

Entrance Antiphon Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

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

Gospel Acclamation Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon The Lord anointed my eyes: I want, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.

ROSTERS - 21st/22nd March 2026
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator H Woollett
Readers G Berman
Cleaners Allan

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

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Jacinta Battista
Readers Raewyn Galton
Cleaners Mary Plevy
Audio-Visual Trish Sly
Eucharistic Ministers Jacinta Battista, C Maley

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator Mel Ferris
Readers M Scott
Gifts Volunteer
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Frank Farrell
Eucharistic Ministers B Burton



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 Lent - Year A
15th 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
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.

The Eye of Faith

Some saw a blind man being cured and walked on amazed. Others saw the same cures and found faith. We can see things - everyday things - with different eyes. A sick woman may be seen with the eye of compassion for illness, hope for a cure/ profit from a profession. The Christian tries to see the world with the eye of faith.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent





Faith grows in many ways - by opening ourselves to our human desire for God, by mulling over the good things of life/ by experiencing the good within ourselves/ by looking over times of faith in the past and by allowing the goodness of others to bring us to new and stronger faith. This is the call of the gospel today - to open our eyes to the Lord who is at work in many ways.

We learn to see and love with the eye of faith by looking at the look of Jesus towards us. It is often a big jump to believe in what we cannot see. Even the blind man today was reminded by Jesus ' You are looking at the Son of Man/ he is speaking to you.' Jesus looks at each of us with faith in our goodness and with love.

Maybe we can walk around in this atmosphere of faith, "seeing" God in a flower,
or in a parent holding a child's hand,
or in a person pushing a wheelchair with courage/ and notice that in many ways God is near and the presence of Jesus is at hand. Let this verse echo in your mind from the hymn: Amazing Grace
I once was lost and now am found,
was blind and now I see.
Lord, let me see you in the simple things of my life.

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

St Patrick's School News:

- ✦ *Mass for the feast of St Patrick* Tuesday 17th 1pm. All Welcome.
- ✦ Enrolling Now all grades including kinder 2027. 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

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

Positions Vacant: Parish officers for Narooma-Cobargo (10hrs/week), Gunning (4hrs/week) and West Wyalong Mission (8hrs/week). Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award. For a copy of the Duty Statement please email Leanne Boyd, Parish Support Manager leanne.boyd@cg.org.au Applications close 27th March.

Tribunal of the Catholic Church.

Marriage breakdown can be a deeply painful experience. The Church offers pastoral support to those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of Christian marriage. The Canberra Office of the Tribunal invites anyone who is divorced and would like to discuss the annulment process to make contact. Your privacy will be respected, and if you choose to apply, you will be guided & supported throughout the process. 6239 9813 or tribunal@cg.org.au.

Easter 2nd-5th April			
Thur	2nd	Mass of the Lords Supper adoration until 10pm	6pm Bega,
Fri	3rd	Stations of the Cross	10am Tathra 10am Candelo 10am Bemboka
		Passion of the Lord & Veneration	3pm Bega
Sat	4th	Easter Vigil	6pm Bega
Sun	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

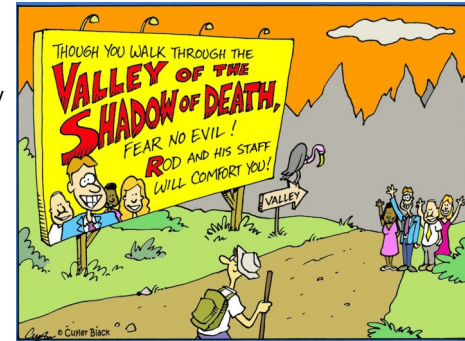
Feasts Days
17th - St Patrick, Bishop 4th-5th Century. Faced hardship as a missionary bishop in Ireland, and opposition even from his friends and fellow Christians. Yet worked to conciliate, to evangelise, and to educate local chieftains and their families.
18th - St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 315-386. Remembered especially for the illuminating baptismal catechesis he gave in the new Constantinian basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.
19th - St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Venerated in the East after the 4th century, and his cult flowered in the West during the 15th Century, following the development of medieval nativity plays, the Christmas crib, and increased devotion to Mary



Minute Meditations - Journey into Dialogue

How often do we consider that the person we're with brings their own unique gifts to a conversation or experience? Maybe we have different backgrounds or traditions or beliefs or political leanings, but can we remember that they, too, just by being there, just by making the journey into dialogue, are bringing their own unique gifts into this mystery? Are we open enough to humbly receive these gifts, to read the Word as it is revealed to us through the world itself?

- from Franciscan Media's *Off the Page* with host Stephen Copeland, featuring Cyprian Consiglio, OSB Cam.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 Candelo - Tues 7pm



Wise Words:
 "Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding"
 - Albert Einstein

LENT

Prayer is not about changing God, but being willing to let God Change us.
 Richard Rohr

PRAY

UNITE AGAINST POVERTY
this Lent
 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.

Fourth Sunday in Lent
 Life was hard for **Manaini** and her children living in rural Fiji. With the support from Caritas Australia's partner, FRIEND, she learnt food processing and gardening skills, improving nutrition and creating new income opportunities to support her children's education.