Entrance Antiphon	In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.
Gospel Acclimation	Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

ROSTERS - 12th/13th 2023 Please arrange a swap if you are not available Bemboka Sat 6pm		Sacrament of Penance/ReconciliationBegaSaturday, 9.40 - 10amBembokabefore vigil MassCandelobefore vigil Mass
Commentator Readers	J Guthrie M Guthrie	<u>Tathra</u> before Sunday Mass
Gifts Cleaners	Berman	<b>St. Pat's Choir</b> practices Thurs 5.15— 6pm Contacts Mary 0428 471 012 or
Candelo Sun 9:30am		Matt 0429 338 348.
Commentator Readers Gifts	J Coman Ann Hahesy	Meditation & Contemplative Prayer Meeting is held on Monday at 7.30pm in the
Cleaners - Aug	Ann Hyam, K Dodds	annex of Star of the Sea Church at Tathra.
Tathra Sun 7:45 Commentator Readers	am Eileen Reckord Carleen Maley	<b>Sunday Readings Reflection Group</b> Tuesday at 7pm Star of the Sea Tathra. All Welcome.
	E Reckord & J Battista Trish Sly ers Jacinta Battista, Pat Platts	ROSARY Tathra - 7:20am before Sunday Mass Bega - 9am before Sunday Mass all are welcome.
Bega Sun 9:30an Commentator Readers Gifts Counters	n T Tomlinson M Scott, A Twyford Volunteer A Woods	MENS' GROUP: 2nd & 4th Thursdays St Patrick's Church. Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997
<i>Counters</i> <i>Music</i> <i>Acolyte</i> <i>Eucharistic Ministe</i>	David Grainger	<u>St Patrick's Sacramental</u> <u>programme 2023</u> Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice
	ls: I think the	<i>Confirmation</i> —28th May <i>Weddings</i> —by appoint, 6 months notice req. Please contact the Parish Office.

difference between me & some people is that I'm content to do my little bit. Sometimes people think they have to do big things in order to make change. But if each one would light a candle we'd have a tremendous light. - Sr Thea Bowman



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# THE TRANSFIGURATION OF

## Practice (doesn't always) makes Perfect

In visiting a house, the priest was asked by the non-practicing adult child if he considered her Mass attending parent as better than her. The thoughtful response was that it wasn't a case of 'better than' but that the person should be 'better for' the experience of the Eucharist.

Somewhere along the line, we got the weird idea that God kept scores, and that one person was better than the next. That somehow practice makes perfect.

The truth is more that we need those transfiguration moments to keep us going when life is lived in the valleys below. There was the everyday Jesus who was well known to his friends: and then there was the moment when they scarcely recognised him, so transformed - transfigured - was he. Divinity shone through him, revealing depths that they had never imagined.



Surely this can happen to us as well. When the little girl was asked what a saint was, she replied (thinking of the stained glass windows in the church), 'A person who lets the light through.'

For this we need to break our habits and routine. Habits are like machines; they consistently turn out the same product. They can't do anything else; they were designed to produce that specific result. Change requires new behaviours, thoughts, surroundings, and a willingness to do battle with old ways of thinking. And that requires, a strong relationship with God! Go figure.



**Annual Mary Mackillop Pilgrimage to Eden.** Join with Archbishop Christopher Prowse as he journeys to Eden on 19th August for his annual pilgrimage. Mass is celebrated at 12.00pm in Our Lady Star of the Sea Church Eden followed by a shared lunch. Please book in via the link below to allow for catering. <u>Archbishop's Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage</u>

Vinnies Winter Appeal: Vinnies Bega wish to thank everyone for their generosity.

School Masses. \* *St Mary of the Cross Mackillop* Tues 8th August 12:35pm.

The Assumption Tues 15th August 12:35pm. All Welcome

**Cursillo Spirituality Day, All welcome** - 19th Aug 10am. During his earthly ministry, Jesus courted controversy with religious leaders. These confrontations, particularly those illustrated in Matthew, allowed Jesus to teach a gospel-aligned perspective to interpret God's commandments. We will explore how we can learn from this teaching. Marian Hall, St Matthews, 12 Chewings St, Page. Free lunch.

