

Entrance Antiphon Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

Responsorial Psalm Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

ROSTERS - 7th/8th March 2026
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator S Berman
Readers E Bevitt
Cleaners Berman

Candelo Sun 9:30am
Commentator Ann Hahesy
Readers Merryl Whitby
Cleaners - March Nalda & Roger Heffernan

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Kate D'Arcy
Readers Peter D'Arcy
Cleaners Marg T & Lee R
Audio-Visual Pat Platts
Eucharistic Ministers M Hergenhan, M Hergenhan

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator T Tomlinson
Readers J Scott-Pegum
Gifts Volunteer
Music Filipino Choir
Acolyte David Grainger
Eucharistic Ministers K Rix



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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2nd Lent - Year A

St. Patrick's Parish

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

1st March 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.


On the Mountain

This gospel challenges all the easy reductions that we make about Jesus:

- a) Jesus the inspiring teacher,
- b) Jesus the compassionate preacher,
- c) Jesus the friend of the poor.

He is all these, but he is also the One who comes from the Father, the One who, we believe, was prepared for by the prophets, the One who stands at the centre of history. The transfiguration calls us to expand our religious horizons.

The Second Sunday of Lent





But the story has a curious comic element: the Lord of history is transfigured with these earlier prophets each side of him, and Peter wants to set up a campsite! This shows the intimacy with which the human and the divine are present in Jesus: he is with his friends and interacts with them; he is present in the glory of God. All handy distinctions such as 'high christology' versus 'low', or 'immanence' versus 'transcendence' are seen as too tied down to the limits of our understanding by this scene: God is always greater, and what we can say about God is what we can see in Jesus.

Preaching must not try to 'explain' this scene, nor even to 'expand' upon it. Rather the scene calls for our minds and imaginations to dwell on it and seek to make its 'picture' of the ad-vent of God our own. So give a bit of the background that the first audience would have known, and then let imagination seek greater depths.

Thomas O'Loughlin

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>

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.

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

Behold & Resound -Liturgy and Music Workshop | 14th March 10am - 3:30pm at St John Vianney Church, Waramanga. Register by 10 March at: cgevangalisation.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.

Way of the Cross by Majellan Media. The 14 Stations of the Cross have been modernised for today's world by Fr Tony Kelly CSsR, and are powerful meditations about Christ's Passion on Good Friday. The reflections are read by Fr John Hill CSsR and the presentation features Aboriginal paintings and images of the Australian outback. Watch on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eBQQFAc00Zg&t=30s>

Dominican Pilgrimage to Spain, France and Italy - September 2026. Embark on a sacred Dominican Pilgrimage to Spain, France, and Italy, a profound 14-day journey through the heartlands of European faith, study, prayer, and preaching. Journeying with the Dominican Friars and the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia, this pilgrimage offers daily opportunities for prayer, reflection, and shared celebration of the liturgy. It is an invitation not only to visit holy places, but to deepen your understanding of the Dominican charism: to contemplate, and to share the fruits of contemplation. CONTACT US: info@harvestjournays.com & www.harvestjournays.com

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
 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

Weekdays
 ➤ Tuesday 5.00pm Bega Chapel
 ➤ Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.
 ➤ 8-9am Tathra 'Holy Hour'
 ➤ 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

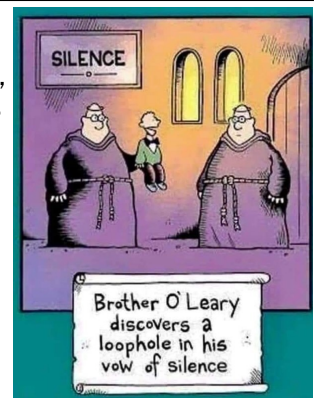
RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Wilton, Gregory Fetterplace
ANNIVERSARIES Denise Mulligan, John Roberts, Heather Pook, Eva Richards

Feasts Days
4th - St Casimir 1458-1484. Though a young prince of Poland, he preferred peace to being a soldier. He chose celibacy over marriage and favoured prayer and penance rather than royal privilege.
7th - St Perpetua & St Felicity, Martyrs. Died at Carthage on this day about 203. Perpetua, a young woman with a newborn son, and Felicity, a pregnant slave girl, were arrested with their catechist and several other African catechumens. Thrown to wild beasts and then put to the sword, they died in the embrace of the sign of peace. Remembered for the joyful courage of their final witness to Christ. Mentioned in Eucharistic Prayer I.



Minute Meditations - God's Work in Us.

There is nothing wrong with asking for something in prayer, as this names for God the desires of our hearts. But sometimes in a culture that is so focused on results, this can also bleed into our prayer lives, leading us to treat God like a genie. Let yourself pray without asking God for "something that I want." As the Father told Jesus in John 17:10: "Everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine." Might this also be true of us, whom Christ lives within?
 - from St. Anthony Messenger's "Let Us Pray: Presence & Surrender" by Stephen Copeland.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Candelo - Tues 5pm



Wise Words:
 "We ought not to learn silence from speaking but rather by keeping silent we must learn to speak."
 - St Gregory

LENT

FAST

"By fasting, we learn to say 'NO' to ourselves in order to say 'YES' to God.
St John Paul II

UNITE AGAINST POVERTY

Second Sunday in Lent
 Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.



You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes, online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate Or by calling: 1800 024 413
 Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.