

Responsorial Psalm. Lord, come save us.

Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, Alleluia
The spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia

Communion Antiphon Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

ROSTERS - 21st/22nd December 2019
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator G Berman
Readers E Bevitt
Gifts Berman
Cleaners Gerrey

Candelo Sun 9:30am
Commentator L Thompson
Readers R Coman
Gifts Michael Heffernan & Family
Cleaners - Dec Lorraine & Simon Thompson

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Paul Gardiner
Readers Judith Reid
Gifts Denise & Bernie Miller
Cleaners Les & Carleen Maley
Wardens Thien Nguyen, Bernard Miller
Audio-Visual Carleen Maley
Eucharistic Ministers Carleen Maley, Les Carey

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator L Reeve
Readers K Jennings, M O'Neill
Gifts Volunteer
Counters T & M Collins
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte David Grainger
Eucharistic Ministers R Healey, E Collins
J Taylor, C Tarlinton

Nursing Home

Wise Words: Instead of imposing new obligations, (Christians) should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty & who invite others to a delicious banquet. - Pope Francis



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 2020
Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice
First Reconciliation— 27th March
First Communion—11th June
Weddings—by appoint, 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



3rd Advent - Year A 15th 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.
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Messiah & Judge

In the NT, titles given to Jesus help to convey his identity. The gospel speaks of Jesus as the Messiah (= 'Christ'); the first reading clarifies what kind of messiah he will be. The second reading describes Jesus as 'the Judge.'



MESSIAH: In Hebrew 'messiah' means 'the anointed one'; in Greek, 'messiah' is 'christos.' 'Christ,' therefore, is not Jesus' last name: it is a title meaning 'Jesus the anointed or messiah.' In the gospel when the Baptist asks about the works of the Christ, he is wondering whether Jesus is the Messiah.



In the OT the term 'anointed one' usually refers to the king (Pss 28:8; 89:21). The last two historical figures the OT names as 'anointed' were Cyrus, the Persian King who liberated the Jews from their Babylonian captivity (Isaiah 45:1), and the unnamed prophet of Isaiah 61:1. In some passages 'anointed' refers to priests (Exodus 40:15; Leviticus 6:15) or to future kingly and priestly anointed rulers (Zechariah 4:14, which uses a different word for 'anointed'). Early Jewish thought envisioned a future Davidic king who would free Israel from political oppression (i.e., Roman domination) and establish the kingdom in justice (Psalms of Solomon 17:21-46).

In the NT some Jews looked to Jesus as the political messiah who would restore their kingdom (Mark 11:10; Acts 1:6). Against these overt political expectations Jesus in the gospel refers to the passage from Isaiah that is this Sunday's first reading. This passage does two things: first, it clarifies that Jesus' messianic role is not political: it is rather 'to save' the weak, blind, deaf, and lame. Second, astonishingly, the work Isaiah ascribes to God is now fulfilled by Jesus. Isaiah says, 'Here is your God' (Isaiah 35:4); in the gospel Jesus in effect says, 'Here I am: the messiah doing as God does.'

JUDGE: James equates the 'Lord's coming' [parousia] with the 'Judge ... waiting at the gates.' The image of the judge highlights an aspect of royal rule, for kings were also judges. Judgment points to Christ's sovereignty and authority. 'Judge' is an image of the exalted Christ exercising rule

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✦ *God's Word 2020.* Pre-orders available to pick up from the church \$15. Didn't Order - extra copies are available . Please contact the parish office.

Bemboka Ecumenical Christmas Service. Friday 20th December, from 6:30pm St Columba's. All are invited to Bemboka's ecumenical Christmas service with carols and prayers. Children welcome, supper following service.

Please Help! Volunteers are sort to prepare flowers for St Patrick's Church at Christmas. Please contact the office. Thanks

St Patrick's School News. Year 6 graduation Mass Tuesday 17th. 6pm.

Vinnies News. *Christmas Appeal* is now running. Please use the envelopes provided.

Christmas Choir practice Tuesday 5:45pm St Patrick's Church. All Welcome

RCIA. 6pm Thursdays, St Patrick's. For more info please contact Fr Luke. luke.verrell@cg.org.au

An Advent Prayer

Christ our Joy,
brighten our homes with your presence.
Clarify our vision so that we might see you in the people we cherish.
Make every holiday activity an opportunity to spread your light & love.
We await your coming with delight
Amen.

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 CANDELO after 6pm mass.

Sat 21st Dec at BEMBOKA after 6pm mass.



Sunday Mass Times

- Bemboka - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil
- Candelo - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil 1st, 3rd, 5th
- Sundays - 9:30am liturgy 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 Bill Campbell, John O'Donnell, Norma Gottas, Rina Sheehan, Justin Hands, Reg McDonnell, Bob Armstrong

ANNIVERSARIES Mick, Tygh, Basil & Catherine Rose, Celia Rose, Clare & Malcolm Johnston, Dimitry Tiutiunnik, John Bateman, Wilfred Russell, Pat Tregurtha

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

Feast Days this Week

21st - St Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church. 1521-1597. A Jesuit priest who spent his time writing and teaching in universities and colleges. Together with his easily understood preaching and the writing of his famous catechisms, his academic life enabled him to restore and strengthen Catholic belief in response to the Reformation. Remembered for his courtesy in debate and for his use of the press in promoting the Catholic revival after the Council of Trent.

NSW WWCC - New Proof of Identity Requirements

The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) has imposed new proof-of-identity requirements for anyone applying for, or renewing, their Working With Children Check. ACIC requires these higher standards to minimise the risk of identity theft and to further protect the safety of children. These changes came into effect on **1 December 2019.**

Once online applications have been completed the receipt must be provided, along with the necessary proof of identity documents, to a Service NSW centre to finalise one's application or renewal. These include Birth Certificate, Photo ID, Medicare card and Bank Card.

More details on the new proof-of-identity requirements are available from <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check/applicant/proof-of-identity>

Sisterhood Catholic Women's Conference. 20-22 March. The Sisterhood conference is weekend long event for women of all ages and stages of life at Stanwell Tops Sydney. Early Bird Registration Ticket - \$239 including meals & accommodation. This special price is available only until December 17 2019. Tickets can be purchased via www.sisterhood.org.au.

