

- Bemboka - 6pm Vigil Mass
- Candelo - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sat. - 6pm Vigil Mass
- Candelo - 2nd, 4th Sun. - 9.30am Mass or Liturgy
- Tathra - Sundays - 7.45am Mass
- Bega - Sundays - 9.30am Mass

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 ' <i>Holy Hour of Mercy</i> '
Saturday	9.15am	Bega

Words of Wisdom:
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- G.K. Chesterton

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A black and white illustration of a church with a starburst above it. The church has a prominent steeple and is surrounded by trees. A large, bright starburst with radiating lines is positioned above the church, suggesting a festive or celebratory theme.

<u>Bega</u>	Saturday, 9.30 - 10.00am
<u>Bemboka</u>	before vigil Mass
<u>Candelo</u>	before vigil Mass
<u>Tathra</u>	before Sunday Mass

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



Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice
First Reconciliation—November
Confirmation —September
Weddings—by appointment, 6 months notice required.
RCIA—If anyone would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith or knows of someone who would like to become a Catholic, please contact Fr. Luke.
Please contact the Parish Office.

Is taking a break during January Resume Tuesdays in Feb. at 7pm Star of the Sea Tathra.

Meeting is held on Monday at 7.30pm in the annex of Star of the Sea Church at Tathra.

Thursdays Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997



Date	Commentator	Readers	Gifts	Cleaners	Wardens	Overhead	Eucharistic Ministers
6th Jan	Betty O'Brien	Paul Gardiner	M & M Plevy	M & M Plevy	P Preo; Michael & Eddie	M Taylor	J Reid, C Adams
13th Jan	M Hergenhan	Chris Adams	E & T Nguyen	D & R Cummins	D Grainger, P Preo	T Sly	C Adams, P McDonald
20th Jan	Trish Sly	Denise Miller	V Besant & T Sly	Oakley Family	B Miller, D Grainger	C Maley	P McDonald, L Carey
27th Jan	Marie Oakley	Betty O'Brien	C & I Adams	D & M Miller	L Maley, B Miller	P McRae	L Carey, M Oakley
3rd Feb	David Grainger	Mary Tupper	Margaret Taylor	Marg T & Lee R	R Cummins, L Maley	J Reid	M Oakley, J Battista

Date	Commentator	Readers	Gifts	Counters	Acolyte
6th Jan	L Reeve	K Jennings F Sorenson	Woods Family	B & E Richards	Frank Farrell
13th Jan	K Summerell	V Northcott; A Woods	Tomlinson Family	T & M Collins	Sean McCambridge
20th Jan	J Lott	M Johnston M Scott	B Tygh	C Murphy & T D'Arcy	Tony Healey
27th Jan	F McNaught	C Sullivan R Sheehan	Bex Gabriel	V Northcott & B Burton	David Grainger
3rd Feb	P Malone	B O'Reilly J Scott-Pegum	Volunteer	Collins, McNaught & Sheedy	Frank Farrell



Date	Commentator	Readers	Gifts	Cleaners
6th Jan	J Guthrie	M Guthrie	Bevitt	Allen
13th Jan	G Green	G Bevitt		Green
20th Jan	G Berman	E Bevitt		Bevitt
27th Jan	P Bateman	S Berman	Allen	Berman
3rd Feb	G Berman	R Allen		Allen

Date	Commentator	Readers	Gifts	Cleaners
6th Jan	K Wels	Oliver Raschke	Julie Banks	
13th Jan	Robert Coman	Sarah Heffernan	Ann Hyam	
20th Jan	Oliver Raschke	Ann Haesy	P O'Callaghan	
27th Jan	R Heffernan	Sharon Heffernan	M & G Heffernan	
3rd Feb	K Wels	Oliver Raschke	Roger Heffernan	

Date	Eucharistic Ministers	Nursing Home
6th Jan	B Tygh, B Burton, M Twyford, Frank Farrell	M Rheinberger
13th Jan	R Healey, C Tarlinton, V Coman, S McCambridge	B Tygh
20th Jan	U de Morsier, E Collins, J Taylor, M Twyford	
27th Jan	A Tarlinton, C Sullivan, M Holzhauser, D Grainger	
3rd Feb	B Tygh, M Rheinberger, J Taylor, F Healey	U de Morsier

*Have a Holy Christmas
And Many Blessings for 2019.*

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Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.
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30th December 2018



The Feast of the Holy Family is an important reminder of what Christmas is really about. We give thanks for the gift of our families. It's where we first encountered love and affection, where we discovered what it means to be supported and accepted for who we are regardless of successes or failures. It's where we first learned about our faith and experienced God's love for us through our parents, brothers and sisters. While we all have regrets, today we pray for healing and a renewal of hope in family life. As we prepare to usher in the New Year we build on the good and move on from the painful and damaging experiences. This is only possible if we make the time & the space to welcome God into the heart of our families.

