

**Responsorial Psalm.** Give the Lord glory and honour

**Gospel Acclamation.** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon** Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

**ROSTERS - 28th /29th October 2017**  
**Please arrange a swap if you are not available**

<b>BEGA SUN 9:30</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	K Summerell
<i>Readers</i>	M Johnston, M Scott
<i>Gifts</i>	Bex Gabriel
<i>Cleaners</i>	J Campbell
<i>Counters</i>	T & M Collins
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan & Choir
<i>Acolyte</i>	Frank Farrell
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	C Tarlinton, J Morrow C Sullivan, M Rheinberger

**WISE WORDS:** "Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could."- St Gregory Naziansen

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

➤ Bemboka - Saturdays 6pm Vigil Mass  
➤ Candelo - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sat. - 6pm Vigil Mass  
➤ Candelo - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 9.30am Mass  
➤ Tathra - Sundays - 7.45am Mass  
➤ Bega - Sundays - 9.30am Mass

<b>Weekdays</b>	
Tuesday	5.30pm Bega
Wednesday	9.00am Tathra, 5.30pm Bega.
Thursday	9.00am Bega
3rd Thurs.	11.00am Hillgrove House
3rd Fri	11.00am Casuarina
Friday	9.00am Bega
	4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
Saturday	9.00am Bega

<b>Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation</b>	
<u>Bega</u>	Friday, 5.30 - 6.00pm Saturday, 9.30 - 10.00am
<u>Bemboka</u>	before vigil Mass
<u>Candelo</u>	before vigil Mass
<u>Tathra</u>	before Sunday Mass


**FEAST DAY - 28th October**  
**SAINTS SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES**

Jude is so named by Luke & Acts. Matthew & Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except, of course, where all the apostles are mentioned. Scholars hold that he is not the author of the Letter of Jude. Actually, Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to "Jude" in English.

Simon is mentioned on all 4 lists of the apostles. On 2 of them he is called "the Zealot." The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free & independent nation. God alone was their king, and any payment of taxes to the Romans - the very domination of the Romans - was a blasphemy against God. No doubt some of the Zealots were the spiritual heirs of the Maccabees, carrying on their ideals of religion & independence. But many were the counterparts of modern terrorists. They raided & killed, attacking both foreigners & "collaborating" Jews. They were chiefly responsible for the rebellion against Rome which ended in the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70.

As in the case of all the apostles except for Peter, James and John, we are faced with men who are really unknown, and we are struck by the fact that their holiness is simply taken to be a gift of Christ. He chose some unlikely people: a former Zealot, a former (crooked) tax collector, an impetuous fisherman, two "sons of thunder," and a man named Judas Iscariot.

It is a reminder that we cannot receive too often. Holiness does not depend on human merit, culture, personality, effort, or achievement. It is entirely God's creation and gift. God needs no Zealots to bring about the kingdom by force. Jude, like all the saints, is the saint of the impossible: Only God can create his divine life in human beings. And God wills to do so, for all of us



**29th Sunday—Year A** **22nd October 2017**

# St. Patrick's Parish

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

Fr. Michael Lim. Parish Priest.  
Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.  
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IN PAST SUNDAYS we have seen Jesus attacking the religious leaders of his people for their failure to recognise in him the Word of God, the power of God, the compassionate love of God. All they could see was a man who broke their laws.

Today, in the first of four challenges by different leaders, they hit back. Their plan was to get Jesus to discredit himself. The first challenge, in today's Gospel, comes from the Pharisees. Their opening statement is clever and very flattering. They praise the utter honesty and integrity of Jesus. All of which was perfectly true. Jesus, in fact, is being praised as endowed with God's own sense of truth and justice, totally impartial, with perhaps a bias for the poor, the weak and powerless.



After this flattering softening up and linguistic foreplay comes the apparently straightforward question: "Is it against our Law to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" In fact, this seemingly simple question turned on a red-hot issue. Palestine was a colony of Rome, a very unwilling and troublesome colony. The Jews hated the Romans, hated their brutality, their moral corruption, above all their godlessness. So, the nationalistic Pharisees felt that the taxes should not be paid to the oppressor. It was a loaded question. If Jesus said taxes should not be paid, he would have pleased the Pharisees but they could report him for sedition and have him arrested. If he said taxes should be paid he might please the Herodians but almost certainly he would lose all credibility with his own people.

The Jews believed that they had only one Lord and Ruler and that was their God. Taxes, or any form of submission, should only be made to him, by offerings made in God's Temple. Jesus, of course, is perfectly aware of the dangers in giving a straight answer. He accuses them of gross hypocrisy in setting this trap. They have no desire to know the answer. They have their own answers already. Their only intention is to lay a trap for Jesus to hang himself with. Jesus asks them to show him a coin. He asks to know whose image and what is the inscription on it. The head was that of Tiberius Caesar, the Roman emperor of the day.

We all are, in some way, the citizens of two kingdoms: citizens of the political territory where we belong and citizens in God's Kingdom. As Jesus says, they both require certain loyalties from us. We all depend to a large extent on our civil government. In modern times very few people can supply their own water, electricity, telephone system. There are many other services which only a civil authority can provide, such as education, hospitals, roads, welfare services for the unemployed, the handicapped, the elderly...

