

Responsorial Psalm. Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved

Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Christmas Masses—Please check your roster

ROSTERS - 29th/30th December

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm

Commentator S Berman
Readers P Bateman
Gifts
Cleaners Berman

Candelo Sat 6pm

Commentator R Heffernan
Readers P O'Callaghan
Gifts David Heffernan
Cleaners - Dec Lorraine & Simon Thompson

Tathra Sun 7:45am

Commentator Mary Tupper
Readers Paul Gardiner
Gifts Volunteers
Cleaners Volunteers
Wardens Peter Preo, B Miller
Audio-Visual Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers Les Carey, Phil McDonald

Bega Sun 9:30

Commentator T Tomlinson
Readers Y Sixsmith, R Burgess
Gifts B Burton
Counters P & F
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte David Grainger
Eucharistic Ministers E Caragher, C Sullivan,
M Holzhauser, J Taylor

Wise Words: LOVE

has hands to help others.
It has feet to hasten to
the poor & needy. It has
eyes to see misery &
want. It has ears to hear
the sights & sorrows of
men. This is what love
looks like. - St Augustine.



Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

Bega Saturday, 9.30 - 10.00am
Bemboka before vigil Mass
Candelo before vigil Mass
Tathra before Sunday Mass

St. Pat's Choir practices Thurs 5.15—
6pm Contacts Mary 64921850 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

Tathra - 7:20am before Sunday Mass
Bega - 9am before Sunday Mass
all are welcome.



MENS' GROUP: fortnightly on **Thursdays**
Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997

St Patrick's Sacramental programme 2018

Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice
First Reconciliation—7th November
First Eucharist—31st May
Weddings—by appointment, 6 months notice req.
Please contact the Parish Office.

For Sale: Bibles - \$16; Sunday Missal -
\$32; Children's Mass Book - \$10. Contact
the office or place your order in a marked
envelope in the 2nd collection. **Bulletin &
Forms** can be found on the website

*Let us remember that love lives
through sacrifice & is nourished by
giving. Without sacrifice, there is no*



4th Advent —Year C

23rd December 2018

St. Patrick's Parish

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

Fr. Luke Verrell. Parish Priest.

Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.

Hrs 9-3 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*

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In the 1st reading, the use of Micah's "And you,
Bethlehem.." in Matthew 2:6, which we read on
the feast of the Epiphany, emerges from a 1st-
Century fascination with this prophecy, especially
in Christian circles. In other Jewish circles the full
prophecy was read as applying to the Roman

occupation of Israel and a hoped for liberation from such dominion, rather than from that of
the historical Assyrians mentioned in the verses omitted by our Lectionary. The Israeli
interpretation expected a warrior king who would forcibly evict the invaders. In Christian
circles, however, already informed by their recognition of Jesus as Messiah and by the
events around his death, it concerned neither the past Assyrian nor the current Romans
occupations, but the powers of sin and death. At least three of its elements readily suggest
Jesus and hence confirm the sense that is foretells him: being born in Bethlehem, the phrase
"she who is to give birth", and the shepherd who feeds his flock. There are other
connections too that are not so obvious to us now. For example, the last work of our
pericope, *shalom* (peace), equally translate as *well-being* or *salvation*, which is most apt for
Christ. Furthermore, the word translated here as *the remnant* does not refer only to a small
number of survivors but legitimately reads as *all the rest*, and then together with the rich
range of meaning *brothers* was understood to mean all other people, that is, *the Gentiles*.
Christians also invested more meaning in the humble birth of Micah's messiah, such that
rather than prophesying a powerful warrior arising from humble origins it points to God
choosing the weak to shame the powerful and to clothe himself in glory, consistent both
with the humble birth of Jesus and the folly of the Cross.



The gospel's account of the visitation continues the
theme of the preparation of Christ's body, for he is
in utero as Mary journeys from Galilee to Judah to
visit her cousin Elizabeth, the 6 months pregnant.
There John the future Baptist, key character of the
previous two Sundays and himself now in
formation on the womb, already jumps of joy,
perhaps we may say in anticipation of seeing the
Lord face to face. But there is more to this
preparing of a body. In Christian faith, recollection
of the reality of the human body of Jesus is always
accompanied by the awareness of the mystical
body of Christ, represented in Church members
who joyfully anticipate that day when they will see
his face and truly know him as their salvation.

