

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Responsorial Psalm

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

They ate & had their fill, & what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

ROSTERS - 18th/19th February 2023

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm

Commentator G Berman
Readers R&H Allen
Gifts
Cleaners

Candelo Sat 6pm

Commentator L Thompson
Readers M Whitby
Gifts
Cleaners - Feb Sharon & David Heffernan

Tathra Sun 7:45am

Commentator Kate D'Arcy
Readers Peter D'Arcy
Gifts
Cleaners Megan Hergenhan
Audio-Visual Carleen Maley
Eucharistic Ministers Pat Platts, Eileen Reckord

Bega Sun 9:30am

Commentator M Henare
Readers M Scott, A Twyford
Gifts
Counters Volunteer
Music Tomlinson & Farrell
Acolyte Matt Heffernan
Eucharistic Ministers David Grainger, M Twyford, K Rix, B Burton, B Larkin

Wise Words:

It is not we keep His commandments first & that then He loves but that He loves us & then we keep His commandments. This is that grace which is revealed to the humble but hidden from the proud. - St Augustine



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

Love & Law

6th Ordinary - Year A

12th February 2023

St. Patrick's Parish



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Fulfilling the Law**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Most of the gospel passage we hear today is found only in Matthew's Gospel, especially in the way these 4 teachings about killing, adultery, divorce, and swearing oaths are structured. There will be two more next week.

'You have learnt how it was said ... but I say to you.' With this antithetical pattern Matthew introduces us to why Christianity is the complete form of God's plan for the world. What Jesus is saying here is that to be a good Christian it is not enough to keep the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments are not the pinnacle of Christian living. They are only the foundation upon which true Christian virtue needs to be erected. Jesus sets out a deepening and a radicalising of what God revealed at Sinai to Moses. There is a two-step path to how we are to live. The first is the step, captured in those ancient commandments, of moving from killing to not killing, of committing adultery to not committing adultery, of stealing to not stealing. Jesus tells us this is only the first step.



The second step is not only not to kill but not even to get angry, not only not physically to commit adultery but not even mentally to commit adultery. This is the hidden wisdom of God, not that we are to be better persons but we are to be new persons, new persons in baptism, new persons in the Spirit of God. The Christian is not about doing the bare minimum but about being one's complete self.

St Augustine of Hippo explains this two-step path to virtue in his Commentary on the Sermon on the Mount: 'Not to kill is, therefore, the least commandment, and whoever breaks it will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But those who fulfil it in the sense that they refrain from killing are not all at once heroes fit for the kingdom of heaven. They have, to be sure, risen to a certain degree; but to be perfect they will not even become angry without cause'.

It is interesting to note that Augustine qualifies anger. He says that it is wrong to get angry 'without cause'. This is not what Jesus said. It would seem that Augustine accepted that not all anger was bad. When I look at what Jesus said, I have my own dilemma. I doubt that we can truly live without ever feeling angry. What we can control is how we deal with such emotion. We are capable of finding ways of not letting anger control us. As the author of the letter to the Ephesians writes (4:26): 'Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry'. The author acknowledges that we are going to get angry, but he urges us to deal with it, and to deal with it immediately, before it festers and ruins our relationships with others.

What I think we find Jesus saying in all of this is not so much that God does not want us simply to obey rules and regulations as much as God wants us to live lives full of love for each other. The law of the Lord is the way of love; the law of the Lord is the way of peace; the law of the Lord is the way of Jesus, who gave himself for others.

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Project Compassion 2023: Lenten Boxes and Envelopes are now available for collection from the church entrance.

The Pope, the Environmental Crisis, and Frontline Leaders | The Letter: Laudato Si Film. In 2015, Pope Francis wrote Laudato Si'. A few years later, four voices that have gone unheard in global conversations have been invited to an unprecedented dialogue with the Pope. Hailing from Senegal, the Amazon, India, and Hawa'i'i, they bring perspective and solutions from the poor, the indigenous, the youth, and wildlife into a conversation with Pope Francis himself. This documentary follows their journey to Rome and the extraordinary experiences that took place there, and is packed with powerfully moving personal stories alongside the latest information about the planetary crisis and the toll it's taking on nature and people. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rps9bs85BII>

Aid to the Church in Need is still supporting the Catholic Church in Ukraine in its commitment to stay on the ground and keep serving its flock in the face of material and economic war. . The main cities where we are sending immediate help are Kyiv, Zaporizhya, Odessa and the region of Donetsk. ACN needs your help to continue this mission. To make an offering and learn more visit <https://aidtochurch.org/ukraine> or scan the Qr code.



One of our parish families (Nikki and Andrew D'Arcy and their children) have had a difficult time over the last 12 months. Their youngest child, Hugo was born in 2021 with a rare disease that creates an immune deficiency. Treatment to date for Hugo has been unsuccessful and the family have lived in isolation. They now need to go overseas for further treatment for Hugo. Could you please offer your prayers for the family. There is also a 'Gofundme' appeal titled 'Hugo's Thymus Journey' on the internet.

Ash Wednesday Masses

Wednesday 22nd April	
Tathra	9am Mass
Bega	2:15pm School Mass
Candelo	7pm Liturgy
Bemboka	TBA

Stations of the Cross

Candelo - Tues 7pm with reflection, followed by a cuppa



You're Invited

- ❖ Tathra - Breakfast every 2nd Sunday of the Month after Mass. 12 February
- ❖ Bega - Morning Tea 4th Sunday of the Month after Mass Bega. 26th February

All Welcome. Please bring a friend.

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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 5.00pm 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 Angus Collins (Eddie Collins Grandson), Janette Collins
ANNIVERSARIES John Verrell, John Roberts

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

Feast Days

14th - St Cyril, Monk (826-869), and **St Methodius**, Bishop (815-885). Honoured as apostles of the Slavic peoples and inventors of Cyrillic. Remembered together for their contribution to Slavic culture, for their missionary inculcation of the faith, and for establishing links between East and West.

17th - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order. In 1233 these prominent businessmen from Florence (Italy) withdrew to a life of solitude, prayer, and penance. They developed into an order of mendicant friars (Servants of Mary). Remembered for their radical response to the demands of the gospel.

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We keep the law of God not simply by what we do and don't do but by keeping it within our hearts, allowing that law to mould us and fashion us into the image of the Son. Jesus wants us to be wholehearted, not legalistic.

We can be thankful today that God has revealed to us the fullness and maturity of life in the Spirit. We can be thankful for the wisdom that God brings us, a wisdom that goes beyond the bare necessities and leads us to the full blossoming of our human potential, which will only be realised in the kingdom to which we have been invited by God's grace.

Geoffrey D. Dunneper

Family and Children Mass: St Patrick's Bega 4th Sunday of each month, 9:30am. Everyone Welcome. Please invite your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. *Fr Adrian.*

Planned Building Maintenance: The parish over the next few years will be undertaking maintenance of the various buildings under our charge for Bega, Tathra, Candelo and Bemboka. Please pray for these projects. Thank you.

Dear friends, Thank you for increasing your contributions to the 1st Collection in 2022. As you know it costs \$32 000 per year for each parish priest. Last year your contributions increased from \$23 500 in 2021 to \$31 500. The Bega Parish has revived its long tradition of giving enough from the first collection to cover this cost. There are many ways to contribute - mass plate, TapNGo, credit card or direct debit. Please contact the office if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration. *Fr Adrian*

For readers please pause 10 seconds in between readings for respectful silence thank you.

