

**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** 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 - 15th/16th February 2025**  
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

**Bemboka Sat 6pm**  
Commentator H Woollett  
Readers G Green  
Cleaners

**Candelo Sat 6pm**  
Commentator L Thompson  
Readers M Whitby  
Cleaners - Feb Sharon & David Heffernan

**Tathra Sun 7:45am**  
Commentator Eileen Corcoran  
Readers Carleen Maley  
Cleaners Raewyn Galton  
Audio-Visual Trish Sly  
Eucharistic Ministers Jacinta Battista, Pat Platts

**Bega Sun 9:30am**  
Commentator Volunteer  
Readers M O'Neill  
Gifts Volunteer  
Counters K Rix & V Northcott  
Music Matt Heffernan  
Acolyte David Grainger  
Eucharistic Ministers D Koenigkamp

**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**— TBA  
**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  
**സീറോ-മലബാർ കുർബാന**  
മാസത്തിലെ 4 ബുധനാഴ്ച  
വൈകുന്നേരം 5 മണിക്ക് ബേഗ.  
ബന്ധപ്പെടുക: ലിജോയ് 0469 341 965



**5th Ordinary - Year C** **9th February 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](mailto:Bega.Safeguarding@cg.org.au)  
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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 Call to Mission**

*5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Luke links the call of the first disciples with the story of a miraculous catch of fish. In so doing he introduces us not only to Peter but also to the 'mission of the church'. Just as Peter's call comes out of his experience of the power of Christ at work, so too all who wish to be followers of Jesus must first come to know that their faith is not in a creed or a code but in a person, Jesus the Son of the living God, and it is he who is the source of whatever good we may do.

Isaiah, Paul and Peter all experienced the living God although in very different ways. Whether the experience is one of a mystical visions, an appearance of the risen Christ, or a miraculous catch of fish, each of these men finds it a profoundly humbling moment. They all become aware of their own limited and even sinful nature but this is only the first step because each of them, while very aware of their own weakness, knows that they are called to make God known to their contemporaries.



*'The paradox of faith is that even though an authentic experience of God makes us aware of our nothingness, it is also the very moment when God makes it known that he needs us.'*

Sean Goan



**St Joseph's Church**  
**Sesquicentenary**  
Sunday 16th February  
Mass 10am

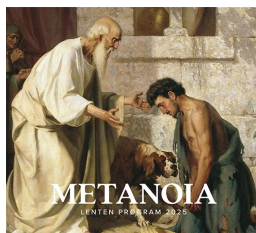
followed by Morning Tea

Join Archbishop Christopher, Fr Adrian and the Candelo Community celebrate this significant milestone in our parish. All Welcome.  
Contributions to the morning tea most welcome.

## Bega Mass Time Change: No Mass Sunday 16th. Instead Saturday 15th at 6pm.

**Parish Office Closed** Thursday 13th February. Thank you

**RCIA:** if you are interested in becoming a Catholic please contact Father Adrian at [Adrian.chan@cg.org.au](mailto:Adrian.chan@cg.org.au)



**Lenten Preparation Booklets.** This Lent, embark on a journey of *metanoia*—a transformative change of heart inspired by the Gospels. Let this beautifully designed, 76-page, full-colour companion guide your spiritual renewal through daily reflections, Sunday readings and reflections, spiritual direction, prayers, and group discussion questions. Order forms at the church entrance. \$10

**A Compilation of Catholic Teachings & True-Life Conversion Testimonies.** The rejection of Judeo-Christian identity in westernised cultures has left an entire generation questioning: “Who am I?” Who Am I In God? Discovering Our Christian Identity provides answers to this defining question by drawing upon the fundamental teachings of the Catholic Church. The first part of the book brings together truth and wisdom from a diverse range of Catholic sources and the second part comprises true-life conversion testimonies, including that of Fr Michael Lim. <https://www.catholicbookshop.org.au/shop/who-am-i-in-god-discovering-our-christian-identity-143778/>

**Cursillo Retreat,** 4-6 April, St Clement’s, Galong. Renew and deepen your faith-life through a program of talks, meditations and prayer. Contact [michaelderaadt@gmail.com](mailto:michaelderaadt@gmail.com) or <https://bit.ly/cursillo2025>

**2025 Jubilee Year of Hope: Online Book Group.** Join an armchair pilgrimage from home, reading Joan Watson's "Opening the Holy Door" with scriptural reflections that provide a meaningful way to commemorate the Year of Hope. Starting Thursday 6 March @ 8pm online. For more information contact Emily via [innernorth@cg.org.au](mailto:innernorth@cg.org.au).

### 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

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|----------------|-----------------------|
| <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    |

**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 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:** Mary Henare, Angela Borilovic, Fr John Ryan

**ANNIVERSARIES** Heather Pook, Angus Collins, Eva Richards

### Feasts Days

- 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**
- 14<sup>th</sup> - **St Cyril**, Monk 826-869, & **St Methodius**, Bishop 815-885. With papal approval they preached the gospel in Moravia using their own translations of the Scriptures and the liturgy in the local language. These translations into Slavonic were based on an alphabet they invented, now called Cyrillic. The success of their preaching aroused jealous Frankish opposition. Honoured as apostles of the Slavic peoples. Remembered together for their contribution to Slavic culture, for their missionary inculturation of the faith, and for establishing links between East and West



### Minute Meditations - *Doubt Can Be Beneficial*

The word ponder means “to weigh.” Do people need to weigh something about which they are absolutely certain? Does that describe the Virgin Mary’s faith at every point of her life? Isn’t it more likely that at the foot of Jesus’ cross, Mary said to herself in her own way, The Lord is in this somewhere? Children understandably tend to take an either/or approach to life: faith or doubt? Adults who regularly choose a both/and approach can incorporate all of life’s experiences into a growing faith.

Doubt can either drive faith or kill it. The choice is ours.

- from *Franciscan Spirit's "Doubt: Engine or Enemy of Faith?"* by Pat McCloskey, OFM

### Wise Words:

Do not be afraid to be saints. Following Jesus Christ who is the source of freedom & light. Be open to the Lord so that He may lighten all your ways.  
- Pope John Paul II

### Confirmation 2025

- ☁ Parent information night:  
Wednesday 26th Feb, 6pm
- ☁ Enrolment Mass  
Sunday 4th May 9:30am
- ☁ Retreat  
6th June, 9:30-2:30
- ☁ Confirmation Mass  
Sunday 8th June,  
9:30am



# FOOTSTEPS

A MORNING OF STORYTIME AND CONNECTION

Birth to Pre-Kinder  
9am - 11:00am @ School Hall  
Every Wednesday during Term

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