

**Entrance Antiphon** Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**Responsorial Psalm** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**Gospel Acclamation** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Communion Antiphon** Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

**ROSTERS - 28th/29th March 2026**  
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

**Bemboka Sat 6pm**  
Commentator G Berman  
Readers R Allen  
Cleaners

**Candelo Sun 10am**  
Commentator Robert Coman  
Readers Roger Heffernan  
Cleaners - April Sharon & Michael Heffernan

**Tathra Sun 7:45am**  
Commentator Kate D'Arcy  
Readers Peter D'Arcy  
Cleaners Easter Community Effort  
Audio-Visual Carleen Maley  
Eucharistic Ministers Densie Miller, Denise Miller

**Bega Sat 6pm**  
Commentator TBA  
Readers TBA  
Gifts TBA  
Music Combined Choirs  
Acolyte David Grainger  
Eucharistic Ministers



**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  
**സീറോ-മലബാർ കുർബാന**  
മാസത്തിലെ 4 ബുധനാഴ്ച  
വൈകുന്നേരം 5 മണിക്ക് ബേഗ.  
ബന്ധപ്പെടുക: ലിജോയ് 0469 341 965



**Palm Sunday - Year A**

# St. Patrick's Parish

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


**29th March 2026**

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Fr. Adrian Chan. Parish Priest.  
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Safeguarding, Mrs. Emma Grant, [Bega.Safeguarding@cg.org.au](mailto: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.*


## Suffering & Shame



He had died a shameful death, one reserved for the worst of criminals. Even though He died in the best Mediterranean manly tradition, this manner of death wiped out with one stroke all the good he had done. If Jesus truly were beloved of God, God would not have allowed him to be overcome by his enemies.

But God turned this Mediterranean, human way of thinking completely upside down. By raising Jesus from the dead, God honoured Jesus more than anyone ever could have. He obliterated Jesus' shame.

In Matthew, the only sentence Jesus speaks ("My God, why have you abandoned me?") is a prayerful response to the taunts of all around who claim that God has abandoned him. These words are the opening of Psalm 22, a prayer filled with the agony of a believer.



The cultural convictions of modern Western readers frequently cause them to miss the point of this reading. In our culture, where suffering is a nuisance and pain can readily be avoided by cleverness or medicine, it is difficult to admire Mediterranean manliness demonstrated in endurance. In our culture, where science comes close to being a major "religion" for many, the significance of being raised by God from the dead, being restored to honour after devastating shame, is lost in the quest for logical meaning and apologetic proofs.

How can we imitate Jesus' obedience in a very different cultural world?

John J Pilch

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

**Catholic Voice.** The print edition of the Catholic Voice is now available.

**Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land.** Traditionally in Australia, a special Collection has been taken up on Good Friday to support the Franciscans who administer and maintain the Holy Land pilgrimage sites. The Franciscans also support medical centres, schools and suffering communities. With the horrific hostilities presently smothering the Holy Land and the Middle East, the need for support has never been greater. Please consider giving generously this Good Friday. Envelopes are available at the entrance. *"The Collection for the Holy Land, sustained daily by the invaluable work of the Franciscans and those who serve local communities, may seem like a drop in the ocean. Yet the ocean, deprived of its drops, becomes a desert."* Cardinal Gugerotti, Prefect.

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

**Peace Rosary:** With the traditional Easter Celebrations in Jerusalem cancelled, the Latin Patriarchate is asking that we pray the rosary for peace in the Middle East. There will be a worldwide rosary on Saturday 28th March. For more information visit Palestinian Christians in Australia: <https://palestiniachristians.org.au>

**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>

<b>Easter 2nd-5th April</b>			
Thur	2nd	Mass of the Lords Supper adoration until <b>10pm</b>	<b>6pm Bega,</b>
Fri	3rd	Stations of the Cross	<b>10am Tathra</b> <b>10am Candelo</b> <b>10am Bemboka</b>
		Passion of the Lord & Veneration	<b>3pm Bega</b>
Sat	4th	Easter Vigil	<b>6pm Bega</b>
Sun	5th	Easter Sunday:	<b>7:45am Tathra</b> <b>10am - Candelo</b> <b>12noon Bega</b>
		Malayalam Mass	

**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

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**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

**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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Barry Cooper

**ANNIVERSARIES** Una Lehman, Denise Mulligan, Eva Richards

**Feasts**

**2<sup>nd</sup> April - St Francis of Paola,** Hermit 1416-1507. Became a hermit while still a youth. Others were quickly attracted to his way of life and came to be renowned for their charity and austerity as well as for their commitment to Franciscan ideals. Francis lived to see them recognised as the Order of Minims.

**4<sup>th</sup> - St Isidore,** Bishop & Doctor of the Church 560-636. Archbishop of Seville for 36 years who laboured successfully to bring the Visigoths from Arianism to orthodox belief, and presided over several councils significant for Church life in Spain. Remembered for his prolific writings and as an influential educator.



**Minute Meditations - The Touch of God**

It is not a matter of "carrying God inside us." That would be too mechanical. It's better to say that we are filled with God's presence within us—along with our weaknesses and imperfections. We experience this most acutely within the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We can feel grace working with us and around us. What this means is that the Lord is always touching our hearts. For example, we may not always remember the Scripture readings at Mass, but our intention to be there will still allow those words to have an effect on us.

The goodness of God's Word has an effect on us, too. We receive Communion and, as it can happen, we discover that we were distracted during those sacred moments. We need not fear that nothing happened during that time. We do not make grace happen in us. We intend each moment to be with God, to live good lives, and to allow God to be active and dynamic within us. We may not feel its effect, but God touches us nonetheless. - from St. Anthony Messenger's "Notes from a Friar: The Mysterious Workings of Grace" by Jeremy Harrington, OFM.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

*Candelo* - Tues 7pm



**Wise Words:** He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unflinching strength to bear it. Be at peace & put aside all anxious thoughts & imaginations. - *St Francis de Sales*

**LENT**



GIVE

We can choose to cultivate kindness. Those who do so become stars shining in the midst of darkness. *Pope Francis*



**UNITE AGAINST POVERTY**

**this Lent**

**Palm Sunday**

As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared the stories of four inspiring people whose lives are being uplifted through your compassion.

Your support is helping them overcome challenges and build stronger futures. There is still time to donate! Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes, online at: [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate) Or by calling: 1800 024 413

*Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

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