

Entrance Antiphon The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and mine know me.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia

ROSTERS - 2nd/3rd May 2026
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 5pm
Commentator E Bevitt
Readers Tasha Allen
Cleaners

Candelo Sat 5pm
Commentator **Mass Cancelled**
Readers
Cleaners - May Helma Miller

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Paul Gardiner
Readers Gerry Collins
Cleaners Trish Sly & Marg Roberts
Audio-Visual Trish Sly
Eucharistic Ministers Carleen Maley, Pat Platts

Bega Sat 6pm
Commentator T Tomlinson
Readers V Northcott
Gifts Volunteer
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte David Grainger
Eucharistic Ministers B Larkin, K Riz
Nursing Home F Farrell, 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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4th Easter - Year A 26th April 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.

Follow in Love FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The first big moment of vocation is baptism. The anointing of chrism at baptism might be called the anointing for vocation.

The baptismal vocation is for witness, love and service. This is expressed in ways in which people live out their baptism in married life, single life - and within the single life, maybe religious life or priesthood.



Our active witness is to the life and the values of Jesus in our lives. Teaching is not itself a vocation, for example, but the way we teach is a way of living out our vocation. It is the same with many of the helping professions and employments. Being a good neighbour can be a living out of our vocation.

We witness to love in marriage, in family, extended family, and in friendship. Any love is a sharing in the love of God. In the moments of unselfish love in any relationship we are living out our vocation. When we love, we are doing God's will!

We witness to service in the wider world in our care for the poor and in welcoming the stranger: the widow, the orphan, the immigrant- in fact anybody needy.

In a place of silence, let the words 'Come, follow me' echo in your mind and heart.
Lord, be with me as I offer myself in partnership with you to work in your world
and in whatever capacity you think best for me .

Fr Donal Neary SJ.

Good Shepherd Sunday
63rd World Day for Prayer for Vocations
The Interior Discovery of God's Gift

SUPPORT OUR FUTURE PRIESTS – GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

APPEAL Please consider supporting the formation of our future priests—men courageously saying “yes” to God’s call. Your gift. Their formation. Our future. Your generosity helps form priests who will celebrate the sacraments, care for the vulnerable, guide the young, and console those in grief. The Archdiocese invests over \$50,000 each year in every seminarian’s formation. Today we will take up a 3rd collection after communion. Or you can donate via the QR code or use the slips at the church entrance.



Vigil Mass 2nd May Cancelled! With the commencement of the roof replacement on Candelo church there will be no Vigil Mass on the 2nd May. The work is expected to take 1 week. Thanks for your understanding.

RCIA: if you are interested in becoming a Catholic please contact Father Adrian.

National Church Life Survey will be conducted at Sunday services during May. This important count is held across Australia in many churches every 5 years. We thank you for your help while we conduct this important survey.

The Sistine Chapel Revelations Exhibition. St Mary’s Sydney May - July. This immersive exhibition brings Rome to Sydney through a remarkable recreation of this patrimonial treasure, making the art of Michelangelo accessible to all in a state-of-the-art spatial, & contemplative experience. More info & book tickets: <https://sistinechapelsydney.com.au>

Special Learning Seminar on the Eucharist. Intensive Professional Learning Seminar on the Eucharist 6 - 9 July: The ACU postgraduate unit THLS601 is open to those who wish to attend all or part without any assessment requirement. Fee is \$800 for 12 hours of learnings including sessions on "Eucharist and Sacrifice", "From Meal to Symbol – Later Medieval Eucharistic Developments: Devotions", "Current Principles of Eucharistic Celebration: Exploring Liturgical Theology". More information can be found at www.acu.edu.au/PL-CfL.

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| <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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Fr Adrian Contact: Mobile: 0411 676 064
Email: Adrian.Chan@cg.org.au

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| <p>Sunday Mass Times</p> <p>➤ <i>Bemboka</i> - Saturdays - 5pm Vigil</p> <p>➤ <i>Candelo</i> - Saturdays - 5pm 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> |
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| <p>Weekdays</p> <p>➤ Tuesday 4.00pm Bega Chapel</p> <p>➤ Wednesday 9.00am Tathra. 8-9am Tathra ‘Holy Hour’</p> <p>➤ Thursday 9.15am Bega Chapel ➤ <i>Hillgrove House</i> 3rd Thursday 3pm</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: Raymond Charles Gray, Barry Cooper
ANNIVERSARIES Paul Coman, Una Lehman, Denise Mulligan, Eva Richards

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| Feasts Days this Week | <p>26th - St Mark, Evangelist. Died about 74. A companion of St Peter and traditionally credited with the gospel which reflects Peter’s teaching and memoirs. Honoured as the founder of the Church in Alexandria</p> <p>27th - St Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest. Known for his particular devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the practice of praying the Rosary</p> <p>28th - St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr 1803-1841. Honoured as the first martyr of the Church in Oceania</p> <p>29th - St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church 1347-1380. Became an influential spiritual leader and made strenuous efforts to reconcile Church and state and to reform the Roman papacy. Remembered also as a mystic and a reformer of religious life</p> <p>30th - St Pius V, Pope 1504-1572. Remembered chiefly for implementing the reforms of the Council of Trent, including the Breviary, Missal, and Catechism</p> <p>1st May - St Joseph the Worker. On this date many countries celebrate the dignity and cause of human labour</p> <p>2nd - St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 295-373. Attended the first ecumenical council of Nicaea as a deacon.</p> |
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Minute Meditations - Love is Our Mission

In a world of silly love songs, it is easy to ask, “What’s love got to do with it?” rather than trust the love that we have already encountered as believers. Think of the countless number of songs, poems, books, works of art, and plays that are created to define love and to affirm that, yes, “all you need is love.” In a very tangible way, we spiritually forget what love is. More importantly, we forget who love is.

This “crazy little thing called love,” which is both simple to recognize and difficult to define, means nothing if it is not rooted in and seen through the one who is, was, and forever will be. Thank God we have the communion of saints to guide us, to keep us company in this earthly pilgrimage, and to encourage us with their sincere faith. Saints of God: Pray for us!

- from St. Anthony Messenger’s “Let Us Pray: Love Will Keep Us Together” by María Ruiz Scaperlanda

Wise Words:

We all have a vocation. We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish.

- St Francis de Sales

Sacramental Program 2026

Information Session Wednesday
13th May 6pm.

Enrolment Mass Sunday 17th May, 9:30am St Patrick’s Church.

First Reconciliation Mass Sunday 31st May, 9:30am St Patrick’s Church.

Family Mass & formation Sunday 1st Nov 9:30am St Patrick’s Church.

Retreat Friday 6th Nov St Patrick’s Church

First Communion Mass Sunday 8th Nov, 9:30am. St Patrick’s Church

Enrolment: <https://forms.gle/JKvq2eUNgHZMjYYP7>