

Responsorial Psalm. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, Alleluia
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia

Communion Antiphon To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

ROSTERS - 23rd/24th November 2019
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm

Commentator G Berman
Readers P Bateman
Gifts Green
Cleaners Green

Candelo Sun 9:30am

Commentator J Coman
Readers P O'Callaghan
Gifts Helen Savage
Cleaners - Nov A & P Haahesly, E Collins

Tathra Sun 7:45am

Commentator Trish Sly
Readers Denise Miller
Gifts Megan Hergenhan
Cleaners Denise & Rob Cummins
Wardens Gerard Hergenhan, Peter Preo
Audio-Visual Carleen Maley
Eucharistic Ministers Trish Sly, Jacinta Battista

Bega Sun 9:30am

Commentator K Summerell
Readers Y Sixsmith, R Burgess
Gifts B Burton
Counters V Northcott & B Burton
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte Oliver Raschke
Eucharistic Ministers M Rheinberger, F Farrell,
E Caragher, A Tarlinton

Nursing Home

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 2019**

Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice
First Reconciliation— TBC
Confirmation—12th September
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

Wise Words:

The endurance
of darkness is
preparation for
great Light.

- St John of the
Cross



**finding light in the
darkness**



33rd Sunday —Year C

17th November 2019

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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The Day is Coming



Both the prophet Malachi and Jesus speak of 'the day that is coming' (Malachi 3:19) or the days that 'will come' (Luke 21:6). Jewish prophetic thought had first envisioned 'the day of the Lord' as a day when God would deliver Israel from their enemies. Thus it was a day of light, joy, and victory for Israel but darkness, mourning, and judgment for their enemies. However, beginning with Amos, prophets turned the tables and warned of God's coming against Israel in judgment. 'The day of the Lord' or 'that day' was shorthand for impending judgment and disaster. Gradually that fateful day kept getting deferred to an indefinite future and the scope of judgment was broadened: God would come against all the ungodly, the wicked, and the unrighteous.



With the emergence of apocalyptic thought all of reality was placed in opposing camps: the cosmos was divided between the material world and the spiritual world; time was divided between this age and the age to come; people were divided between the righteous and the wicked. In this either/or world such diametrically opposed forces would eventually face each other in an all-out war when God's final judgment will be enacted. On 'that day' nature itself will erupt into

cataclysm with 'earthquakes, famines, and plagues' (Luke 21:11). In addition there will be wars and revolutions (21:9), persecution and imprisonment (21:12), betrayal and death (21:16). Yet despite all this Jesus instructs his hearers, 'do not be terrified' (21:9). Why not?

Part of this end-day (apocalyptic) worldview is the profound conviction that the world and its history are in God's hand. Though the present may seem 'out of control' and the future may seem bleak and uncertain, everything is unfolding according to God's plan. What is unknown to us is known to God; what is devastating to us is part of God's controlled judgment. Beyond destruction is salvation. The image in Malachi is clearer. After the consuming fire comes in a destroying judgment against the wicked, ('sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays') will arise over the righteous (Malachi 3:20).

NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS. Envelopes may be placed on the collection plates.

NOW AVAILABLE. ✦ *2020 Columban Calendars.* \$9. Please place your money in the marked envelop & place in the 2nd Collection.

✦ *The Way-Advent reflections.* \$4.

Farewell for Fr Paul. On Sunday 24th Fr Paul Bateman will celebrate his last Mass at Candelo before his move to Narooma. There will be a morning tea afterwards to thank Fr Paul for his service. ALL WELCOME. Please bring a plate to share.


SCAM ALERT Dear all, There have been a number of scam emails sent out from various email addresses impersonating "Fr. Luke Verrell". These are scams and usually end up requesting gifts cards. Please contact me directly if you have any concerns. *Peace, Fr. Luke*

Vinnies News. ✦ *Christmas Fair.* Saturday 7th November at Bega Vinnies. 10am-2pm. Come and get a photo with Santa, \$5 12-1pm. See the Poster. ✦ *Christmas Appeal* is now running. Please use the envelopes provided.



 **Lumen Christi Year 7 2020, Orientation day.** Friday, 29 November 9am to 3:20pm.

Singing Liturgy- *Songs from the Living Parish Hymnbook.* Sunday 24th November 2-4pm, Star of the Sea Tathra. Bring something to share at afternoon tea & enjoy revisiting some of these hymn that we have known & don't sing so much anymore. All Welcome. More information Mark Oakley 6494 1472.

 **Christmas Choir.** This year's *Whole Parish Choir* will sing at three Christmas Masses- Children's Outdoor (Carols from 6:30pm) Vigil 9:30pm Bega and 9:30am Tathra. Please come and practice as a Parish and Join us to sing at the Christmas Masses (you only are expected to sing at the Christmas Masses you usually attend- but lets all practice together!) Practices are Tuesday's St Pats Bega 5:30- 7pm - 26th Nov, 3rd Dec, 10th Dec 17th (24th 10am). ALL AGES AND ABILITIES ARE WELCOME- including children.

Gift of our Children. The *Gift of our Children* safeguarding policy & procedure documents of the Archdiocese are open for consultation. Comments are sought on the ease of use, helpfulness & relevance. Please email: Maria Hicks ipss@cg.org.au if you wish to provide comments or suggest additional policies & procedures.

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 Bob Armstrong, Claude Hayson, May Campbell, Patricia Bateman, Joe McBride

ANNIVERSARIES John Bateman, Wilfred Russell, Pat Tregurtha, Jim Barrett, Clare Herbert, Julie Smith, Nena Bataan, Margaret Bateman

17th - St Elizabeth of Hungary. 1207-31. Remembered for her good-humoured resilience in adversity & for her humility in menial service of the needy.

18th - The Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul, Apostles. Celebrated since the 12th Century.

21st - The Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary. Universally observed since the 16th Century.

22nd - St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr. Early Roman martyr.

Feast Days this Week
23rd - St Clement I, Pope & Martyr. First Century. Remembered for a letter written from the Church at Rome to the Church at Corinth, an important witness to the emergence of ministries & authority in the Church & to the pastoral responsibility of Rome to another Church.

23rd - St Columban, Abbot. Born in Leinster (Ireland) about 543. Died on this day in 615 at Bobbio (Italy). A monk and teacher at Bangor until middle aged who left with twelve companions as "exiles for Christ" to found monasteries in Burgundy (France). Insisted, against opposition, on maintaining strict Celtic customs and usages, but was expelled for denouncing royal misconduct. Went on to extend the Irish mission through the Alps and into Italy. Author of a monastic rule and a penitential. Remembered for his austerity of life, his missionary energy, and his role in the development of individual confession.

Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"
Come and See he replied. (Jn 1:39)

Dear Parishioners

For those considering becoming a Catholic the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) has commenced. **6pm Thursdays during school terms until Easter. At the back of the St Pat's Church.**

There is no obligation to becoming a Catholic, but it is a time to discern the call to become Catholic by exploring the faith, traditions and community of the Catholic Church. For more info please contact me. luke.verrell@cg.org.au

Peace Fr Luke