It is obvious that if these are services are to continue and even be improved they require the cooperation and support of the community at large. We do this for the most part through paying taxes. Taxes are not just a necessary evil. In a just administration they are our contribution to making the services we take for granted available. In a just tax system,

too, we help to spread more evenly the wealth of the community so that each one has access to what they need for a life of human dignity. There are many other ways, too, in which we can give our support to raising the quality of life in the community. All of this can be seen as “giving to Caesar what belongs to Caesar”.

Today’s Gospel makes it very clear that we have two responsibilities: to the government of our country or territory and to God. Where both are in harmony there will be no conflict. Wherever there is immoral or unjust behaviour against people’s dignity and rights, then there has to be conflict. Such conflict is not always bad. On the contrary, it is because of creative conflict that our society makes progress. Provided we always act in a positive and creative way, “speaking the truth in love” (Ephesians 4:15), then the flawed kingdoms that men build can, in time, become the Kingdom of God. As a famous dissident – and martyr, St Thomas More, said: “The King’s good servant, but God’s first.”



**TO OUR WONDERFUL GRANDPARENTS & GRAND FRIENDS** you are invited to join St Pat’s students and staff at school for a special Grandparent’s Day. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October, Mass starts at 9.15am, then join the school for morning tea in the hall. Afterwards you are welcome to then go into our classrooms and play some cards or board games. This year we are also having ‘Wear Red for Daniel’ on the same day. This day is about promoting child safety. You are welcome to wear an item of red along with our students.

**FAMILY MASSES FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION:** 22nd & 29th October 5pm. ALL WELCOME

**ST PATRICK’S SCHOOL NEWS:** Giving Mass 10th November 9am

All Saints Day - 1st November, usual weekday Mass - 9am Tathra, 5:30pm Bega.

**ALL SOULS DAY MASS** Bega’s cemetery - Thurs 2nd Nov 7am. **BYO your own chair.**

**MASSES FOR THE DEAD WILL BE OFFERED IN NOVEMBER.** Envelopes may be placed on the collection plates.

**2018 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS** still available \$9.

#### BENEDICTION.

**Bega** - 1st Sun. of the Month after 9:30 Mass  
**Candelo** - 1st Saturday after 6pm Vigil.  
**Bemboka** - 2nd Saturday at 5:30pm  
**Tathra** - 1st Wednesday after 9am Mass

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY** 9:30 Mass Bega  
On Hold.

**MENS’ GROUP:** fortnightly on **Thursdays**  
Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997

**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  
**Our Lady’s Grotto—St Patrick’s Church,**  
every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month 6pm  
**ALL ARE WELCOME.**



**St. Pat’s Choir** practices Thurs 5.15—  
6pm Contacts Mary 64921850 or Matt  
0429 338 348.

#### ST PATRICK’S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2017

**Baptisms**—During Mass, 1 month notice  
**First Reconciliation**—1st November  
**Confirmation**—23rd July  
**Weddings**—by appointment, 6 months notice  
required.  
Please contact the Parish Office.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** June Douch, Gladys Hankinson, Kevin Ryan, Lydia Crowe, Barry Savage, Loretta McDonald (McNamara), Fr Phil Harding, Zel Caddy, Tora Kite

**ANNIVERSARIES** Leo Bateman, Monica Brown, Margaret Bateman, Dulcie Heffernan, Fr. M. Eugene, Fr. Dom Egan, Maura Anne Wesley-Collins, Paul Malone, Danny McCambridge, Gerald Rheinberger

**MONTH OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY** -This week we pray for our leaders’ understanding of the importance of marriage: that they will act to protect God’s plan for marriage and family life. Please make this your intention during Mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, parish rosaries and prayer groups and family prayer times. Please join this intention to your acts of fasting and sacrifice during the week. Visit [www.acmfc.org.au](http://www.acmfc.org.au) for more information.

**HENRY OLONGA TO VISIT BEGA.** Henry has an amazing story to tell. He was the first black African cricketer to represent Zimbabwe. He protested about inequality in Zimbabwe and had to leave his career in cricket, and his country. Henry & his amazing voice have been featured on “Songs of Praise”. He is visiting Bega with Anglican Aid and telling us about some projects in Africa. *Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm, Sapphire Coast Anglican College.*

#### NEW PARISH APPOINTMENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE:

##### Parish Priests

Fr Luke Verrell—Bega  
Fr Loi Viviovente—North Belconnen,  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Fr Pale Leota—Pambula/Merimbula  
Fr Simon Falk—South Belconnen,  
St Matthew’s & St Vincent de Paul  
Fr James Antony—South Tuggeranong  
Fr Michael Lim—Weston Creek

##### Assistant Priests

Fr Andrew Lotton—St Christopher’s Cathedral  
Fr Joshua Scott—Central Canberra  
Fr James Onoja—Cooma  
Fr Lolesio Gisa—Goulburn  
Fr George Ogah—Tumut  
Fr Varghese Assin—Young

**MEET FR LUKE.** Fr Luke Verrell will be visiting Bega on 27th Nov-3rd Dec. There will be a cuppa in the school hall after the 9:30 Sunday mass. Please bring a plate to share.

**SAVE THE DATE:** In 2018 we will celebrate 100 years since the founding of St Clements and will have the Pope’s Ambassador, Archbishop Adolfo Yllana leading us. Keep October 14, 2018 free.

#### OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE

hosted by:  
Bob & Yvonne Sixsmith  
23rd - 29th October  
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