

**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 hope in the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad;  
Your reward will be great in heaven.  
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 - 22nd/23rd February 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 R Coman  
Readers Ann Hahegy  
Cleaners - Feb Sharon & David Heffernan

**Tathra Sun 7:45am**  
Commentator Gerry Collins  
Readers Jacinta Battista  
Cleaners Teresa Taylor  
Audio-Visual Carleen Maley  
Eucharistic Ministers Pat Platts, Pat Platts

**Bega Sun 9:30am**  
Commentator A Woods  
Readers Maureen Scott  
Gifts Volunteer  
Counters S & W Giles  
Music Matt Heffernan  
Acolyte Sean McCambridge  
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**— 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



6th Ordinary - Year C 16th 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)  
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.*

**Feeling Peace - at the centre of the Beatitudes** *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



On one of my first visits to a Jesuit house, I felt a huge peace - maybe the beginning of a vocation. In bereavement there can be a moment of peace, which seems to come from nowhere: peace of being totally loved by a good friend or spouse, peace, just peace with the children.

There is a peace that comes from faith and love and that is prayer: peace that comes from knowing I am heard, understood and loved.

There is a huge need for listening now, for knowing that people care in our world of suicides, addictions to alcohol. We can feel we live in an impersonal world of anxiety and isolation. We need the peace of honest conversation and openness, and the peace of being forgiven.



Peace is not evading difficulty. You are mad worried about a child - somewhere in the middle, like gold in the mud, you find the peace of knowing God's love for you and for him or her. That needs time and a bit of prayer.

It is good to sit each day in silence. Allow this peace to get into you. Breathe in and out, just saying the word 'peace'. That is God's gift to you.

There is also a peace from God in doing good and doing the right thing. Jesus knew it was the best gift he could give. It comes from love.

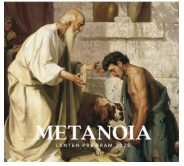
Back to my first visit that day - what caused the peace? I don't know fully. We can be surprised when we will be graced with the peace of Jesus Christ which the world cannot give.

*Donal Neary S.J.*



**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 Adrain.

**RCIA:** if you are interested in becoming a Catholic please contact Father Adrain 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. Sunday readings and reflections, spiritual direction, prayers, and group discussion questions. Order forms at the church entrance. \$10 - Last weekend to order

**Cursillo Retreat,** 4-6 April, St Clement's, Galong. Renew and deepen your faith-life through a program of talks, meditations and prayer. Contact [michaelderadt@gmail.com](mailto:michaelderadt@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).

**Wise Words:**

If we don't take the Gospel personally then it's impersonal. An if it's impersonal, then so what? - *Martin Sheen*

**FOOTSTEPS**  
A MORNING OF STORYTIME AND CONNECTION  
Birth to Pre-Kindergarten  
9am - 11:00am @ School Hall  
Every Wednesday during Term

**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



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Mary Henare, Angela Borilovic, Fr John Ryan  
**ANNIVERSARIES** John Roberts, Denise Milligan, Heather Pook, Angus Collins

**Feasts**  
17<sup>th</sup> - **The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order** est 1233. Remembered for their radical response to the demands of the gospel.  
21<sup>st</sup> - **St Peter Damian**, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 1007-1072. Remembered as a scholarly reformer possessing a deeply ascetical spirituality  
22<sup>nd</sup> - **The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle**



**St Joseph's Church Sesquicentenary**



**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 before vigil Mass  
*Bemboka* before vigil Mass  
*Candelo* before vigil Mass  
*Tathra* before Sunday Mass

**Fr Adrain 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

