

Entrance Antiphon O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Responsorial Psalm The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
Love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

ROSTERS - 1st/2nd March 2025
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator E Bevitt
Readers R Allen
Cleaners

Candelo Sat 6pm
Commentator L Thompson
Readers R Heffernan
Cleaners - Feb Roger & Nalda Heffernan

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Neil Walker
Readers Kate Walker
Cleaners B O'Brien, S & P Gardiner
Audio-Visual Kate D'Arcy
Eucharistic Ministers E Corcoran, M Hergenhan

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator T Tomlinson
Readers Ayesha Twyford
Gifts Volunteer
Counters Tomlinson & Farrell
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte David Grainger
Eucharistic Ministers B Burton, B Larkin
Nursing Home D Koenigkamp, P Gardiner

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
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7th Ordinary - Year C

St. Patrick's Parish

St. Patrick's, Bega - St. Columba's, Bemboka - St. Joseph's Candelo Star of the Sea, Tathra.

23rd February 2025


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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 Catholic College, Pambula. Mr. Shane Giles 6495 8888

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.

Walk in the Shoes of Others


A compassionate heart reaches out to many; the Gospel today reaches beyond our own circle to reach many others. This will be the constant call of Jesus. When he wants to say what His father is like he says *'Be compassionate like him.'*




Compassion is when we can walk in another's shoes, and try to see, hear and feel the world of another, particularly in bad times. It flows from mercy, which is the biggest quality in Jesus. We like when another can enter into our world without judgement and can accept us in love - Jesus tells us to note this and then practice the same. The call is to be compassionate to each other and the earth! The letter of Pope Francis, *Laudatio Si* calls for a compassionate care of the earth, as we hear the cry of the poor: that we treat the earth with the love it deserves. Compassion for others and the earth includes our gratitude. We can look deeply into the people we are close to and thank God (for them!) and for what we like in them and value. We can look long at creation's beauty in the highest Himalayan mountain and the smallest plant and recognise that all is the gift of God. We are to care for the earth and till it, and accept the care of the earth for us, giving us food, drink and refreshment. We are to care for each other to bring out the best in each other. This is one of the Pope Francis's central themes about care of creation.

Donal Neary S.J.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time





St Joseph's Church Sesquicentenary

Thank you and congratulations to the community of St Joseph's Church Candelo for the tremendous organization of the 150th anniversary last Sunday. Around 200 parishioners turned up including the Archbishop and the sisters of St Joseph's for the mass and brunch. There's still copies of the commemorative book for sale at the parish office at \$5 to fund the roof repair. Bless you all and your family.

Fr Adrian.

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


Holy Year Pilgrimage - 1st March, St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong – 10am. Starts with tea or coffee and includes a prayer, blessings, and a Penitential Service for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence. Mass at 11:45 am, followed by a bring-your-own lunch (tea and coffee provided). Weather permitting, we will conclude with a Grotto walk and Rosary. All are welcome!


Congratulation to Fr Tony Percy - appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney. Special farewell Mass 5pm on the Solemnity of St Joseph, Wednesday 19 March 2025, at St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest ACT. Following the Mass, light refreshments will be served in Haydon Hall at 6.00pm.


Journeying with the Spirit. 22 March. Women's Day retreat "Journeying with the Holy Spirit" organised by Call to Connect catholic women's ministry and will be led by the MGL Sisters. Come along and enjoy a day of talks, prayer, discussion groups and more. For all details go to <https://events.humanitix.com/journeying-with-the-holy-spirit>


MenAlive Recharge. Sat 24 May 2 to 5.30pm followed by rosary, Mass and a shared meal. Mary Help of Christians Parish, South Woden. Cost: Nothing. Let's come together, renew our faith, and encourage one another to respond to the great need. Contact Mat at 0438446489 or Fr Emil at 0414 523 036.


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



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

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 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: Fr Kevin Flynn, Mary Henare, Angela Borilovic
ANNIVERSARIES John Roberts, Denise Mulligan, Heather Pook, Angus Collins

Feasts Days

23rd - St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr, 69-155. A disciple of St John the apostle. Remembered because of the account of his martyrdom for his fearless acknowledgment of Christ, and honoured as one of the apostolic fathers of the Church

27th - St Gregory of Narek, abbot, doctor, c.a. 950-1010. Mystical poet, writer, monk and theologian. One of the most significant and revered literary and theological figures in the Armenian tradition. Best known for his Book of Lamentations, a piece of mystical literature, and commentary on the Song of Songs.



Minute Meditations - Love As St. Francis Did

To fully love as Francis did, there is no compartmentalizing. Can I follow this example? Can I widen my arms to include the reality of death and still love with exuberance, as Francis did? Embrace everything on the path, meet whatever comes my way?

Francis lays out a blueprint to jubilation in the Rule of 1221, Chapter XXIII: "Let us love the Lord God with all our heart and all our soul, with all our mind and all our strength and with fortitude and with total understanding, with all of our power, with every effort, every affection, every emotion, every desire, and every wish." It's all-encompassing, perhaps overwhelming, but more manageable when we trust there are many possible entry points as we simply move through our lives.

- from "St. Francis and the Gift of Love" by Maureen O'Brien

Wise Words:


The Bible tells us to love our neighbours, and also to love our enemies; probably because generally they are the same people
- GK Chesterton




FOOTSTEPS

A MORNING OF STORYTIME AND CONNECTION

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



The Jubilee Prayer

2025 JUBILEE YEAR
Pilgrims of Hope 

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