


Entrance Antiphon To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.


Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
And grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

ROSTERS - 6th/7th December 2025
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm <i>Commentator</i> H Woollett <i>Readers</i> G Berman <i>Cleaners</i>	St. Pat's Choir practices Thurs 5.15—6pm Contacts Mary 0428 471 012 or Matt 0429 338 348.
Candelo Sat 6pm <i>Commentator</i> L Thompson <i>Readers</i> R Heffernan <i>Cleaners - Dec</i> Lorraine & Simon Thompson	Meditation & Contemplative Prayer Meeting is held on Monday at 7.30pm in the annex of Star of the Sea Church at Tathra.
Tathra Sun 7:45am <i>Commentator</i> Eileen Corcoran <i>Readers</i> Paul Gardiner <i>Cleaners</i> Raewyn Galton <i>Audio-Visual</i> Carleen Maley <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i> Jacinta Battista, J Battista	Sunday Readings Reflection Group Tuesday at 7pm Star of the Sea Tathra. All Welcome.
Bega Sun 9:30am <i>Commentator</i> Mel Ferris <i>Readers</i> M Russell <i>Gifts</i> Volunteer <i>Music</i> Matt Heffernan <i>Acolyte</i> Leo Perez <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i> C Tarlinton, K Rix <i>Nursing Home</i> F Farrell, A Tarlinton	ROSARY - all are welcome. Tathra - 7:15am before Sunday Mass Bega - 9am before Sunday Mass
	MENS' GROUP: 2nd & 4th Thursdays St Patrick's Church. Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997
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.	St Patrick's Sacramental Programme <i>Baptisms</i> —During Mass, 1 month notice <i>Confirmation 2025</i> — 8th June 2025 <i>Weddings</i> —by appoint, 6 months notice req. Please contact the Parish Office.
	Syro-Malabar Mass 4th Wed of the Month 5pm Bega. Contact Lijoy 0469 341 965 സീറോ-മലബാർ കുർബാന മാസത്തിലെ 4 ബുധനാഴ്ച വൈകുന്നേരം 5 മണിക്ക് ബേഗ. ബന്ധപ്പെടുക: ലിജോയ് 0469 341 965

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)



1st Advent - Year A

St. Patrick's Parish

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

30th November 2025

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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

We acknowledge the Djirringanj 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 & respect their continuing culture & the contribution they make to the life of the Bega Valley.

Being Blameless

The First Reading and the Gospel talk about a time when the Lord comes, for justice, as the First Reading says, and for judgment, as the Gospel implies. In the Gospel, Jesus warns people not to be overcome with the pleasures and anxieties of the world but to be ready for his coming. Those who are not ready will practically die of fright when they see



him.
Well, then, what do we need to do to get ready? The Second Reading in effect explains it. At Christ's coming again, we are to be blameless in holiness. And what is that?

If you are blameless under law, then no one can blame you for any violation of the law of the land. You weren't speeding, for example, or cheating on your income tax, or violating any other law of the city or country in which you are. If you are morally blameless, then no one can blame you for any violation of the moral law. You weren't lying, for example, or cheating on your spouse, or violating any other command of the universal moral law that applies to all people no matter where they are.

But what is it to be blameless in holiness? The answer is in the Second Reading: in order to be ready for Christ at his coming, Christians need to increase in love and abound in it.

So here's the thing to see. You can keep all the laws of your land and still be a real jerk. And the same truth holds for the moral law. You can be a priggishly righteous jerk too. Something more than having a great record for keeping the laws is necessary to be ready for the Lord. That more is love.

If you want what is bad for your neighbour, if you curse him in public or even in your heart, if you wish he would just go away, if you tell him in your thoughts or to his face to go to hell—you do not love him. And you are blameworthy with regard to holiness if you don't. It doesn't matter how moral or legal your conduct is otherwise.

To be blameless in holiness, then, takes being loving. And being loving is what makes us ready for the return of the Lord.

Eucharistic Ministers Training: Fr Adrain invites all Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes to attend a training session on 23rd December at 11am in the Presbytery. Please RSVP Adrian.Chan@cg.org.au or Bega@cg.org.au Thanks.



St Patrick's School News: ✠ *Nativity Play* - All invited to the Nativity performance on Monday 15th December at 2:30pm in the school hall. This should go for approximately 30 minutes. We would love it if you could be there!

✠ *Enrolling Now* - All grades including kinder 2026. For further details and to book an appointment contact the school office 6492 5500.

God's Word 2026. Please order via sign-up sheet or email bega@cg.org.au \$23. Last day for orders Tuesday 2nd December.



