

Entrance Antiphon Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm God mounts his throne to shouts of Joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia

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

Bemboka Sat 5pm
Commentator Tasha Allen
Readers E Bevitt
Cleaners Bevitt

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

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Bob Weston
Readers Gerard Hergenhan
Cleaners E Corcoran, J Battista
Audio-Visual Trish Sly
Eucharistic Ministers Jacinta Battista, Pat Platts

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator Ayar Frantz
Readers M O'Neill
Gifts Sacramental Candidates
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte David Grainger
Eucharistic Ministers B Larkiin



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 encourage 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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Ascension Sunday - Year A

St. Patrick's Parish

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

17th 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.

Fully Alive THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

I asked a woman once if Johnny was in the house. She pointed at a chair and said, 'If he was here he would be there.' He never moved far! Jesus - he is here and there. The risen lord has moved on, but he has not fully left us. His Spirit dwells in us.

The one who came to earth has now gone back to heaven, bringing with him all that is human. His body - the man of heaven and the God of earth - is now the church,



and that's us.

Before we are of any denomination or group, we are Christ's. We are baptised into the church of Christ; and yes, we live out our faith in different denominations. Today is the feast of the whole church - we begin in him and end in him, like the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, on the paschal candle. Our faith is also renewed through living with Jesus - we are partners in our mission. Our faith is also renewed in reading and praying the gospel each day.

On earth we are his body, with all our strengths and weaknesses, goodness and sin. Icons have Jesus smiling as he reaches heaven, smiling on us and living through us. We prepare for the way he is with us now next Sunday - in the Spirit. Where the qualities of the Spirit are alive, he is alive and well among us .

A breathing prayer - as you breathe in notice you are breathing in the gift of life from God.
Holy Spirit, living in the church, living in Mary,
draw me more fully into your life.

Fr Donal Neary SJ.



Welcome Sacramental Candidates

Enrolment Mass Bega 9:30am



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.

You are warmly invited to the Cenacle: Institute for Synodal Evangelisation Formation Forum, Who Am I? Friday 22nd May, ACU Canberra - livestream option available. Who does God say I am? How can understanding my identity help me live with purpose and hope? The evening will feature interviews and personal stories exploring our identity in Christ, the gifts we are called to share, and the dignity we each hold. Cost is free but registration is required: bit.ly/institute-forum-1 For more information: institute@cg.org.au.

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - 17-24 May. This year's theme drawn from Ephesians 4:4: *"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling."* This week invites us to look for opportunities to build bridges, deepen faith and stand together in hope. For more information: <https://www.ncca.org.au/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2026/>

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

ANNIVERSARIES Cynthia & Martin Walker, John Finucane, Ron Russell, Micheal Guthrie, Paul Coman

Feasts Days
18th - St John I, Pope, Martyr, dies 526. Remembered as a conciliator and peacemaker, the first bishop of Rome to visit Constantinople.
20th - St Bernadine of Siena, Priest 1380-1444. A Franciscan priest, theologian, reformer, and a popular preacher throughout Italy.
21st - St Christopher Magallanes, Priest, 1869-1927 & **companions,** Martyrs. Parish priest, Christobal Magallanes, founder of a clandestine seminary at Totatiche, is commemorated with 21 other diocesan priests and three laymen. Martyred in Mexico, mostly in 1926-1928, during a fierce religious persecution which outlawed the celebration of the sacraments.
22nd - St Rita of Cascia, Religious 1381-1457. Obedient to the will of elderly parents, she accepted an abusive husband and remained faithful for eighteen years until his violent death. When her two sons died soon after, she became an Augustinian nun.



Minute Meditations - Saints Invite us to the Table

The lives of the saints are not meant to make us feel small, they are not meant to feel unattainable, and they are not the stories of superhuman beings. The saints became vessels of God's hope to God's people. They allowed themselves to be transformed by the truth of Scripture, practicing the traditions and teachings of our faith in a way that welcomed all people to the table. As a universal Church, we can learn from these holy people how to love our neighbour, make space for others, and live daily lives marked by the love of the Gospel.

The saints draw us into the conversation of faith, life, and the ways in which we can love each other and, in doing so, love God. They draw us out of isolation, indifference, and darkness to walk along a road that leads us to a table where everyone is welcomed to come and break bread with the Messiah.

- from St Anthony Messenger's "Our Saints, Ourselves" by Vanesa Zuleta Goldberg.

Wise Words:

Mr Minister, I must remind you that you are not God, you are just a man. One day your name shall be merely a faint scribble on the pages of history, while the name of Jesus Christ shall live forever. - **Pope Archbishop Tutu** to a government minister who had threatened the Church.

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

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

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