

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

**Responsorial Psalm** In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come follow me, says the Lord,  
and I will make you fishers of my people.  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon** Let them thank 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 - 12th/13th February 2022**  
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

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

**Candelo Sun 9:30am**  
Commentator J Coman  
Readers Ann Hahey  
Gifts  
Cleaners - Feb Sharon & David Heffernan

**Tathra Sun 7:45am**  
Commentator Eileen Reckord  
Readers Carleen Maley  
Gifts  
Cleaners Gerry & Sue Collins  
Audio-Visual Margaret Taylor  
Eucharistic Ministers Jacinta Battista, Pat Platts

**Bega Sun 9:30am**  
Commentator F & P Sorensen  
Readers F & P Sorensen  
Gifts  
Music On Hold  
Acolyte David Grainger  
Eucharistic Ministers U de Morsier, E Caragher,  
A Tarlinton, B Larkin.

**Wise Words:** "I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security." -Pope Francis -*Evangelii Gaudium*, (#49).



**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 2021**  
*Baptisms*—During Mass, 1 month notice  
*Confirmation*—TBA  
*Weddings*—by appoint, 6 months notice req.  
Please contact the Parish Office.

**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

**Mission**



**5th Ordinary - Year C**

# St. Patrick's Parish

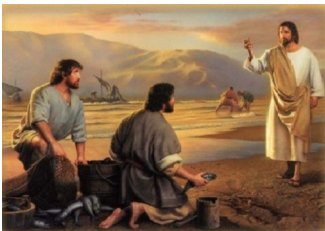
*St. Patrick's, Bega - St. Columba's, Bemboka - St. Joseph's Candelo*  
*Star of the Sea, Tathra.*

**6th February 2022**

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Fr. Luke Verrell. Parish Priest.  
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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

One significant, common element in each of the three Scripture readings today is that all three central characters - the prophet Isaiah, St Paul the Apostle and the first disciple of Jesus, Peter - acknowledge their sinfulness and unworthiness before the Lord. At the same time, all three discern a call to something greater. In this way, these biblical heavyweights prefigure the situation we find ourselves in today some 2000 years later: we are graced sinners, hearers of God's Word and called to a deeper mission. It has been noted that one of the characteristics of the earliest disciples of Jesus is that they responded to a personal call from the Lord, in the same way that the prophets did in the Old Testament - the Hebrew Scriptures.



In light of their experience, some questions might be proposed for those of us who seek to follow in their footsteps: Our call to mission  
 ✦ What call from the Lord have I discerned in the past week or today? How did I or how will I respond?  
 ✦ What concrete tasks is God asking of me, my family, my colleagues and friends, my parish community in relation to the Church and society at the present time? This call will be different for each person or community depending upon the gifts received from the Lord.  
 ✦ What message does the abundant catch of fish and the call of the

disciples in today's Gospel reading teach us about the loving providence of God?  
 ✦ If we are members of Christ's Body through Baptism, and affirm this union through our participation in the Eucharist, what are the implications for our missionary discipleship? Some members of the congregation may think that it is not always obvious that God delivers abundantly when we follow his words. In response, we could suggest that maybe the gifts that God gives us are not so much an abundance of fish, food or financial support, but a new, life-giving way of looking at familiar daily tasks associated with our respective jobs, roles and vocations. What God gives us, when we allow ourselves to be open to his transforming presence, is a renewed way of looking at our life, talents and mission – a gift of renewed sight, faith, insight, forgiveness, purpose and mission to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who is our way, our truth and our life. During the Celebration of the Eucharist, after the Lamb of God at the Breaking of the Bread, we echo the words of the Centurion in Matthew's Gospel and say: "*Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*"  
 Like the important biblical figures in today's readings, God calls us, "warts and all", to serve his purposes which are not always the same as our own. Our readings today invite to look honestly at our lives, to acknowledge that we are sinners – albeit graced sinners – and are called by God to follow the Lord and his life-giving word in missionary discipleship, and thereby to attract others to Christ. We are called by the Lord, on this Sunday of the Word of God, to be faithful members of his Body and willing witnesses to his Word in our world today.

