

Entrance Antiphon I song 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 your name for ever, my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
I will give you a new commandment:
Love one another as I have loved you.
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 - 24th/25th May 2025
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

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

Candelo Sun 9:30am	
Commentator	J Coman
Readers	I Thompson
Cleaners - May	Helma Miller


Tathra Sun 7:45am	
Commentator	Bob Weston
Readers	Gerard Hergenhan
Cleaners	E Corcoran, J Battista
Audio-Visual	Trish Sly
Eucharistic Ministers	J Battista, Pat Platts

Bega Sun 9:30am	
Commentator	Lijoy
Readers	T Tomlinson
Gifts	Volunteer
Counters	K Rix, V Northcott
Music	Matt Heffernan
Acolyte	Sean McCambridge
Eucharistic Ministers	A Tarlinton

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.

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 <i>Baptisms</i> —During Mass, 1 month notice <i>Confirmation 2025</i> — 8th June 2025 <i>Weddings</i> —by appoint, 6 months notice req. Please contact the Parish Office.
Syro-Malabar Mass 4th Wed of the Month 5pm Bega. Contact Lijoy 0469 341 965 സീറോ-മലബാർ കുർബാന മാസത്തിലെ 4 ബുധനാഴ്ച വൈകുന്നേരം 5 മണിക്ക് ബേഗ. ബന്ധപ്പെടുക: ലിജോയ് 0469 341 965



5th Easter - Year C **18th May 2025**

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
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St. Patrick's School, Bega. Mrs. Jo Scott-Pegum (Principal) 6492 5500
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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.

The Final Commandment

This gospel is taken from John's account of the last supper. It differs from the others because John leaves out any mention of the bread and wine and speaks rather of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. Our text begins with Judas departing the scene and continues with Jesus' words to his disciples. He is explaining to them that the events that are about to unfold, i.e. his passion and death, are not a disaster but rather the culmination of his life's work. His faithfulness to his task of revealing God has brought him to this point and so God is glorified in all that will unfold. Even though it appears at first sight that evil triumphs, nothing could be further from the truth for on the cross Jesus will reveal the glory of God who has 'loved us to the end'. That is why the commandment that Jesus now gives is so important. The disciples must love one another in the way that Jesus has loved them. This is what his life's work has been: to draw the disciples into the relationship of love that Jesus shares with his Father.



The strange sounding place-names of the first reading and the exotic symbolism of the second reading might seem far removed from our every day lives as we sit in the familiar church pew on a Sunday morning. So is there any point at which we can connect with these texts? If we have ever heard a homily or read a story which gave us new heart, or if we have ever been moved at the sight of a tear being gently wiped from the face of someone in sorrow, then these readings can speak to us. For they are all about encouragement. All of us from time to time need to know that we are not on our own, and we need also to be reminded that any words of encouragement that we can find for another are rarely wasted.

Sean Goan.

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

Good Shepherd Appeal Sunday 18th May. Our Archdiocese is blessed to have six dedicated seminarians progressing towards the Priesthood. This year, we welcomed three new first-year seminarians – Dylan House, Jeremy Cains, and Isaac de Roadt – who have already begun their journeys. They join Nicholas Barry in his second year, Cinnil Thomas in his third, and Bran Grgic, who is now in his fourth year of formation. Together, they represent the bright future of our faith community. A special collection for their support will be taken up NEXT Sunday. Credit card donation slips are available at the entrance or use the QR code:



Laudato Si 10th Anniversary Celebration. 17th – 24th May is a global celebration of Laudato Si Week. This year, the universal church, celebrates 10 years of inspiration and action since Laudato Si' was promulgated. The Archdiocesan Caring for Creation movement invites everyone to join us for a celebratory Mass at the Cathedral, 12 noon, Saturday 17 May (and live-streamed), followed by light refreshments in Haydon Hall.

Marriage & Family Sunday EVENT at the Cathedral For the celebration of the Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents & the Elderly. 1st June, 11am Mass at St Christopher's followed by *EVENT at 12pm* in the Haydon Hall, Manuka.

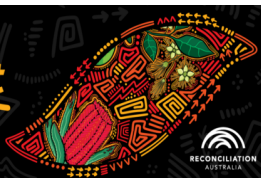
The Archbishop will be available to bless your family. Light refreshments provided – but you must register online here <http://www.bit.ly/MFR2025>.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

Bridging Now to Next

27 MAY – 3 JUNE

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You're Invited - after mass

- ✦ *Tathra* - Breakfast 2nd Sunday of the Month
 - ✦ *Bega* - Morning Tea last Sunday of the Month
- All Welcome. Please bring a friend.**

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

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

Fr Adrian Contact: Mobile: 0411 676 064
Email: 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 Chapel
- Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.
- Thursday 9.15am Bega Chapel
- *Hillgrove House* 3rd Thursday 3pm
- Friday 9.15am Bega Chapel
4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
- Saturday 9.15am Bega Church

RECENTLY DECEASED: *POPE FRANCIS* Geoff Heffernan, Phillip Quarmby, Una Lehman, Graeme Elliott, Melanie Nast

ANNIVERSARIES Paul Coman, John Platts, Noel James, John Roberts,

Feasts Days

- 18th - **St John I**, Pope, Martyr 480-526. Remembered as a conciliator and peacemaker, the first bishop of Rome to visit Constantinople.
- 20th - **St Bernadine of Siena**, Priest 1380-1444. A Franciscan priest, theologian, reformer, and a popular preacher throughout Italy.
- 21st - **St Christopher Magallanes** (1869-1927), Priest, & companions, Martyrs. Parish priest & founder of a clandestine seminary at Totatiche. Commemorated with 21 other diocesan priests & 3 laymen. Martyred in Mexico, mostly in 1926-1928, during a fierce religious persecution which outlawed the celebration of the sacraments
- 22nd - **St Rita of Cascia**, Religious 1381-1457. Remembered for her life of penance and her suffering in union with Christ crucified
- 24th - **Our Lady, Help of Christians**, Patron of Australia



Minute Meditations - Prayer The Seed of Hope

Hope is not a feeling. It is not a starry-eyed assurance, cheery conviction, or buoyant confidence. Nor is it passive optimism that, despite the situation, bullishly predicts, "It's all going to work out." It is beyond security and peacefulness. Hope cannot be bought or taught. It can only be received and awakened. Saint Francis instinctively knew this when, seeking discernment before the San Damiano crucifix, he prayed, "And give me...certain hope...." The seed of hope is planted by God and celebrates the gratuity of grace. It is a gift, a blessing that strangely breaks ground and sprouts only during times of desperation, despair, despondency, and disaster—when the soul is parched. - from *Soul Training with the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis*. by Albert Haase, OFM

Wise Words: Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness.
- Pope Francis



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus 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 vanquished, 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

2025 JUBILEE YEAR
Pilgrims of Hope

