

Entrance Antiphon When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel Acclamation Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon One does not live by bread alone,
But on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

ROSTERS - 28th Feb/1st March 2026
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator Tasha Allen
Readers G Bevitt
Cleaners

Candelo Sat 6pm
Commentator Roger Heffernan
Readers Lorraine Thompson
Cleaners - Feb Nalda & Roger Heffernan

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Neil Walker
Readers Claire Walker
Cleaners B O'Brien, P Gardiner
Audio-Visual Kate D'Arcy
Eucharistic Ministers Eileen Corcoran, J Battista

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator Ayar Frantz
Readers A Woods
Gifts Volunteer
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Frank Farrell
Eucharistic Ministers B Burton, B Larkin
Nursing Home D Koenigkamp, P Gardiner



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 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 - 7:15am 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
Confirmation 2025—8th June 2025
Weddings—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
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1st Lent - Year A

St. Patrick's Parish

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

22nd February 2026


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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

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.

Co-creators

Jesus is tempted to use creation just for himself. This can happen with money, to other people, the environment and religion. We are called to look after God's creation, not control it.



The First Sunday of Lent



To be co-workers with God is our call - to focus on people as well as plans, to feel the needs here and abroad.

One view of God is that he looks after the world for good or bad, and we are just the receivers. The other is that we are co-workers in developing the world and God's creation. Jesus was tempted to throw himself away from the world as he knew it, but he did not. He would live by the word of God, and God would care for him as for the parents in the first reading.

'A Christian who doesn't safeguard creation, or who doesn't make it flourish, is a Christian who isn't concerned with God's work, that work born of God's love for us' (Pope Francis, 2015).

The temptation to Jesus was to take him off the path of his father. Like him, we are often tempted to use the creation of God just for our benefit. Our call is to be co-creators of the world with God.

Imagine a garden where everything is beautiful. It is the 'creation' of a gardener. Then imagine that someone has ruined one corner of it- notice the difference. Apply this to how we treat God's creation.

May we care for your creation, O Lord,
with the love you have for creation and for us

Donal Neary SJ

Go Forth' The final dismissal of the mass invites us to be like Christ in the community. If you are feeling the call to participate in the Mass and Parish life please see Fr Adrian. Thanks

St Patrick's School News: Enrolling Now all grades. For further details and to book an appointment contact the school office 6492 5500.

Sacramental Programme 2026 - this year we are offering First Reconciliation and First Communion to students in year 3 and above. Parents information night 13th May. Enrolments now open: <https://forms.gle/JKvq2eUNgHZMjYYP7>

Lumen Christi Open Day. Wednesday, 20 May 2026 - 9:00am to 5:00pm. Information Session at 9:15am & Tours from 9:45am All Welcome

Cursillo Weekend, Fri 17 - Sun 19 April, St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong. A Cursillo is a short course in Christian living. In a series of talks and meditations, we will explore and reflect on faith and its relevance in today's world. The three days grow into a personal experience, as we encounter faith in relation to self, Christ and others. Please register by Fri 3 April. Contact Michael & Erica michaelderaadt@gmail.com More info & registration <https://tinyurl.com/cursillo2026>

Behold & Resound -Liturgy and Music Workshop | 14th March 10am - 3:30pm at St John Vianney Church, Waramanga. Register by 10 March at: cgevangelisation.org.au/bar This gathering will explore different ways the church invites us to pray. Come find out what helps or hinders meaningful worship, and the call to active participation, revealing how liturgy doesn't just shape personal faith but also builds community, and renews parish life.

Positions Vacant: *Parish Officer Narooma-Cobargo and Gunning* For a copy of the Duty Statement and more information please email Leanne Boyd, Parish Support Manager leanne.boyd@cg.org.au Applications close Friday 27th February 2026.

<p>You're Invited - after mass</p> <p>✦ <i>Tathra</i> - Breakfast 2nd Sunday of the Month</p> <p>✦ <i>Bega</i> - Morning Tea last Sunday of the Month</p> <p>All Welcome. Please bring a friend.</p>	<p>Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation</p> <p><i>Bega</i> Saturday, 9.40 - 10am</p> <p><i>Bemboka</i> before vigil Mass</p> <p><i>Candelo</i> before vigil Mass</p> <p><i>Tathra</i> before Sunday Mass</p>
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<p>Sunday Mass Times</p> <p>➤ <i>Bemboka</i> - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil</p> <p>➤ <i>Candelo</i> - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil 1st, 3rd, 5th - Sundays - 9:30am liturgy 2nd, 4th</p> <p>➤ <i>Tathra</i> - Sundays - 7.45am Mass</p> <p>➤ <i>Bega</i> - Sundays - 9.30am Mass</p>

<p>Weekdays</p> <p>➤ Tuesday 5.00pm Bega Chapel</p> <p>➤ Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.</p> <p>➤ 8-9am Tathra 'Holy Hour'</p> <p>➤ Thursday 9.15am Bega Chapel</p> <p>➤ <i>Hillgrove House 3rd Thursday 3pm</i></p> <p>➤ Friday 9.15am Bega Chapel 4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'</p> <p>➤ Saturday 9.15am Bega Church</p>
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RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Wilton, Gregory Fetterplace
ANNIVERSARIES Heather Pook, Eva Richards, Mick Tygh

Feasts Days

22nd - The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle. The chair (cathedra) of a bishop is a pre-eminent sign of his teaching authority and pastoral oversight of a local Church. This feast, celebrates Peter, first among the apostles, as founder of the See of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith

23rd - St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr 69-155. A disciple of St John the apostle, and honoured as one of the apostolic fathers of the Church.

27th - St Gregory of Narek, abbot, doctor, 950-1010. Mystical poet, writer, monk and theologian. One of the most significant and revered literary and theological figures in the Armenian tradition.



Minute Meditations - God's Love Is Constant.

Folding God can and does communicate in ways we can't imagine. If a mother can communicate to her infant, would we ever say that God does not? God is in communication with us by his very presence. It may well be an inspiration or a thought that comes to mind. It may be an impulse to do something good for another.

People who think God is "somewhere up there" have a misunderstanding of the reality of God's presence. God is infinitely concerned and connected with all of us. There is never a moment when we walk alone. God is always present to us.

- from St. Anthony Messenger's "Notes from a Friar: God Speaks to All" by Jim Van Vurst, OFM.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Candelo - Tues 7pm



Wise Words:

"In prison you learn the value of self-discipline, you stand outside of yourself and see your weaknesses."
- Nelson Mandela

LENT

PRAY

Without prayer we have neither light nor strength to advance in the way which leads to God.

St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori

UNITE AGAINST POVERTY this Lent

First Sunday in Lent

Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world. We'll meet Sisilia from Tanzania, Monoranjon from Bangladesh, Manaini from Fiji and Ahmad from Gaza. Each of this year's stories highlights unique challenges, yet they are united by the determination to rise above adversity and to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

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Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

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