**STAY COVID-19 SAFE**

✋ Wear a mask

✋ Keep social distance if possible

✋ Sign in: - QR code or sheet

✋ Sanitise hands



**Remember** is a 72-page full colour book (240x170mm) containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual devotional reading in addition to the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings and reflections, prayers and questions that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings. To order please complete the eform - <https://forms.gle/JaxFVcqBS5yzbjrL9> - or contact the Parish office by the 10th February.

**CURSILLO WEEKEND** Cursillo is Spanish for a "little course" and provides an experience of Christian living over 3 days. Many have found a Cursillo weekend provides a new direction for being a Christian in today's world. WESTERN WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND 12th to 15th May, St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong for further information contact Dianne Franks at [dmfranks@bigpond.com](mailto:dmfranks@bigpond.com) or Mob: 0418619740

**Aid to the Church in Need Australia:** Each month ACN highlights a project of the month that helps support projects in need of your support. This month could you help the church in Ethiopia to build permanent churches that will support the Catholic faithful in Ethiopia to live their faith and receive the Sacraments? To learn more visit [www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject](http://www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject)

**World Meeting of Families 22-26 June 2022:** Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world. In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. However the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally around their bishop to explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness" In our Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn it is envisaged that celebrations will happen in three locations: one in Canberra, one in the Eastern Deanery and one in the Western Deanery. For more local information contact [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au) 0429 192 869 General information at : [www.romefamily2022.com](http://www.romefamily2022.com)

**Catholic Mission Appeal:** Working tirelessly to support children and communities in most need, religious sisters are integral to the missionary Church. From catechism and teaching maths and physics, to doing home visitations and distributing food supplies throughout the pandemic, Teresa and the Salesian Sisters in Cambodia and Myanmar have been critical in supporting the communities they serve. You can learn more about Teresa and how you can support novices like her by going online to [catholicmission.org.au/faith](http://catholicmission.org.au/faith), or calling our friendly team on 1800 257 296.

### 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** John Verrell, John Torpey, Sr Janet Mead RSM

**ANNIVERSARIES** John Roberts, Pam Collins, Eric & Carrie Turnbull, Alan, James & Gladys Hanscombe,

**PRAYERS** Anne Smith & her children Henry & Malory (Sue Gardiner's Daughter).  
Jenny Ryan and June O'Farrell - Ill health.

### **Feasts Days this**

- 6<sup>th</sup> - **St Paul Miki & companions**, martyrs, a group of twenty six martyrs crucified at Nagasaki in 1597. 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** d.1537. Remembered for his care & education of orphaned & 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. 'Mother Moretta' (our black mother) is remembered for her gentle good nature, humble faith, & gospel charity towards the poor & suffering.
- 10<sup>th</sup> - **St Scholastica**, Virgin, 480-540. Remembered for her part in establishing Benedictine monasticism.
- 11<sup>th</sup> - **Our Lady of Lourdes** - Observed since 1907.

**SYNOD OF BISHOPS:** Have you taken up Pope Francis' invitation to participate in a global conversation about the Catholic Church? You still have three weeks to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Submissions close on February 27. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Dear Parishioner's

The Archbishop has invited me to take leave from the parish for this year. I have accepted this time away which comes on the halfway point through my parish appointment. For 2022 I will be living at Archbishop's House with other priests & working at the Cathedral. Various priests will be living in Bega during this time. Fr Alex Osborne begins 6 weeks in the parish this weekend. Fr Bill Milstead will be in the Parish for Lent/Easter. Thank you for all the kind words given at the time of my Father's death. They are much appreciated. If you are in Canberra or need a hospital visit please call.

*Peace, Fr. Luke.*

### **Prayer for the Synod**

**As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever.

Amen.