Rev Dr Barry Craig

School Holiday Office Hours: The Parish Office will be open on 27th December, 8th, 10th, 15th, 17th, 29th & 31st of January. It will be closed on Public Holidays and 3rd, 22nd & 24th January.

Weekday Masses: Please note there will be no weekday masses on 26th, 27th and 28th of December. Thank you.

New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil: 31 December, The Marian Movement of Priests invites parishioners and their friends to the 12th Annual Prayer vigil at St Michael's Church, Kaleen. Start: 8.30pm. *The 1st Cenacle - 8.45pm (Joyful Mysteries), the 2nd Cenacle - 9.45pm (Luminous Mysteries), the 3rd Cenacle - 10.45pm (Glorious Mysteries) with Exposition 8.30pm - 11.45pm followed by Midnight Mass.* Further inquiries phone Judy & Joe Mewburn 6254 6202.

Archbishops Christmas Appeal. Our support will continue for the ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal in Vanuatu, Myanmar, Zimbabwe, Syria and Pakistan. Contributions to the Wilcannia Forbes Diocese, Broome Diocese, and the Dioceses of Otukpo, Nigeria. And finally to support endeavours in the rural parish of St Joseph's, Battambang in Cambodia, projects focused on helping the poor within the La Salette Matha Province in India, and student assistance for those in need at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land.



World Day of Peace: Jan 1 2019 The World Day of Peace was instituted by Pope Paul VI in 1968 and is celebrated each year on 1 January, which is also the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. On this day the Pope gives a special message, which is sent to all foreign ministers around the world, and which indicates the Holy See's diplomatic tone during the coming year.

Ten Day Renewal in the Year of Luke. Join Dr Elizabeth Dowling RSM, an Australian biblical scholar, as she leads participants in an exploration of mercy, compassion and release in the Gospel of Luke at St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong. 7-18 June 2019. Bookings: 02 6380 5222 or info@stclement.com.au

Christmas Joy. In his Christmas message this year, Archbishop Christopher Prowse emphasised that giving love is the greatest love there is. The full message can be viewed on the Archdiocesan website: www.cgatholic.org.au



Sunday Mass Times

- Bemboka - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil
- Candelo - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil 1st, 3rd, 5th
- Sundays - 9:30am Mass 2nd, 4th
- Tathra - Sundays - 7.45am Mass
- Bega - Sundays - 9.30am Mass

Weekdays

- Tuesday 5.30pm Bega
- Wednesday 9.00am Tathra, 5.30pm Bega.
- Thursday 9.15am Bega
- 3rd Thurs. 11.00am Hillgrove House
- Friday 9.15am Bega
4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
- Saturday 9.15am Bega

RECENTLY DECEASED Sr Monica Sparkes sgs Patrick Wiley, Gerry McCambridge, Anne Howard, Madge Hergenhan, Bernice (Bernie) Alcock

ANNIVERSARIES McNamara Family, Crowe Family, Api Gladys, Jim Barrett, Max Heffernan, Cec Berman, Maura Collins-Wesley (Oct) Souls in Purgatory

PLEASE PRAY FOR Rhys Sumnergreen suffering with ill health.

Feast Days this Week

23rd - St John of Kanty, priest. Remembered for his excellent teaching, for the austerity of his personal life, and for the generosity of his almsgiving
26th - St Stephen, first martyr. Remembered for preaching with wisdom and the Spirit (Acts 6:10), as one "full of grace and power" who "did great wonders and signs among the people" (Acts 6:8)
27th - St John, apostle, evangelist. Remembered for his contemplative reflection on the life and death of Jesus and for his emphasis on Christian love
28th - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs. In remembering them, the Church laments the suffering and death of children everywhere and honours all who die in innocence.
29th - St Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr. Remembered for the courage of his Christian convictions.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

Candelo 6pm Vigil Mass
 Bega 7pm Outdoor Family Mass
 (Nativity & Carols from 6:30)
 Bega 9:30pm Evening Mass

Christmas Day

Tathra 9am Mass
 Bemboka 9:30am Mass



New Year Eve Service

St Patrick's Chapel
Adoration & Rosary
- 11pm

Mass - Midnight.

Please note: there will be no 5:15pm Mass on Tuesday 1st.