**St Gregory's Parish History book!** Book Launch on the feast of St Gregory. Sunday 3 September 2023. 7:30 – 9:30 pm. *We need your help to publish this book!* If you wish to be a sponsor, your name will be listed as a donor. Any amount is greatly appreciated. Transfer your donation to the Parish Account:

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Email: <u>queanbeyan@cg.org.au</u> with the following details Your name, How many books you require, Proof of payment (please attach your bank transaction receipt, make sure to include your name in the description of the bank transfer). For more details please refer to this <u>link</u>.

## You're Invited

*# Tathra* - Breakfast every 2nd Sunday of the Month after Mass. 13th August
 *# Bega* - Morning Tea 4th Sunday of the Month after Mass Bega. 27th August
 All Welcome. Please bring a friend.

Fr Adrian Contact: Mobile: 0411 676 064	Weekdays
Email: Adrian.Chan@cg.org.au	► Tuesday 4.00pm Bega Church
Sunday Mass Times → Bemboka - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil	►Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.
<ul> <li>▶<u>Candelo</u> - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil</li> <li>▶<u>Candelo</u> - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil 1st, 3rd, 5th</li> </ul>	► Thursday 9.15am Bega Church
- Sundays - 9:30am liturgy 2nd, 4th	Hillgrove House 3rd Thursday 3pm
▶ <u><i>Tathra</i></u> - Sundays - 7.45am Mass	Friday 9.15am Bega Church
▶ <u>Bega</u> - Sundays - 9.30am Mass	4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
- 4th Sunday- 9:30am Family Mass	►Saturday 9.15am Bega Church

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Fr Ronald Donoghue (brother of Peter Donoghue Tony Dessmann, Marie Rheinberger, Ben Jennings (27), Joan Caddey,

ANNIVERSARIES Noa Jessop, John Daly, Patricia & Malcolm McCambridge,

PRAYERS Hugo D'Arcy and his family Noah Smith - operation in Sydney

#### $\stackrel{\bullet}{\leftarrow}$ 6<sup>th</sup> - The Transfiguration of the Lord.

Feasts Days this wee	<ul> <li>7<sup>th</sup> - St Sixtus II, Pope &amp; Companions, Martyrs, died 258. Remembered as one of the most popular Roman martyrs, and mentioned in Eucharistic Prayer I.</li> <li>7<sup>th</sup> - St Cajetan, Priest 1480-1547. Remembered for his pastoral care, his reforming zeal, and his practical help for the poor and the afflicted.</li> <li>8<sup>th</sup> - St Mary of the Cross, Virgin 1842-1909</li> <li>9<sup>th</sup> - St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin &amp; Martyr 1891-1942.</li> <li>Remembered as a victim of anti-Semitism, a scholar, contemplative and martyr for whom the cross is the key to spiritual understanding.</li> <li>10<sup>th</sup> - St Lawrence, Deacon &amp; Martyr died 258. Remembered in Eucharistic Prayer I, and in five ancient Roman churches dedicated to him.</li> <li>11<sup>th</sup> - St Clare, Virgin1193-1194. Remembered for her life of extreme poverty, austerity, contemplation, and charity.</li> <li>12<sup>th</sup> - St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious1572-1641.Remembered for her</li> </ul>
Fea	<b>12<sup>th</sup> - St Jane Frances de Chantal</b> , Religious1572-1641.Remembered for her administrative ability and for her visits to the sick and poor.

#### The Story of the Transfiguration of the Lord - Franciscan Media

All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of his passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths in the fall.

According to Scripture scholars, in spite of the texts' agreement it is difficult to reconstruct the disciples' experience, because the Gospels draw heavily on Old Testament descriptions of the Sinai encounter with God, and prophetic visions of the Son of Man. Certainly Peter, James, and John had a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And certainly Jesus warned them that his glory and his suffering were to be inextricably connected—a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel.

Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6. A feast in honor of the Transfiguration



was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the eighth century.

On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on August 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the feast on the Roman calendar the following year.