

Entrance Antiphon The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm Lord send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
And spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia

ROSTERS - 30th/31st May 2026
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 5pm	
<i>Commentator</i>	
<i>Readers</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	
Candelo Sat 5pm	
<i>Commentator</i>	Roger Heffernan
<i>Readers</i>	Kevin Dodds
<i>Cleaners - May</i>	Helma Miller
Tathra Sun 7:45am	
<i>Commentator</i>	Eileen Corcoran
<i>Readers</i>	Michael Hergenhan
<i>Cleaners</i>	Teresa Taylor
<i>Audio-Visual</i>	Paul Gardiner
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Pat Platts, Trish Sly
Bega Sun 9:30am	
<i>Commentator</i>	Sacramental Candidates
<i>Readers</i>	Sacramental Candidates
<i>Gifts</i>	Sacramental Candidates
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan
<i>Acolyte</i>	Seam McCambridge
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	K Rix



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. 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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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)



Pentecost Sunday - Year A

St. Patrick's Parish

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

24th May 2026

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Hrs 9-2 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*
Safeguarding, Mrs. Emma Grant, Bega.Safeguarding@cg.org.au
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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.

Unity

The focus of Pentecost for Christians is as a celebration of, and a thanksgiving for, the presence and focus of the Spirit in our lives as Christians. The Spirit is the one who brings unity - unity with one another and with Christ, and so the church is 'his' work. Today is a thanksgiving for this gift, membership of the church, which we profess in the recitation of the Creed: 'we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church'. Significantly, it is this gift of belonging to the People that made Christianity so attractive in the early centuries of its life where the emphasis was not on a set of peculiar doctrines which were shared by a group (e.g. the eastern mystery cults), but on belonging to a new community which had doctrines peculiar to it.

PENTECOST





We see this concern with belonging to the church in one of the simplest creeds that has survived from that time: 'I believe in God, the almighty Father and in his only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit and in the resurrection of the flesh in the holy catholic church, 'Belonging to this universal (i.e. catholic) group that cut across social, ethnic, linguistic, and political boundaries was central to their self-understanding and was the ongoing work of the Spirit.

If Luke wants us to use a festival fifty days after our Passover to recall the fundamental belief that the presence of God, the Spirit, dwells within and activates the church how does he imagine that presence? It is with this question we should look at his carefully crafted story in Acts 2. The Spirit is the one who gathers us - all the different 'nations' are brought into contact with one another. Then the Spirit unites them into one church gathered around Jesus - so the followers of Jesus everywhere are linked through the apostles. The Spirit then inspires them and sends them forth to be the witnesses to Jesus to the ends of the earth. As Luke writes he has in mind the many individual churches where his work will be read and wants to ensure that each individual church recognises itself as a node in a great web that stretches not only across the empire (the oikumene) - 'visitors from Rome' - but even beyond its borders (Parthians and Medes) and so is universal.

Thomas O'Loughlin.

Parish Maintenance Program Update.

The work to replace the roof on St Joseph's Candelo has been completed.

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.



Instagrace. 17-19 July. INSTAGRACE is a three-day Catholic residential program organised by Jesus Youth Canberra for teenagers aged 13 to 17. Running successfully for nearly a decade, it helps young people grow in self-understanding and develop a personal relationship with Jesus through talks, music, and life testimonies. Venue: Outward Bound Tharwa ACT, cost \$290. More info: Jerin 0469 738 258. Register via QR code.



Catholic Theological College Online Information Session. Explore Philosophy, Theology, and Ministry-related courses Monday 15 June at 7pm (AEST) Register via our website: ctc.edu.au/information-session

Internation Appeals. Internationally millions are facing conflict, hunger and displacement. Caritas Australia are running a series of emergency appeals to assist as many as they can. Visit: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/> to donate to appeals that support Ukraine, Gaze, Sudan, Lebanon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Philippines and Vietnam.

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

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

Feasts Days this Week

24th - Our Lady, Help of Christians, Patron of Australia. The Virgin Mary has often been invoked in times of religious strife under the title of Help of Christians. The solemn feast is an occasion to seek Mary's help and protection for our Church and nation. This year celebrated on Monday 25th.

25th - St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church 673-735. A monk, historian of the early English Church, and master of the Scriptures and of the teachings of the Church Fathers. Known for his scholarly writings.

25th - St Gregory VII, Pope 1020-1085. Elected pope in 1073 and campaigned strenuously for the reform of the Roman Church & for its freedom from civil powers.

25th - St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin 1566-1607. A Carmelite mystic & visionary.

26th - St Philip Neri, Priest 1515-1595. An outstanding proponent of Church reform after the Council of Trent.

27th - St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, died 605. Sent by St Gregory the Great to England, he evangelised the kingdom of Kent. Venerated by Catholics and Anglicans alike as founder of the metropolitan see of Canterbury.

29th - St Paul VI, pope 1897-1978. He brought the Council to its completion. Established the Synod of Bishops as advisory body to the papacy. Canonised in 2018 by Pope Francis.



Minute Meditations - *Be Like Simon*

One of the most painful things when navigating hardship and heaviness is the feeling that you are doing it alone, that you have no one to support or love you through the worst parts. I imagine Jesus felt that in moments during his passion. When people hurled rocks and spit upon him. When the religious leaders and gathered crowds jeered at him. When his closest friends ran away in fear, completely abandoning him. Sometimes the greatest lessons we can learn from various women and men in the Scriptures are from those who spoke the least or, at least in Simon's case, who appear to have no recorded words.

Simon is a reminder for us to show up and be with those who need help carrying the load of suffering in their lives.

- from St Anthony Messenger's "Let us Pray: Help Me to Be Simon" by Patricia Breen.



**Breathe in me O Holy Spirit,
that my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me O Holy Spirit,
that my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart O Holy Spirit,
that I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me O Holy Spirit,
to defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
that I always may be holy.
Amen.**

-St. Augustine of Hippo

Wise Words:

Often we see things as we want to see them or according to our heart, with love, with hate, with envy. This is not God's eyes. Wisdom is what the Holy Spirit does within us so that we can see everything with God's eyes.

- Pope Francis.

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 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