

Entrance Antiphon Blest be God the Father, & the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown his merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm Glory and Praise for ever!

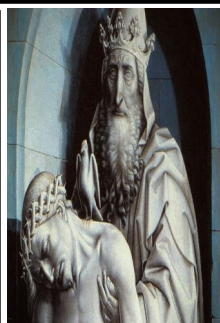
Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
 Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:
 To God who is, who was, and who was to come.
 Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Since you are children of God,
 God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
 the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

ROSTERS - 10th/11th June 2023
 Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm	
<i>Commentator</i>	J Guthrie
<i>Readers</i>	M Guthrie
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	Bevitt
Candelo Sun 9:30am	
<i>Commentator</i>	Ann Haesy
<i>Readers</i>	R Coman
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners - June</i>	Paul & Ann Kelly
Tathra Sun 7:45am	
<i>Commentator</i>	Jacinta Battista
<i>Readers</i>	Eileen Reckord
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	Oakley Family
<i>Audio-Visual</i>	Kate D'Arcy
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Denise Miller, Mark Oakley
Bega Sun 9:30am	
<i>Commentator</i>	Rachel Heffernan
<i>Readers</i>	T Tomlinson, M Russell
<i>Gifts</i>	Volunteer
<i>Counters</i>	Col & Kath Murphy
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan
<i>Acolyte</i>	Sean McCambridge
<i>Hospital</i>	D Koenigkamp

Wise Words:
 "If God is not a Trinity, God is not love. For love requires three things: a lover, a beloved, and a relationship between them." - Peter Kreeft



Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation
Bega Saturday, 9.40 - 10am
Bemboka before vigil Mass
Candelo before vigil Mass
Tathra before Sunday Mass

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
Tathra - 7:20am before Sunday Mass
Bega - 9am before Sunday Mass
all are welcome.

MENS' GROUP: 2nd & 4th Thursdays
 St Patrick's Church.
 Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997

St Patrick's Sacramental programme 2023
Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice
Confirmation—28th May
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

Most Holy Trinity



Trinity Sunday - Year A

St. Patrick's Parish

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

4th June 2023

Fr. Adrian Chan. Parish Priest.
 Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.
 Hrs 9-2 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*
 St. Patrick's School, Bega. Mrs. Jo Scott-Pegum (Principal) 6492 5500
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One God in Three Persons

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



Only in chapter 3 of John's Gospel do we find the story of the encounter between Jesus and Nicodemus, a Pharisee. Jesus tells Nicodemus of the need to be born again or from above. That encounter ends with the words we hear today: God loves the world, God gave his only Son, God wants us to have eternal life, God does not condemn the world, God wants to save the world. This is some of the richest theological reflection on the divine will and human destiny in the Scriptures. These words go well together with those found in Exodus: God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, forgiving sin. We are reading these passages, however, in the context of Trinity Sunday.



This is another of those Sundays that perhaps should not exist. Every Sunday is a Trinity Sunday, every action of God is an action of the Trinity, every prayer we make is made to a triune God. Yet, it is all too easy for us to think only of the Son and the Father, as we find in the passage from John about Father and Son loving and wanting to save the world.

In the earliest Christian centuries, there was strong debate about the relationship between Son and Father, as Christian thinkers grappled with seemingly contradictory passages of Scripture: 'the Father and I are one' and 'the Father is greater than I'. Christians believed in Father, Son, and Spirit because they are mentioned in the New Testament, but just how to preserve there being only one God, and also Father, Son, and Spirit, taxed their ingenuity. Was Jesus truly God? Was Jesus just the Father in human form? Eventually some outstanding thinkers, including Augustine of Hippo, who wrote ten books on the Trinity, would talk about one God in three persons, each person being distinct but not separate from the other in terms of internal relationships: the quality of the Father is to be unbegotten, the quality of the Son is to be begotten (but eternally, such that God has never existed apart from being Father and Son), and the quality of the Spirit is to proceed from the Father (and from the Son, although this would cause disagreement with Christians in the East).

