9:30am**

Commentator R Heffernan  
Readers J Scott Pegum, M O'Neill  
Gifts Volunteer  
Counters Vinnies  
Music Matt Heffernan  
Acolyte David Grainger  
Eucharistic Ministers D Koenigkamp

**PRAYER**

**Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation**

Bega Saturday, 9.40 - 10am  
Bemboka before vigil Mass  
Candelo before vigil Mass  
Tathra before Sunday Mass

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)

**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



5th Ordinary - Year B

4th February 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*  
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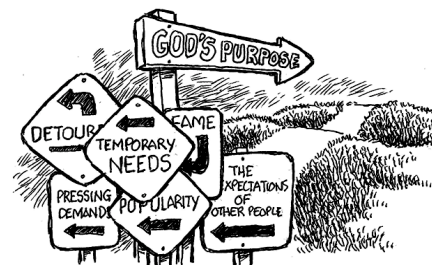
*We acknowledge the Yuin People, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon & cared for this land for thousands of years. We pay our respect to Elders past, present & emerging. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of the Bega Valley.*

## The Need of Prayer.

## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel tells us that Jesus left for a lonely place and prayed there.

We reflect upon the need of Jesus to pray and the impact that it has upon our lives. In Luke's Gospel every major decision that Jesus makes is prefaced with the fact that Jesus seeks prayer. It is in the prayer that He reflects the Father's will. For prayer is when we internalise God's will and realise the wisdom that is reflected in the will of God. One of the points that helps us to have Faith is that the teachings of Jesus has a wisdom above normal thinking and can only come from a higher source - that is God. This is reflected in the fact that the whole of the Scriptures can be brought down to two commandments with love of God and love of thy neighbour as thyself. Prayer allows Jesus to see beyond what Peter was asking Him to do, instead of going back and enjoying His successes in the village where they wished to honour Him, He took the harder decision and continued to walk to other villages to proclaim the Kingdom of God.



If Jesus needed to pray so do we. Pray is simply communication with God and communication leads to relationship. If we think about our own family and friends, we will see that the strongest relationships are reflected in the most in depth communication. You can't have relationship without communication.

Another point reflected in the Gospel today is the victory of good over evil. Sickness, in the time of Jesus, was seen as a reflection of sin. When people were healed their sins were forgiven and the Kingdom of God was enhanced.

**Note for readers** please pause 20 seconds in between readings for respectful silence - thank you.

**Ash Wednesday Masses:** 14th February ✠ Tathra 9am; ✠ St Patrick's School Mass 12:35pm - All Welcome.

 **St Patrick's School News** - Opening Mass Thursday 8th Feb 2:20pm;  
Staff Commissioning Mass Sunday 18th February 9:30am;  
St Patrick's Day Mass Friday 15th March 12:35pm.

**Project Compassion** boxes and envelopes are now available for collection.

**Marriage Preparation Courses** - Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples:

*FOCCUS* - Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at CatholicCare.

*Evenings for the Engaged* - Sat 10th & 17th Feb 9-3pm.

*Engaged Encounter* - Sydney, Sat 24 & Sun 25.

*SmartLoving* – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you.

For more information contact [marriage.preparation@cg.org.au](mailto:marriage.preparation@cg.org.au) To register go to [www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au) or text / ring Helena Zobec on 0405 440 463

**Sunday of the Word of God.** The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 4 in 2024 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsunday)

to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

### Wise Words:

Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness.  
- St John Chrysostom

### **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](mailto:Adrian.Chan@cg.org.au)

### 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 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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Suzanne Cole, Frank Elton

**ANNIVERSARIES** Angus Collins, John Roberts, Heather Pook, Edward Pook

**PRAYERS** Hugo D'Arcy and his family  
Noah Smith - operation in Sydney

## **Feasts Days**

**5<sup>th</sup> - St Agatha**, Virgin & Martyr, died 3rd Century. Remembered in legend for her faith and for remaining resolute under torture and in Eucharistic Prayer I.

**6<sup>th</sup> - St Paul Miki & companions**, martyrs, died 1597, the first Japanese Martyrs. Remembered as a notable preacher who inspired the local Church in his own time & in the centuries that followed to be strong in faith during persecution & isolation

**8<sup>th</sup> - St Jerome Emiliani** died 1537. Remembered for his care and education of orphaned and homeless children, a ministry continued by the Somaschi, an order of clergy which he founded.

**8<sup>th</sup> - St Josephine Bakhita**, Virgin 1869-1947, Kidnapped by slave traders at the age of 9, she was eventually taken to Italy. Remembered for her gentle good nature, humble faith, and gospel charity towards the poor and suffering.

**10<sup>th</sup> - St Scholastica**, Virgin 480-540. Twin of St Benedict. Remembered for her part in establishing Benedictine monasticism

**The Story of the Presentation of the Lord:** At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honour of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually “unclean” for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her “purification.” Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship. This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification.

The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

## **Sacramental Programme 2024**

Enrolment link: <https://forms.gle/BNbWYy1s4xEZ71VY7>

Information Night: Thursday March 7th, 6pm St Pat's Church



### **First Reconciliation**



**Enrolment Mass & family formation.** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 9:30am St Patrick's Church.



**First Reconciliation** with mass and family formation Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 9:30am, St Patrick's Church.



**Youth Group** 6<sup>th</sup> June, 3:15pm, St Pat's



### **First Eucharist**



**Family Mass & formation** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 9:30am St Pat's.



**Retreat** 20<sup>th</sup> August, St Patrick's



**First Eucharist** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 9:30am St Pat's Church.



**Youth Group** 5th September 3:15pm, St Pats