Vinnie's Christmas Appeal: Place Help People in our Valley facing poverty this Christmas. Your donation this Christmas will assistance Family, not going hungry and keeping the light on. We thank you for your support as always. Merry Christmas.

Bulletin Email - due to IT issues the weekly bulletin email is currently not working. The bulletin is available on the parish website from 2pm Thursdays.

Behold & Resound Workshop: Sat 6th December Moruya Parish 10-3:30. A parish liturgy & music workshop. Register: by 1st December at <https://www.cgevangelisation.org.au/bar> . For more information see the poster at the entrance.



Christmas Park: 262 Beasley St. Farrer from 5 –15 December after 6 PM! Support St. Anthony's Bread, help families in need, decorate trees, or perform on stage. Together, with your performance and support, we'll bring merriment and joy throughout the night. See Canberra's 17m Christmas tree and over 400 festive trees!

You're Invited - after mass

- ✠ *Tathra* - Breakfast 2nd Sunday of the Month
 - ✠ *Bega* - Morning Tea last Sunday of the Month
- All Welcome. Please bring a friend.**

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

- Bega* Saturday, 9.40 - 10am
- Bemboka* before vigil Mass
- Candelo* before vigil Mass
- Tathra* before Sunday Mass

Fr Adrian Contact: Mobile: 0411 676 064
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Weekdays

- Tuesday 5.00pm Bega Chapel
- Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.
- Thursday 9.15am Bega Chapel
- *Hillgrove House 3rd Thursday 3pm*
- Friday 9.15am Bega Chapel
- 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: Michael Caragher

ANNIVERSARIES Ken Lehman, Ann Farrell, Pat Trigurtha, Jack & Marie McNamara

PRAYERS Alex Tarlinton, Rachel Healey

Feasts Days

30th Nov - St Andrew, Apostle. A fisherman and perhaps a disciple of John the Baptist. Introduced his brother, Simon Peter, to Jesus and became one of the first to follow Christ.

3rd Dec - St Francis Xavier, Priest 1506-1552. Met St Ignatius of Loyola while studying in Paris, became one of the first Jesuits, and went to Goa as a missionary. Travelled extensively through southeast Asia to Japan, winning many converts and leaving behind organised Christian communities. Remembered for the witness of his poverty and for his tireless efforts as a missionary

4th - St John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church 675-749. Remembered for his vigorous defence of the veneration of images against the iconoclasts.

6th - St Nicholas, Bishop 4th Century. Bishop of Myra (Turkey) but nothing more is known about his life. Since the tenth century, widely venerated and frequently claimed as a patron in both East and West.



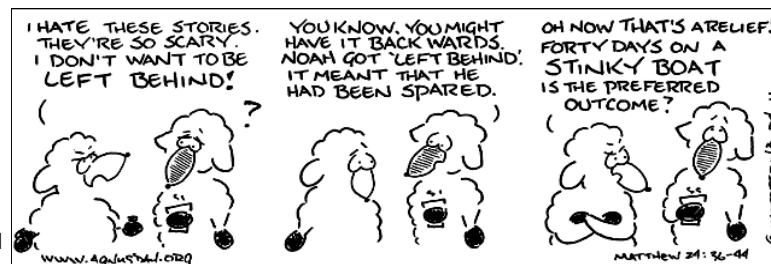
Minute Meditations - Silent Prayer

Sit down and, keeping your back straight but free, begin quieting your mind and your body by taking a few relaxing, deep breaths. Close your eyes if you wish. Centre your awareness on the silent and infinite presence of God within your heart.

Let the Spirit lead you beyond the noisy world of space and time and into the silent realm where God dwells as the source and ground of your being. Centre your attention on that hushed point within you where the human touches the divine, where the branch (you) intersects with Jesus, the vine—where you and God are one and dwell in each other.

Let yourself sink into the silent immensity of God. Simply let your prayer be a silent being there with God. Without any need for thoughts and words, exchange quiet love with God for as long as you feel inspired to do so.

- From St. Anthony Messenger's "Notes from a Friar: What Is Silent Prayer?" by Jeremy Harrington, OFM



Spirituality of Synodality
Formation Matters.

To realise synodality, we need formation. This means learning how to listen, discern, and walk together as disciples who are growing in faith.
Reflection: What step of formation could help me grow in faith this year?
Prayer: Lord, form my heart and mind so I may follow You more closely.

Wise Words:

Nobody said that the search for a lasting peace, a peace that is based on justice, would be easy, but that does not mean that we should not go on trying. .
- Bishop Fortich of the Philippines