

Entrance Antiphon Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete to abide with you for ever, alleluia

ROSTERS - 16th/17th May 2026
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 5pm
Commentator H Woollett
Readers G Berman
Cleaners

Candelo Sat 5pm
Commentator Robert Coman
Readers Merryl Whitby
Cleaners - May Helma Miller

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Jacinta Battista
Readers Carleen Maley
Cleaners Betty O'Brien, Paul Gardiner
Audio-Visual Paul Gardiner
Eucharistic Ministers M Hergenhan, Jacinta Battista

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator Sacramental Candidates
Readers J Scott-Pegum
Gifts Sacramental Candidates
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Frank Farrell
Eucharistic Ministers B Burton, 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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6th Easter - Year A 10th May 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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Facebook: St Patricks Bega

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.

No Body Now But Yours... SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



St Teresa's prayer is popular in this adaptation-
Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do well.
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
You are his eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.



Jesus speaks in the gospel about being still alive, even after his death. Mostly we find Jesus alive in the love of others. The energy of love that is connected to the energy of God, for God is love. Other times we find God close to us in prayer; but where we can sense him alive mostly is in the ordinary and extraordinary loves of every day, in marriage, family, friendship and care for others.

Many of us do not realise that in this way we have been Christ-bearers. In listening to another, in care of all sorts, in putting ourselves out for the other, in working for justice and for peace the Spirit of God is alive and people are touched by God's love through the co-operation of ordinary men and women.

Fr Donal Neary SJ.

Happy Mother's Day
to all our mother's and those who mother



We Welcome into our Parish Family:

St Solange McNamara

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

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.



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.

Caritas Australia Lebanon Emergency Appeal. Lebanon is facing one of its most severe humanitarian crises in years, as a sudden surge in violence and mass evacuation orders force families to flee with nothing. Within 24 hours, Caritas Lebanon reported 667,831 newly displaced people seeking safety. Let us stand in solidarity with our partners in Lebanon. Learn more or make a donation today at www.caritas.org.au/lebanon

RECENTLY DECEASED: Beth Bateman, Raymond Charles Gray, Barry Cooper

ANNIVERSARIES John Finucane, Ron Russell, Micheal Guthrie, Paul Coman, Una Lehman

Feasts Days
10th - St John de Avila, priest, doctor 1499-1569. Reformer, preacher, author, spiritual director. Jewish born, he studied theology and theology. Ordained a priest in 1525.
12th - St Pancras, Martyr Martyred under the emperor Diocletian (304). By tradition a teenager.
12th - St Nereus & St Achilleus, Martyred 304. Known as the martyrs of the Ardeatine Way. Remembered as soldiers who became Christians and then out of conscience refused further military service.
13th - Our Lady of Fatima This cult of the Virgin Mary is significant for its call to conversion, the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the recitation of the rosary, and prayer for world peace
14th - St Matthias, Apostle. 14 A companion of Jesus and a witness to the resurrection. Chosen by lot to take the place of Judas and so to share the apostolic ministry of the twelve.



Minute Meditations - God is Near, Trustworthy, and Good

What if Martha had stood chopping things in her kitchen and let the knife slow and then stop while she took in fully what Jesus had to offer in that moment? What if she had paused to breathe a prayer of gratitude, so that the sound escaping from her lips in that moment of pause had been a contented sigh rather than agitation? What if she had then turned back to her chopping and preparing, filled with grace and with the presence of Jesus?

This is what Jesus desires to invite us into: a contentment that is not dependent on who we are but on who he is. Contentment is a theme throughout the Bible. St. Paul professed, "I have learned to be content with whatever I have." Like him, we are called to be satisfied knowing that God is near, that he is trustworthy and good.

- from St Anthony Messenger's "Martha and Mary: Jesus loves them both" by Colleen C Mitchell



Wise Words:

Let us learn to live with kindness, to love everyone even when they do not love us.
- 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>



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 - 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