How happy they who dwell in
your house, O Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
To listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Our God has appeared on
the earth, and lived among us.



On New Year's Day, the octave day of Christmas, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God. The divine and virginal motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a singular salvific event: for Our Lady it was the foretaste and cause of her extraordinary glory; for us it is a source of grace and salvation because "through her we have received the Author of life"



"Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men. In this sense the Church's Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the "Seat of Wisdom." — Catechism of the Catholic Church 721.

May God bless us in
his mercy

Alleluia, alleluia!
In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
Now he speaks to us through his son
Alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday, today, and for ever.



St Patrick's Chapel
Adoration & Rosary
- 11pm

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

ANNIVERSARIES Pam Collins, Eric, Caroline & Neville Turnbull, Alan Hanscombe, Mick Tygh, Jill Lawler, Rita Heffernan

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parishioners, volunteers and sponsors of Bega Parish.

I wish you all a Blessed 2019 with the Lord's choicest blessing upon your family, relations near and far. May the Lord keep all of you in good health this coming year.

Safe travels to all who are on the road.

Fr. Luke.

The Epiphany of the Lord

Reflecting on the journey made by the magi as they arrive at Bethlehem guided by a star, Pope Benedict explains:

‘Outwardly, their journey was now over. They had reached their goal. But at this point a new journey began for them, an inner pilgrimage which changed their whole lives. They were sure that God existed and that he was a just and gentle God. And perhaps they also knew of the great prophecies of Israel foretelling a King who would be intimately united with God. The new King, to whom they now paid homage, was quite unlike what they were expecting. In this way they had to learn that God is not as we usually imagine him to be. This was where their inner journey began. It started at the very moment when they knelt down before this child and recognized him as the promised King. They had to change their ideas about power, about God and about man, and in so doing so they also had to change themselves. Now they were able to see that God’s power is not like that of the powerful of this world. God’s ways are not as we imagine them or as we might wish them to be.

Now they have to learn to give themselves - no lesser gift would be sufficient for this King. Now they have to learn that their lives must be conformed, to God’s own way of being.

They must become men of truth, of justice, of goodness, of forgiveness, of mercy.’

I think we’re all in search of many things in our lives and at various stages we can all be uncertain, if not afraid, about the future. Part of being human is the realization that we all need help and guidance but the important question arises, where do we look for help and guidance? It’s never easy putting our trust in a God we cannot see. Just like the Magi we all need a light in our lives to guide and protect us. Throughout our journeys we all search for love, acceptance and understanding. Today we’re told that a light shines out for the nations as God is seen in the face of a child, revealing himself to all peoples. Only by following the light of his word and sacraments can we hope to find our journey’s end as we seek the face of God.

Responsorial Psalm. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.	Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord Alleluia!	Communion Antiphon We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.
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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th January 2019



In a culture that prized the virtue of hospitality, to run out of wine would have made their wedding the talk of the country. But ‘She’ was sensitive to their need; his ‘Hour’ was precipitated & the couple did certainly live that day happy ever after.

The cynics say Marriage is the triumph of hope over experience but the Church says it is a Holy Sacrament that invites a man and a woman to mirror the love of Christ for his Church. Isaiah saw it all when he wrote, ‘As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.’

As such it is a hope for the world. The world needs marriage for the simple reason that the world always is in need of love, a love that is faithful, a love that is true. But love is a fragile plant needing the rich soil of care and the gentle rains of fidelity. And the garden of love is not complete without precious petals from the flower of forgiveness.