In Sermo 71 Augustine reflects on the nature of the Trinity for his community: '*the property of the Father is to be the author and origin of the others, the property of the Son is to be born, the property of the Holy Spirit is to be the communion of Father and Son, and the property of all three is to be equal to each other*'. If that is all there is to it, then it would merely be a dry and abstract

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Vinnies Winter Appeal: Envelopes are available in the church entrance. Please place on second collection or return to the vinnies store. All proceeds stay local. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Office Closure. The office will be closed on Thursday 8th June. Thanks

First Collection Update. Thank you for your generosity. As of the end of May the parish contribution to the 1st Collection is \$14 500 an increase of \$5 000 for the same period in 2022. *Fr Adrian.*



St Patrick's Primary News. VOLUNTEERS: Would you like to volunteer at St Patrick's School to listen to children read or help in the school canteen? It is as simple as applying for a volunteer Working With Children Check, and completing a short school based volunteer induction, and then we would welcome you with open arms!

Evenings for the Engaged: 17 & 24 June 9am – 3pm. Evenings for the Engaged marriage preparation course. 2 consecutive Saturdays 9am-3pm in Murrumbateman \$150 includes catering and resources. Presented by married couples and a priest. Time provided for couple to discuss topics privately. Register at www.marriagefamily.org.au Enquiries 0451670041 prugordon@gmail.com

Palms Australia: Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: www.palms.org.au

Vocations Dinner for single men. 1st Thurs of the Month - Holy Hour and dinner for single men who are open to the calling to the priesthood and want to explore this further. Contact Father Trenton van Reesch: cathedral@cg.org.au

You're Invited

- ✦ *Tathra* - Breakfast every 2nd Sunday of the Month after Mass. 11th June
 - ✦ *Bega* - Morning Tea 4th Sunday of the Month after Mass Bega. 25th June
- 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: Erika Hooper, Dorokta Dodds, Doreen Stafford, Noel James
ANNIVERSARIES Rosemary Tarlinton, Jack Heffernan, Michael Heffernan, Ron Russell, Paul Coman
PRAYERS Hugo D'Arcy and his family

Feasts Days
5th - **St Boniface**, Bishop & Martyr 675-745. Remembered as a determined missionary and as a Church organiser and reformer whose work shaped the future of Europe. He is buried at his abbey of Fulda and is honoured as Apostle of Germany.
6th - **St Marcellin Champagnat**, Educator 1789-1840. Founded the Marist Brothers Institute within the Society of Mary. Remembered for his determination, leadership and organisational ability, and his contribution to Catholic education.
6th - **St Norbert**, Bishop 1080-1134. Remembered for his zealous reform of clerical life and for the example of his attachment to the values of the gospel
9th - **St Ephrem**, Deacon & Doctor of the Church 306-373. Called the "Harp of the Holy Spirit." Remembered for his poetic and dogmatic works, for his holy and ascetical life, and for his devotion to the Virgin Mary

Front page Cont. theological puzzle without much significance. However, as Augustine points out, the true meaning of the Trinity is that we are invited to be part of it. *'So by what is common to them both the Father and the Son wished us to have communion both with them and among ourselves; by this gift which they both possess as one, they wished to gather us together and make us one, that is to say, by the Holy Spirit who is God and the gift of God. By this gift we are reconciled to the godhead, and by this gift we enjoy the godhead. After all, what use would it be to us to know any kind of good if we didn't also love it?'* (Sermo 71).



We are thankful today for a God who is love, for a Father whose love begets the Son, for a Son who loves totally and completely, for a Spirit who unites them in perfect harmony. We are thankful today for the invitation to share in this life. We begin to experience the life of the Trinity through our sharing in Eucharist. We taste what it is to love totally and we begin to realise the great promise God holds before us.

Geoff Dunn

