

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 I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people. Alleluia!

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

ROSTERS - 17th/18th February 2023
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm

Commentator
Readers
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 Eileen Corcoran & J Battista
Audio-Visual Trish Sly
Eucharistic Ministers Jacinta Battista, Pat Platts

Bega Sun 9:30am

Commentator T Tomlinson
Readers M Scott; A Twyford
Gifts Volunteer
Counters Col & Kath Murphy
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Sean McCambridge

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

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

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

Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice
Reconciliation—26th May 2024
First Communion - 25th August 2024
Weddings—by appoint, 6 months notice req.
Please contact the Parish Office.

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



6th Ordinary - Year B

11th February 2024

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

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

Lumen Christi (LCCC), Pambula. Mr. Shane Giles 6495 8888

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Facebook: St Patricks Bega

We acknowledge the Yuin 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 and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of the Bega Valley.

The Outcast and the Ostracised.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A nameless Gospel leper - and a
brave if disobedient man. He

challenges Jesus with a 'if you want to, you can cure me.' Not a request, a
downright challenge. Maybe his bravery came from having nothing to
lose. Leprosy made you an outcast, shunned and defined by your
malignancy, typecast and dead for all practical purposes.

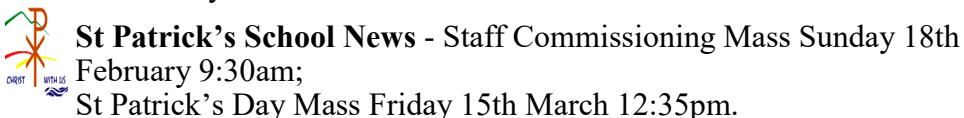
We don't know how long it had been since someone shook his hand,
patted him on the back, put an arm around his waist, hugged him, touched
his cheek, wiped a tear from his eye, or kissed him? The truth is, all those
things were merely a memory as he lived in the leper colony in his cave.
Until he met Jesus and challenged him.



Jesus rose to it and healed the man, and
while 'feeling sorry for him' issued a
'sternly ordered' counter challenge - don't
tell anyone, just go and offer sacrifice. As
far as we know the man does the opposite.
He tells everyone, but no mention of temple
sacrifice. Ironically he made Jesus an
outcast, hampering his ability to reach as
many as possible.

Maybe Jesus read his character and knew
this would happen. Leprosy was not all that
disfigured this man, couldn't it be true of us
also? Sometimes a deeper healing beyond
what is apparent is needed. God's love is
never the problem. Human response is.

Note for readers please pause 20 seconds in between readings for respectful silence - thank you.

 **St Patrick's School News** - Staff Commissioning Mass Sunday 18th February 9:30am;
St Patrick's Day Mass Friday 15th March 12:35pm.

An Evening with Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP - 14th March. Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP was Master of the Order of Preachers from 1992 to 2001. A member of the community at Blackfriars, Oxford, he is the author of several very popular books and an internationally reputed speaker and retreat-giver. Place: Merci College Wise Street Braddon. Time: 5.30 - 7.00pm. Free Tickets: <https://bit.ly/4blSurY>

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Lent with 'That Catholic Guy' Bruce Downes. Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical, and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent> Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

Marriage Preparation Courses - Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *FOCCUS* - Tues 13th Feb 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at CatholicCare. *Evenings for the Engaged* - Sat 10th & 17th Feb 9-3pm. *Engaged Encounter* - Sydney, Sat 24 & Sun 25. *SmartLoving* - online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information contact marriage.preparation@cg.org.au To register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au or text / ring Helena Zobec on 0405 440 463

You're Invited

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

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 Church
- Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.
- Thursday 9.15am Bega Church
- *Hillgrove House 3rd Thursday 3pm*
- Friday 9.15am Bega Church
4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
- Saturday 9.15am Bega Church

RECENTLY DECEASED: Suzanne Cole, Frank Elton

ANNIVERSARIES Kath Edwards, Angus Collins, John Roberts, Heather Pook, Edward Pook

PRAYERS Marina Peric

Feasts

11th - Our Lady of Lourdes. It is a place of prayer and pilgrimage, of conversion and healing for Christians from every land

14th - St Cyril (826-869), Monk, & **St Methodius** (815-885), Bishop. 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.

17th - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order. Remembered for their radical response to the demands of the gospel.

Project Compassion 2024 Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

You can also donate on 1800 024 413 or caritas.org.au/project-compassion

✦ **Ash Wednesday Masses** ✦
Wednesday
14th February

Tathra 9am Mass
Bega 12:35pm School Mass
Candelo 6pm Liturgy

Stations of the Cross Lent

Candelo - Tues 6:30pm followed by a cuppa



Wise Words:

A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal

Sacramental Programme 2024

Enrolment link: <https://forms.gle/BNbWYy1s4xEZ71VY7>

Information Night: Thursday March 7th, 6pm St Pat's Church



First Reconciliation

- ✦ **Enrolment Mass & family formation.** Sunday 17th March 9:30am St Patrick's Church.
- ✦ **First Reconciliation** with mass and family formation Sunday 26th May 9:30am, St Patrick's Church.
- ✦ **Youth Group** 6th June, 3:15pm, St Pat's



First Eucharist

- ✦ **Family Mass & formation** Sunday 28th July, 9:30am St Pat's.
- ✦ **Retreat** 20th August, St Patrick's
- ✦ **First Eucharist** Sunday 25th August, 9:30am St Pat's Church.
- ✦ **Youth Group** 5th September 3:15pm, St Pats