

Entrance Antiphon My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial Psalm If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart.

Gospel Acclamation Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
Give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
The water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life

ROSTERS - 14th/15th March 2026

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm

Commentator G Berman
Readers G Green
Cleaners

Candelo Sat 6pm

Commentator Lorraine Thompson
Readers John Coman
Cleaners - March Nalda & Roger Heffernan

Tathra Sun 7:45am

Commentator Paul Gardiner
Readers Eileen Corcoran
Cleaners E Corcoran, J Battista
Audio-Visual Paul Gardiner
Eucharistic Ministers Mark Oakley, Jacinta Battista

Bega Sun 9:30am

Commentator M Dessmann
Readers M O'Neill
Gifts Volunteer
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Sean McCambridge
Eucharistic Ministers C Tarlinton, D Koenigkamp



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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3rd Lent - Year A

8th March 2026

St. Patrick's Parish

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

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

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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.

A Worthless Women



The Gospel Reading tells the story of a woman who is worthless by the standards of Jewish society at that time.

Jesus has sent his disciples off for food, and he is sitting at a well when she comes to draw water. There is every reason why he shouldn't talk to her at all. What Jew or Samaritan would want to invite her to lunch?



First, she is a woman. It is only the disciples' awe of Jesus that keeps them from asking him what he thought he was doing when they return and find him talking to her without even a chaperone by her. Secondly, she is a Samaritan. As she herself points out to him, Jews don't talk to Samaritans. Samaritans are self-made outcasts from the Jewish point of view, and self-respecting Jews stay away from them. And, thirdly, this Samaritan has the sort of history that makes women pariahs even in their home communities. Jesus knows her status, and he lets her know he does. She has had five husbands - five husbands! - and she is currently living with a man to whom she is not married. Even by the lax standards of our own day, this sort of history would make people look askance at her. In her village she is undoubtedly a shamed person.

So, take it all and all, she's a worthless person, isn't she? What Jew or Samaritan would want to invite her to lunch?

But, you might be thinking, the saviour of the world could certainly spare a crumb even for a shamed Samaritan woman. He could preach to her that her sins are forgiven, you might be supposing, or he could offer her some other kind of pastoral help. But he doesn't, does he? No, he asks her to help him. He opens the conversation with her by asking her to give him a drink. And then look at how this story ends: she brings belief in Jesus to her village, and the villagers come to Jesus because of her.

She isn't worthless then, is she? No, then she takes her rightful place among the apostles. The evangelization of her village is her accomplishment.

And so when Jesus asks her to care for him, he starts a process that brings her from being worthless to being the apostle to her village.

The remedy of love for human worthlessness is modelled for us here, isn't it?

Eleonore Stump



We Welcome into our Parish Family:

Kelijah Medina

Baptised in the name of the Father, & the Son & the Holy Spirit

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

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

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>

Planning to Marry in the Catholic Church? Go to the Archdiocesan marriage and family webpage (without delay) for information and to choose a marriage preparation program that suits at www.marriagefamily.org.au. For enquiries text Helena on 0405 440 463 or email marriage.preparation@cg.org.au

Easter 2nd-5th April			
Thursday 2nd	Mass of the Lords Supper adoration until 10pm	6pm	Bega,
Friday 3rd	Stations of the Cross	10am	Tathra
	Passion of the Lord & Veneration	10am	Candelo
		3pm	Bega
Saturday 4th	Easter Vigil	6pm	Bega
Sunday 5th	Easter Sunday:	7:45am	Tathra
		10am	Candelo

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
ANNIVERSARIES Una Lehman, Denise Mulligan, John Roberts, Heather Pook

Feasts
8th - St John of God, Religious 1495-1550. At the age of about forty, he directed the energies of his spiritual conversion toward hospitality for the destitute and care of the sick. Remembered for this ministry, which was continued by his followers, who became the Order of Brothers Hospitallers of Saint John of God
9th - St Frances of Rome, Religious 1384-1440. Established a community of laywomen who followed the Rule of Saint Benedict and ministered to the poor.

Minute Meditations - What's In a Name?

Every time you and I encounter another human being made in the image and likeness of God, we have a unique opportunity to show that person reverence—in how we say his or her name, our actions, words, and the kindness in our voice. Too often, the fast-paced haze of life has us whirling at a speed where we feel like we're moving so quickly from one thing to the next. The stress of daily life and endless tasks to complete lead us to rush past the people we encounter over the course of our day. Sometimes we miss or ignore the person right in front of us. We forget that this person has a name or wishes to be seen and loved as we do.


- from St. Anthony Messenger's "Let Us Pray: Names as an Act of Reverence" by Patricia Breen.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Candelo - Tues 7pm

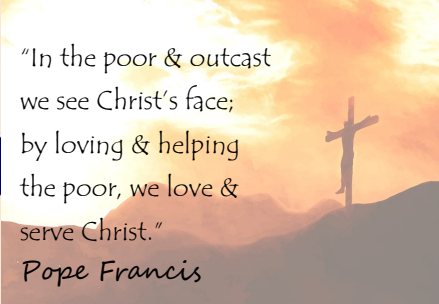
Wise Words:
"One does not seek to find a master, neither does one find a master. When the disciple and master meet they simply recognize each other."
- Mariella Robitaille


LENT



GIVE

"In the poor & outcast we see Christ's face; by loving & helping the poor, we love & serve Christ."
Pope Francis



UNITE AGAINST POVERTY 

Second Sunday in Lent

Monoranjon lives in a village in Bangladesh close to the sea, where floods and storms often damage his crops and his home. With support from Project Compassion, he learnt climate-resilient farming techniques and new ways to diversify his income, helping his family survive and build a safer, more sustainable future.

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

