

Entrance Antiphon O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

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

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
No one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia

ROSTERS - 9th/10th May 2026
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 5pm
Commentator J Macinante
Readers R Allen
Cleaners Gerrey

Candelo Sun 9:30am
Commentator John Coman
Readers Robert Coman
Cleaners - May Helma Miller

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Clair Walker
Readers Neil Walker
Cleaners Megan Hergenhan
Audio-Visual Carleen Maley
Eucharistic Ministers E Corcoran, M Hergenhan

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator M Ferris
Readers A Woods
Gifts Volunteer
Music Filipino Choir
Acolyte Sean McCambridge
Eucharistic Ministers C Tarlinton



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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5th Easter - Year A

St. Patrick's Parish

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

3rd May 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.

The Centre Holds FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The gospel presents Jesus as the guide in life, the 'way, truth and life'. The Christian centre is the person of Christ. Our work for Jesus and our love for people, no matter what our calling in life, flow from this. Mother Teresa was once asked why she did what she did, and she simply said 'for Jesus'. This centre always holds, it cannot be unhinged. It is a deeply personal relationship: we are led by Jesus 'one by one', known by name, not as one of a group. We follow him as one we know, not a strange.



We study his life and times, getting to know the places and events of his life, we become familiar with the gospels and get to know him in the heart. Prayer is the way of keeping our centre of conviction and motivation strong. Freedom grows and we begin to find him everywhere.

Different types of people/ spiritualities stress different aspects of Jesus as a sign.

The Eastern approach to Jesus is very much the 'way'; while the African is the 'life'. The European stress is the 'truth'. In Europe we need to rediscover also the joy and vibrancy of the African and Latin American expressions of faith, and also the presence of God in all life's moods and journeys of the Indian and Eastern traditions. We can get so caught up in small or even big truths and doctrines that we miss other centres of faith. All faith needs the balanced approach to Jesus - way, truth and life. Recall people who guided you well in your life. Pray for them.

- Jesus, our way - guide me in life;
- Jesus, our truth - teach me your meaning of life;
- Jesus, our life - love me always.

Fr Donal Neary SJ.

Good Shepherd Appeal. The Archdiocese invests over \$50,000 each year in every seminarian's formation. Thank you to all who donated to the appeal last weekend, we raised over \$900. Donations are still being accepted in a marked envelope in the 2nd collection. Or you can donate via the QR code.



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.

Secular Franciscan Order Family Day. 16 May, 9:30 am. Our Lady of Mercy Shrine, (Penrose Park), 120 Hanging Rock Road, Sutton Forrest Secular Franciscan Family Day and Celebration of the 800th Anniversary of the Transitus of St Francis. The day runs from 10am (arrive by 9.30am) to 3pm and includes Holy Mass at 11am, procession to the Grotto saying the Rosary and some fun activities for everyone. Everyone is welcome and the only requirement is that you have to bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee etc will be supplied.

Save the Date: *St Anthony of Padua Parish Wanniasa* The Archbishop will celebrate the 50th Anniversary Mass at St Anthony's on Sunday 20 September, 9:00am. All past parishioners are invited to attend. For More information: <https://stawanniassa.blogspot.com/p/news.html>

Sts Peter and Paul's Feast Day: 28th June 10am, Old Cathedral Goulburn. Mass at 11:40am, followed by a feast day luncheon at the Goulburn Workers club. Guest speaker, Ron Tesoriero. Tickets \$50, bookings and enquires: goulburn@cg.org.au

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
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Sunday Mass Times
 ➤ *Bemboka* - Saturdays - 5pm Vigil
 ➤ *Candelo* - Saturdays - 5pm Vigil 1st, 3rd, 5th
 - Sundays - 9:30am liturgy 2nd, 4th
 ➤ *Tathra* - Sundays - 7.45am Mass
 ➤ *Bega* - Sundays - 9.30am Mass

Weekdays
 ➤ Tuesday 4.00pm 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: Beth Bateman, Raymond Charles Gray, Barry Cooper
ANNIVERSARIES John Finucane, Ron Russell, Micheal Guthrie, Paul Coman, Una Lehman

3rd - St Philip & St James, Apostles
 Philip, from Bethsaida in Galilee, became a disciple of Jesus and one of the twelve. Recorded in the Fourth Gospel as recognising in Jesus the one foretold by Moses and the prophets and as introducing Gentiles to the Lord. According to Acts 8:5, he was the first to preach the gospel to non-Jews.
 James, son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve called by Jesus. Known as James the Less. Venerated traditionally as the author of the letter of James and as leader of the Church in Jerusalem, where he died in the year 62.
 The joint feast of Philip and James has been celebrated in Rome since at least the sixth century

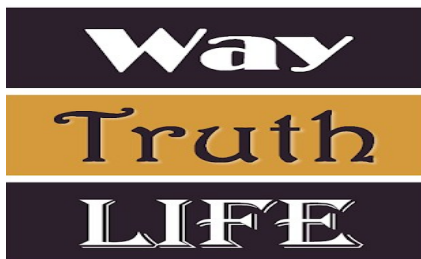


Minute Meditations - Ever New, Ever Young

In Francis' day, some people admired him very much for thinking in new ways. The danger there was that Francis was simply calling attention to himself. Francis' first biographer wanted to show that the saint's newness was actually the rediscovery of something very old: that the Gospel could be lived here and now, not simply admired from afar.

Sometimes we resist conversion to the Lord's way because we fear giving it full freedom will shrink our world, will make us more closed in. Like every other saint, Francis of Assisi reminds us that conversion to the Lord's ways will always enlarge our world, stretching us in a good way. Francis "seemed changed into another man" because conversion indeed made him a new man. He retained his original DNA and fingerprints, but his heart became ever new and young.

- from the book *Peace and Good: Through the Year with Francis of Assisi* by Pat McCloskey, OFM



Wise Words:
 Truth, according to the Christian faith, is God's love for us in Jesus Christ. Therefore, truth is a relationship.
 - Pope Francis



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>

