

Entrance Antiphon Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

ROSTERS - 18th/19th May 2024
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator G Berman
Readers E Bevitt
Cleaners

Candelo Sat 6pm
Commentator R Heffernan
Readers K Dodds
Cleaners - May R Hopkins, H Miller

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Claire Walker
Readers Carleen Maley
Cleaners B O'Brien, S & P Gardiner
Audio-Visual Paul Gardiner
Eucharistic Ministers M Hergenhan, C Maley

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator Volunteer
Readers M Russell, T Tomlinson
Gifts Volunteer
Counters Office
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Sean McCambridge
Eucharistic Ministers B Larkin



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 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
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



Ascension - Year B

St. Patrick's Parish

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

12th May 2024

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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 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.


Witnesses of Love.


These remarkable verses are taken from what is sometimes called the longer ending of Mark's gospel and they represent a final summary explanation of the meaning of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Mark offers no description of the ascension of the Lord but sees the whole mystery in the light of Easter. It is the good news that all who respond to Jesus in faith are saved and the power of the risen Christ will be with the church to ensure the success of its mission. The signs that are mentioned are not to be taken literally but show that, in Jesus, good triumphs and evil is defeated. The affirmation that those who do not believe will be condemned is not understood by the church as saying that only Christians will get into heaven. Rather it is a warning about those who wilfully refuse to respond to God at work in their life. Christians are always asked to leave judgement to God.

It is a temptation for every generation of Christians to stand looking up to heaven and wringing their hands wishing that Jesus walked our streets as he did the streets of Palestine or that he would come back in some dramatic way to show the world the error of its ways. However, such an attitude entirely fails to appreciate the dignity of our calling. We have been entrusted with a task and today's feast is a reminder to us that Jesus only left this world so that he could be with us in a more effective way.


So, in the coming week let us pray with urgency for a renewed outpouring of the Spirit so that we can become more effective witnesses of his love.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD






Sean Goan



Happy Mother's Day
to all our mother's and those who mother



Parish Office. Due to presbytery building works the office is accessible via the kitchen door. Please follow the green signs and use the temporary doorbell. Thanks

Year of the Holy Spirit - starting the 19th May, Fr Adrian will lead a monthly guided prayer sessions with the Holy Spirit. Time: 3rd Sundays, after 9:30am Mass Bega.

School Mass for Our Lady Help of Christians, Friday 24th May 9:15am. All Welcome.

menALIVE Weekend. 25th May. Held at MHOc Parish, Sacred Heart Church in Pearce on the weekend of 25 & 26 May. MHOc along with menALIVE experienced leaders will hold retreat. A weekend of talks, personal testimonies & opportunities for discussion & space to reflect, please register at: <https://canberracatholic.men> Enq: Matt Wolnicki 0438 446 489, Fr Emil 0414 523 036.

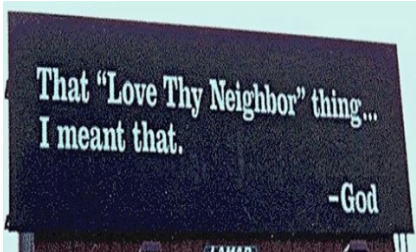
First Reconciliation will take place on 26th May. Please pray for our candidates.



We wish our Pilgrims well as they walk the Camino.

Wise Words:

Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave!
- Pope Francis



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
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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

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Leanne Russell

ANNIVERSARIES Paul Coman, John Platts, Ron Russell, Noel James, Denise Mulligan

PRAYERS Marina Peric,

Feasts Days

- 12th - **St Pancras**, Martyr. Died in Rome, probably in 304, martyred under the emperor Diocletian. By tradition a teenager.
- 12th - **St Nereus & St Achilleus**, Martyrs, died 304. Remembered as soldiers who became Christians and then out of conscience refused further military service
- 13th - **Our Lady of Fatima**. Fatima is a pilgrimage shrine dating from the 1917 apparitions of the Virgin Mary to three shepherd children.
- 14th - **St Matthias**, Apostle. A companion of Jesus & a witness to the resurrection.
- 18th - **St John I**, Pope, Martyr 480-526. Remembered as a conciliator and peacemaker, the first bishop of Rome to visit Constantinople.

Minute Meditations - *Savour This Day of Rest*

Christians have often been poor at practicing the Sabbath, imagining it to be a Jewish practice for which Jesus showed apparent disregard. But a careful reading of the Gospels shows a very different reality. Jesus' work was not to diminish the Sabbath but to extend it, welcoming all into its embrace. He came to proclaim a new age of Sabbath, an epoch of jubilee in which the division between heaven and earth would join in the great, "one fabric of creation."

So it is that the Sabbath, if practiced well, is no refuge from our everyday lives, but a reorientation that should come to permeate them. Our work, if done well, will become more and more continuous with the rest of Sabbath. One hopes that most of us have had a hint of this experience; a time in our lives when our work and pleasure were the same, when our labour and our rest were united.

- from Franciscan Spirit's "Honouring the Sabbath, Honouring Creation" by Ragan Sutterfield

Good Shepherd Appeal – Collection for Formation of our Seminarians will take place this weekend- 11/12th May. It will take the form of a 3rd collection taken up after communion. For credit card donations please use the slip below and place into this 3rd collection.

Thank you for your generosity and a special thanks to those who have already given. Donations can also be made through on-line at bit.ly/goodshepherd2024

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