

Responsorial Psalm. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, Alleluia
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia

Communion Antiphon The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

ROSTERS - 7th/8th December 2019
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm

Commentator J Guthrie
Readers M Guthrie
Gifts Bevitt
Cleaners Bevitt

Candelo Sun 9:30am

Commentator J Coman
Readers Ann Haahesey
Gifts Patricia O'Callaghan
Cleaners - Dec Lorraine & Simon Thompson

Tathra Sun 7:45am

Commentator Jacinta Battista
Readers Betty O'Brien
Gifts Margaret Roberts
Cleaners J Battista, E Reckord
Wardens Les Maley, Michael & Edie
Audio-Visual Paul Gardiner
Eucharistic Ministers Denise Miller, Trish Sly

Bega Sun 9:30am

Commentator P Malone
Readers V Northcott, A Woods
Gifts Tomlinson Family
Counters P & F
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte Sean McCambridge
Eucharistic Ministers B Burton, E Collins,
V Coman, M Holzhauser

Nursing Home

Wise Words:

Ultimate hope is accepting what is beyond our control and believing that God will use the circumstances of our lives to help us grow in holiness - Fr. J Michael Sparough



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: 2nd & 4th Thursdays
St Patrick's Church.
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

BE READY
for the king



1st Advent - Year A

1st December 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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Dear Parishioners Two Musical Successes

Our coming together for *Songs from the Living Parish Hymnbook* last Sunday was a great success. On Behalf of those who came, I would like to thank Mark Oakley for providing us with his history and knowledge of these hymn and bringing us together.

Choir Progress:

Last Tuesday the Combined Choir were introduced to Douglas Simper and wife Lorna who took us through a practice of the new Mass setting. It was a joyful time and we were glad to be challenged at the practice with a new mass setting- Mass of a Joyful Heart- finishing up with a Carol.



There is still room and time to come sing with us. ALL WELCOME- Tuesday 5:45pm- 7:15pm.
Peace, Fr. Luke

Christmas Mass Times 2019

Christmas Eve
Bega 6:30pm Carols
7:00pm Family Vigil
9:30pm Vigil

Christmas Day
Candelo 7:30am
Tathra 9.30am



Penitential Service:

Thurs 12th Dec 7.00pm second rite at St Patrick's church Bega.

Wed 11th Dec at Tathra after the 9am mass

Sat 14th Dec at Bemboka after 6pm mass.

Sat 21st Dec at Candelo after 6pm mass.



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

✦ *The Way-Advent reflections.* \$4.

✦ Available next week - God's Word 2020. \$15



Vinnies News. ✦ *Christmas Fair.* Saturday 7th December 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.

St Patrick's School News. Giving Mass Friday 6th December 12:15

RCIA. 6pm Thursdays, St Patrick's. For more info please contact Fr Luke.

luke.verrell@cg.org.au

2019 Catechist Celebration Masses December 8, Sunday Merimbula (Coastal) 10am



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Social Justice Sunday now the last Sunday in August. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has resolved that the date for Social Justice Sunday will now be the last Sunday in August. Social Justice Sunday 2020 will be observed on Sunday 30 August. The World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be observed on Sunday 27 September.

Caritas Australia Global Gifts. This Christmas you can **'be an angel'** by giving a Caritas Global Gift. For friends and family who, like you, know they don't need more 'things', your gift can help provide clean water, food or sustainable livelihoods – things we so often take for granted here in Australia. In return for your donation toward your chosen gift, you receive a beautiful card or e-card to give to your loved one showing you have made a contribution on their behalf. Purchase online at www.caritas.org.au/globalgifts or phone 1800 024 413.

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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 Norma Gottas, Rina Sheehan, Justin Hands, Reg McDonnell, Bob Armstrong, Claude Hayson, May Campbell

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR Matthew Dunne & Tommy Wiley - unwell.
Noah Smith - upcoming operation.

3rd - St Francis Xavier 1506-1552.

Feast 4th - St John Damascene 675-749

Days this Week 6th - St Nicholas 4th Century. Bishop of Myra (Turkey) Remembered because his reputation for generosity led to the custom of giving children gifts on his feast day, and thus to the Christmas figure of Santa Claus.

7th - St Ambrose 340-397.

Parousia: the Second Coming of Christ

The gospel speaks twice of the coming of the Son of Man. The Greek word for 'coming' is 'parousia' (pronounced 'par-OO-see-ah' or 'par-oo-SEE-ah'). In everyday speech it means either 'presence' ('His letters are severe . . . but his bodily presence is weak,' 2 Cor 10:10) or 'arrival, coming, visit' ('God . . . encouraged us by the arrival of Titus,' 2 Cor 7:6). In religious and imperial settings parousia refers to the coming of the gods or the festive arrival of kings. In the NT its technical meaning derives from this latter sense, referring specifically to Christ's Second Coming in glory at the end of time. There are two noteworthy features of Christ's parousia: its exact time is unexpected and it brings judgment (for judgment, see Sunday 32).



The return of Christ in glory is part of a larger world view that envisioned the passing of this world and the establishment of the reign of God. The approach of that end time would be marked by various signs: the return of Elijah (whom the gospels identify as John the Baptist), natural calamities, persecution of the righteous, the coming of the mysterious 'Son of Man', and the defeat of Satan. Earliest Christianity saw in the ministry of Jesus signs that God's kingdom was indeed being established (e.g., the sick being cured, the lame walking, the dead being raised) and that Satan was being defeated (e.g., many exorcisms). Moreover, once Jesus was identified with the 'Son of Man,' Christians looked for his final coming (parousia) and his revealing the kingship that is rightfully his. Paul expected Christ's return in his day ; as the parousia was delayed, Paul had to explain what would happen to those who died before Jesus returned in glory (1 Thes 4:13-15).



The delay of Christ's return required vigilance. Though there would be signs, the exact time was unknown. As the delay lengthened, the temptation to slack off grew proportionately. Hence the urging of these first Sundays of Advent to be vigilant and prepared.