

Entrance Antiphon The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm Lord send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

ROSTERS - 25th/26th May 2024

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm

Commentator J Guthrie
Readers M Guthrie
Cleaners Allen

Candelo Sun 9:30am

Commentator J Coman
Readers Nikki Wagner
Cleaners - May R Hopkins, H Miller

Tathra Sun 7:45am

Commentator Bob Weston
Readers Gerard Hergenhan
Cleaners Marj Bower
Audio-Visual Trish Sly
Eucharistic Ministers C Maley, Jacinta Battista

Bega Sun 9:30am

Commentator Mel Ferris
Readers Sacramental Candidates
Gifts Sacramental Candidates
Counters Col & Kath Murphy
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Frank Farrell
Eucharistic Ministers B Burton

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



Pentecost - Year B

19th May 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 Catholic College, Pambula. Mr. Shane Giles 6495 8888

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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.

Confident Witnesses.



The fourth gospel speaks of the Holy Spirit as the Paraclete or Advocate. The word is taken from legal language and may refer to a lawyer for the defence, but it also means a guide and today's text, taken from two different chapters of John, speaks to us about both aspects. The work of the Holy Spirit is to make us confident witnesses as we show the world that there is more to life than mere survival or the pursuit of pleasure. The Spirit of truth allows us to witness in every era to the timeless message of God's love – a truth revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. However, such is the depth of the mystery of the Word made flesh that no single generation can grasp it entirely and so we are guided by the Spirit in coming to a greater understanding of what is revealed. Birthdays deserve to be celebrated. They are occasions when we can be thankful for the gift of life, and for the love we have received. They provide the opportunity for families to get together and recall good memories from the past



and also a chance to look to the future, aware of how far we have come. So it is with Pentecost.

Today is the birthday of the church, a time for us to celebrate who we are and to rediscover what it means to be the people of God. Down through the centuries the Holy Spirit has guided the church, despite the weaknesses of its members, both clerical

and lay. We have the witness of many generous and heroic people who have been 'led by the Spirit' and whose lives have given eloquent testimony to the power of God at work in them. Today, then, let's take heart and invoke the Spirit of God that we may be filled with a joyful appreciation of who we are and what we have to give. This brings with it many challenges, since for many religious people their faith acts as a sort of security blanket, offering certainty and security. However, the good news is not about how things were in the past but about the Spirit of God at work now and always. *Happy Birthday Church!*

Sean Goan

Changes to Mass Times Candelo & Bemboka. During June, July & August the Saturday Vigil will be held at 5pm.

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

Vinnies News. *Winter Snow Sale & BBQ* - Saturday 18th May 10am-2pm. All funds will go toward WINTER APPEAL for the Needy on our Bega Valley.

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

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

Spam Warning! There are a range of spam emails & messages circulating again. These emails have addresses which look similar to clergy, parish or religious addresses and request money, gift cards or similar and often mention someone who is very sick or dying. Don't respond, just delete!

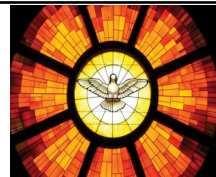
In the Footsteps of Mary Mackillop Pilgrimage. 15-16 October 2024. Join us on the official Pilgrimage created & led by the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart for the 28 years. An all inclusive 12 day organized pilgrimage to sacred sites in Vic, SA, NSW. More information: www.marymackillopplace.org.au or national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or 8912 4818

Wise Words:

Pentecost is the moment when a heart of stone is shattered and a heart of flesh takes its place.
- Fr Raneiro Cantalamessa

Year of the Holy Spirit

Guided Prayer Session
3rd Sundays Bega
After 9:30am Mass



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

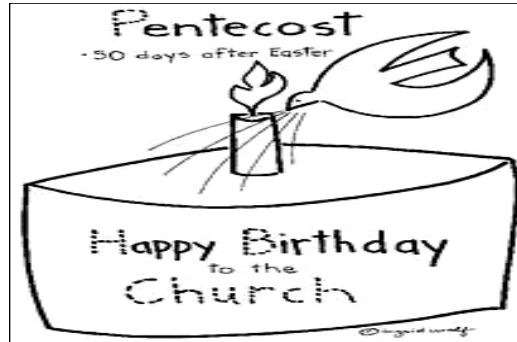
RECENTLY DECEASED: Leanne Russell

ANNIVERSARIES Caroline Turnbull, Sarah Bermel, Paul Coman, John Platts, Ron Russell

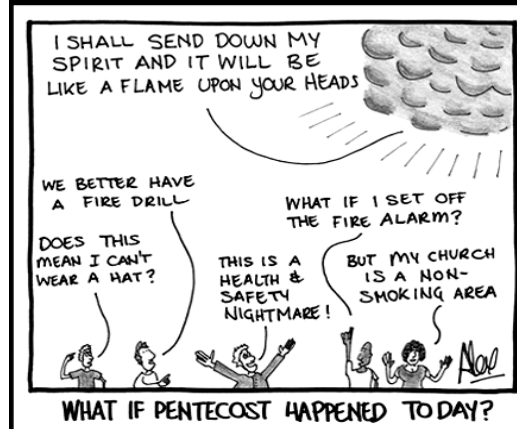
PRAYERS Marina Peric,

Feasts Days this Week

- 20th - St Bernadine of Siena**, Priest 1380-1444. Remembered as a preacher, as a promoter of devotion to the Name of Jesus, and for his efforts toward reunion of the Eastern and Western Churches at the Council of Florence
- 21st - St Christopher Magallanes**, Priest, & **companions**, Martyrs. Died on 25 May 1927 at Colotitlan (Mexico). Remembered for their courageous faith, for forgiving their executioners, and for their final cry, Viva Christo Rey!
- 22nd - St Rita of Cascia**, Religious 1381-1457. Remembered for her life of penance and her suffering in union with Christ crucified
- 24th - Our Lady, Help of Christians**, Patron of Australia
- 25th - St Bede the Venerable**, Priest & Doctor of the Church 673-735. Venerated as the "light of the Church" in the period called the Dark Ages and as a forerunner of the eighth and ninth century renaissance of the Western Church
- 25th - St Gregory VII**, Pope 1020-1085. Remembered for his devotion to the Church in Rome and for the reform of clerical and monastic life and of Church organisation
- 25th - St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi**, Virgin 1566-1607. Remembered for her hidden life of prayer and for her spiritual & physical suffering, borne for the Church and its renewal



Minute Meditations - Forgive Yourself
Once again, the Scriptures connect us with our own human experience. Who of us has not agonized over decisions, actions, or omissions that caused pain to others and ourselves? Feelings of guilt are not necessarily harmful and can even be healthy because they can lead us to change and to deeper self-knowledge. And spiritually they can move us to repentance and the experience of God's loving forgiveness.



People sometimes tell me, "I know God has forgiven me, but I can't forgive myself." I refer them to the prophet Micah, who says that God "will cast into the depths of the sea all our sins" (7:19). Once they are confessed and forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, they are gone. As I once heard a pastor say, "And God puts a sign there: No fishing!" Don't keep going back into those waters.

- from St Anthony Messenger's "The Flip Side of the Joyful Mysteries" by Martin Pable, ORM Cap.