

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 you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
For I am tender and compassionate.
Praise 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

ROSTERS - 12th/13th April 2025
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm

Commentator J Macinante
Readers G Bevitt
Cleaners

Candelo Sun 9:30am

Commentator Ann Hahesy
Readers K Dodds
Cleaners - April Sharon & Michael Heffernan

Tathra Sun 7:45am

Commentator Pat Platts
Readers David Grainger
Cleaners Pat Platts
Audio-Visual Kate D'Arcy
Eucharistic Ministers Mark Oakley, Pat Platts

Bega Sun 9:30am

Commentator Ayar Frantz
Readers M O'Neill
Gifts Volunteer
Counters Tomlinson & Farrell
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Frank Farrell
Eucharistic Ministers C 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 encouraged 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
Confirmation 2025—8th June 2025
Weddings—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

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5th Lent - Year C

6th April 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 *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*
Safeguarding, Mrs. Emma Grant, Bega.Safeguarding@cg.org.au
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Lumen Christi Catholic College, Pambula. Mr. Shane Giles 6495 8888

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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.

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 in 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.

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

 **Confirmation Enrolment.** Archbishop Christopher will celebrate the sacrament of confirmation on 8th June. Enrolments are now being taken. Please contact the parish office for an enrolment package.

Catholic Voice Print Edition available now. This edition features a wide range of topics, including the impact of AI in schools, a tribute to Australian of the Year Neil Daniher and his family, and a special middle-page lift out bidding farewell to Bishop-Elect Tony Percy, with heartfelt tributes and anecdotes from St Gregory's Parish, Queanbeyan. We also explore the important topic of mental illness and highlight the Jubilee Year celebrations. Don't miss out on the latest edition of the Catholic Voice.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Candelo - Tues 5pm



HOLY WEEK 14TH - 20TH APRIL

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

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

<i>Bega</i>	Saturday, 9.40 - 10am
<i>Bemboka</i>	before vigil Mass
<i>Candelo</i>	before vigil Mass
<i>Tathra</i>	before Sunday 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

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kath Jennings, Barry Heffernan (Ballina)

ANNIVERSARIES John Roberts, Denise Mulligan,

Feasts **7th - St John Baptist de la Salle**, Priest 1651-1719. Pioneered schools for poor 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
11th - St Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr 1030-1079. Remembered for his 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 quite 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

Wise Words: This love alone is the answer to that yearning for infinite happiness and love that we think we can satisfy with the idols of knowledge, power and riches. - *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