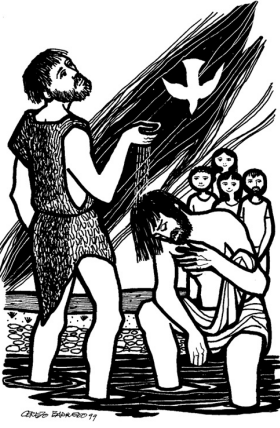
FOCCUS, the Catholic marriage care service, calls their marriage preparation programme, ‘Marriage: a journey not a Destination’. The sacrament of marriage reminds us that this journey is best walked in the presence of the Lord who, as St. John says, is Love itself (1John4:8). The 17th century metaphysical poet Richard Cranshaw caught the spirit of the miracle at Cana when he wrote, ‘The conscious water saw its God and blushed.’ In the goodness of God may the wine of love be as abundant as the wine at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee so long ago.

Responsorial Psalm: Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations	Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel To share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ Alleluia!	Communion Antiphon You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst
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6th January 2019



The Baptism of the Lord



We rarely think of Jesus as a beginner, just as we rarely think of Jesus needing help. But in today’s feast we celebrate those two things: Jesus makes a big beginning to his ministry, and he receives help in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All the Gospels agree that John the Baptist was very important in the life of Jesus. It is the towering, fearless figure of John that stands between the hidden life of Jesus and his public ministry. Before Jesus goes to John he is known by the local people simply as the son of a carpenter, who stays in the small town of Nazareth. After his time with John, Jesus becomes widely known as the wandering preacher with a unique prophetic mission. Clearly, something happened to Jesus while he was with John. He underwent a change that gave his life a new direction.

While he is with John, Jesus makes his big beginning. As Peter says in the second reading, “Jesus of Nazareth began in Galilee after John had been preaching baptism.” John was a very important turning-point in the life of Jesus - so important that Jesus says of him later: “of all the children born of women, there is no one greater than John” (Lk.7:28). And in the fourth Gospel we are told that the first disciples of Jesus are ex-disciples of John.

In fact John was so important that some people in the first century thought that *he* was the Messiah - as Luke tells us in

Responsorial Psalm. O, bless the Lord, my soul!	Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire Alleluia!	Communion Antiphon Behold the One of whom John said: I have seem & testified that this is the Son of God.
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Parish Notices

Weekday Masses: Please note there will be no weekday masses on 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 January . Thank you.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL
Very big thank you to all who contributed.

The Archbishop’s Christmas Appeal for 2018 was collected at the Christmas Masses and will be split between works in Australia & abroad. Contributions will be made towards projects in the Wilcannia Forbes & Broome Dioceses, works in Nigeria, Cambodia and India; students at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land; as well as giving an Archdiocesan contribution to the National Council of Churches in Australia’s ‘2018 Christmas Bowl Appeal’

Parish Office Hours January. The Office will be open on the 8th, 10th, 15th, 17th, 29th & 31st. It will be closed on Public Holidays and 3rd, 22nd & 24th. Thank you for support over the last 12 months. Tanya

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.

8th January 2018

today’s Gospel. One of the reasons they thought that was because like many people Jesus went to John to be baptised. Perhaps that is why Luke has the Baptist in prison before he tells the story of Jesus’ baptism: to assure his readers of the supremacy of Jesus!

In today’s Gospel we heard how after his baptism Jesus is at prayer. The opening of the heavens is a signal for the descent of the Spirit. You can see the Old Testament backdrop for this scene in Isaiah when he writes: (63:15-19).

*Look down from the heavens and regard us.....
Lord do not hold back, for you are our Father.
O that you would rend the heavens and come down...*

Now Luke celebrates the time when God no longer holds back but rends the heavens to signal the beginning of Jesus’ ministry. Jesus is anointed for his prophetic mission by the Holy Spirit, the great enabler, the one who helps people to achieve God’s plan. So Jesus is not alone when he makes his great beginning. He begins his journey in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the love of the Father. He starts out on a difficult road that will eventually lead to an appointment with death.

As we celebrate Jesus’ great public beginning, we look at our own beginnings. And if some of them look a bit shabby now or half-hearted, we take consolation from the Gospel challenge to begin *again*. There probably won’t be any doves or voices from heaven, but as Gospel people we make our beginnings like Jesus. We are not alone. We make them in the power of the Spirit and in the love of the Father. So, let us take courage to face our own road.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th January 2019



Responsorial Psalm: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.	Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, alleluia! The lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners Alleluia!	Communion Antiphon Look toward the Lord and be radiant: Let your faces not be abashed.
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